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Senate Tax Revision—Increasing the Surtax Rates—Exempting Bankers' Acceptances.

The U. S. Senate has the present week been acting on the tax revision measure as presented by its Finance Committee, and has on the whole shown a disposition to accept the work of the Finance Committee, though nevertheless, overruling it on some essential points. The report of the Committee is an able document and no one who carefully reads it from beginning to end can fail to be impressed with the infinite pains taken on the one hand to protect the interests of the Government and on the other hand to deal justly with the taxpayer while granting him the largest measure of tax reduction possible and yet preserving a proper equilibrium between Government revenues and Congressional appropriations, for a budget deficit is above everything else to be avoided. Nevertheless, there are certain anomalies in the report and in the changes proposed in the bill as it came from the House of Representatives last December that are a decided surprise and which cannot be justified on rational grounds.

One of the changes we have in mind concerns the revision of the surtax schedule of rates, graduated according to the size of the income. With the bulk of the changes in these surtax rates no fault is to be found. On the contrary, they are sound and in the right direction. But the Committee spoils all its good work by making a change at one end of the line which is wholly indefensible. *It actually increases the surtax rates at that end*—something hard to believe and yet absolutely true. There is all

the more occasion for directing attention to this maladroit change since it has passed virtually unnoticed and the Senate has shown a disposition to accept the new surtax schedule just as proposed by the Finance Committee including the blemish referred to.

It will be recalled that Secretary Mellon has repeatedly urged lowering the surtax rates in what are called the intermediate brackets or zones, involving incomes moderately large in size, as distinct from incomes of greater size or of huge extent. The basis for the recommendation has been that the taxpayers in those zones have failed in previous reductions in the surtax rates to receive their proper share in the reductions made—have indeed been unfairly discriminated against. The House of Representatives in its draft of the new revenue measure paid no heed to these sound and sensible suggestions of the Secretary and made no change whatever in any of the surtax rates. The Senate Finance Committee pleads the cause of the tax payers in the zones under discussion with great earnestness and convincing force. As a matter of fact the scaling down of the surtax rates is made a distinct feature of the Finance Committee's report. Seven main features of the bill as drawn by the Finance Committee are enumerated and the change in the surtax schedule is mentioned as the third of these, the Committee saying "(3) The intermediate surtax brackets are readjusted so as to remove the outstanding inequalities of the present law, under which certain classes of individual taxpayers are paying taxes disproportionately high in comparison with other taxpayers."

In its discussion of the subject the Finance Committee states the case of the taxpayers referred to with great felicity and directness, its comment being as follows: "Certain of our taxpayers are still paying more taxes than they were during 1917 (11 years ago, be it remembered—Ed.), or are paying disproportionately greater taxes than taxpayers in other classes. An unprejudiced examination of our present surtax brackets indicates clearly that in all fairness the intermediate brackets, that is, those ranging from \$21,000 to \$80,000, should be reduced. This is particularly true of the taxpayers falling within the \$50,000 to \$80,000 brackets. A taxpayer falling within one of these brackets is a very substantial citizen, contributing materially to the wealth and welfare of the country. He is not organized and has no Washington representative. He

is carrying on no propaganda. Nevertheless, it is generally admitted that his present tax burden is unduly large and that he is entitled to a reduction to the extent that the revenue demands permit. Your Committee has adjusted the intermediate brackets, so as to give the relief to those entitled to it, to work out a more equitable and scientific surtax table, and so as to keep the resulting reduction within \$25,000,000."

We have ourselves spoken in the foregoing strain in the columns of this publication and will not therefore undertake to enlarge further upon what the Committee says in that respect in language admitting of no contradiction. To re-enforce its argument the Committee gives a series of tables showing in exact figures how badly the classes of taxpayers referred to have fared under previous tax revisions. We pass these by for lack of space except to note that one "table shows that under the 1926 Act the man with \$80,000 net income actually pays more tax than he did in 1917."

All this makes it all the more strange that when the Committee gets to the extreme end of the line it makes one change which actually involves an increase in the surtax rate at that end. Under the existing tax law the maximum of the surtax rate at 20% is reached on incomes running above \$100,000. In the schedule prepared by the Finance Committee, the maximum of 20% is reached on incomes above \$80,000. No explanation is advanced for this anomaly. On amounts of income between \$80,000 and \$100,000 the rate of the surtax is now 19%. Under the change made by the Senate Finance Committee the rate on incomes within that particular bracket will be 1% more. What could have possessed the Committee to make this increase when all other surtax rates on amounts of income from \$21,000 to \$80,000 have been reduced, it is difficult to imagine. But that the *increase* is unfair and discriminatory, needs no argument.

The step taken is like the action of Congress in drawing up the Revenue Act of 1926 when the Corporation tax was raised from 12½% to 13½% at a time when virtually all other taxes were reduced in drastic fashion. And it deserves to be pointed out that the raising of the surtax rate to 20% on incomes between \$80,000 and \$100,000 will work particular hardship in the case of proprietors of small corporations whose income is derived entirely from a corporation and who therefore are obliged to pay the corporation tax in addition to the surtax rates. The Senate Finance Committee does not find it possible to cut the Corporation tax rate from 13½% to 11½% as proposed in the House Bill, but makes a reduction only from 13½% to 12½%—that is, puts the corporation tax rate back to where it was before the increase made under the Revenue Act of 1926. The situation therefore will be that on corporate incomes the total amount of the tax on that part of the income running between \$80,000 and \$100,000 will be the same as before, the lowering of the corporation tax by 1% proving of no avail in the

income zone referred to since it is offset by an increase of 1% in the surtax rate for the same zone. Now income within that particular zone is subject to the corporation tax of 13½% plus a surtax rate of 19%, making 32½% altogether, while under the new schedule the total will be precisely the same but made up of a corporation tax of 12½% plus a surtax rate of 20%. Thus that share of the income will not enjoy even the relief afforded by the mere reduction of 1% in the corporation tax.

Anyway, consider the magnitude of this total tax of 32½%, to which moreover must be added, in this State, the 4½% State corporation tax and the State tax on personal incomes which runs at 3% on amounts of incomes in excess of \$50,000, making the grand total of Federal and State income taxes 40%. In other words, Government takes \$400 out of every \$1,000 of net income—and this nearly 10 years after the conclusion of the Armistice in 1918! Obviously the proposed increase in the surtax rate on incomes between \$80,000 and \$100,000 cannot be defended and it is to be hoped that either in the Senate or in the Conference on the bill between Committees of the two Houses the increase will be eliminated.

We may add that lowering the amount of income at which the maximum surtax rate applies, appears all wrong in principle as well as in every other way. Under the Revenue Act of 1924 the maximum of the surtax was 40%, but was not reached until the income exceeded \$500,000. Under the Revenue Act of 1926 the maximum of the surtax was reduced to 20%, but was made to apply on all incomes above \$100,000. Now the Senate Finance Committee proposes to make it apply on the income in excess of \$80,000. Plainly a more equitable plan in any change in the surtax rates would be to keep raising the level of the income at which the maximum figure is assessed and then to grade the rates up to this higher level thereby affording relief all along the line. Suppose that in the 1926 revision the level of income at which the maximum rate applies had been left at \$500,000 would it now be necessary to revise the rates in the intermediate brackets and would income between \$80,000 and \$100,000 be subject to a tax as high as 19%, not to speak of 20%? The reason why this was not done is of course perfectly apparent. The lower the net is set the more taxpayers are caught. And this is probably what prompted the Finance Committee in lowering from \$100,000 to \$80,000 the amount of income at which the maximum of the surtax rate is to be levied. But that does not make the action any the less unwarrantable.

Regret must also be expressed that the Senate Committee thought it advisable to accede to the House proposal for the abolition of the automobile tax. The repeal of the automobile tax, as we have only recently pointed out in these columns, is nothing less than the deliberate throwing away of \$67,000,000 of revenue a year which is the yearly yield of this tax. The repeal of the tax is not needed to stimulate the automobile industry, which is thriving.

ing as never before, and it is too small to be of any consequence to the purchaser of a car, since a 3% tax on a car costing \$1,000 amounts to only \$30 and on a car costing \$500 no more than \$15. The Senate Committee takes occasion to say that "Had the automobile tax been retained there would have been available a surplus sufficient to justify a reduction in the corporation rate to 11½%" instead of lowering it only to 12½%. Now note the excuse given for not retaining the tax. The Committee adds: "However, the automobile manufacturers stated that they preferred the repeal of the sales tax to a reduction in the corporation rate, and that the railroads and others joined with them in advocating the repeal. Accordingly it was necessary to recoup the loss by denying a greater reduction in the corporation rate." It would be difficult to think of any argument possessing less validity than the one here advanced. With all due respect to the Committee it seems to us of the flimsiest nature. It amounts to saying that in order to please these automobile manufacturers, who, after all, constitute only one part of the business world, every corporate proprietor throughout the length and breadth of the land must remain subject to a corporation tax 1% higher than would otherwise be the case.

We cannot get ourselves, either, to endorse the action of the Senate Committee in yielding to the House in repealing the tax on bankers' acceptances when held by a foreign central bank of issue. The Committee repeats the argument made by Secretary Mellon in favor of the repeal and which to us seems entirely unconvincing, the Committee saying: "Generally speaking, the chief ways in which a foreign bank of issue employs its surplus funds in the United States are (1) on deposit with banks; (2) invested in short-term Government securities, and (3) in bankers' acceptances. At the present time the law exempts from taxation income derived from the first two sources (sec. 233, 217 and 236 of the 1926 act), but taxes income derived from bankers' acceptances. Foreign banks of issue with surplus funds to invest must seek the most liquid short-time investments available. The present law tends to keep foreign funds out of our market and to force American merchants to finance their transactions abroad rather than through the dollar acceptance. The committee believes that this handicap on the free development of our dollar acceptance market should be removed."

We cannot help thinking that the granting of such exemption would be a serious mistake. The amount of revenue involved is perhaps of no great consequence, though no one can tell what the ultimate figure might be. The principle involved, however, is of very great moment. As far as foreign central banks of issue are concerned, we do not believe that they need any extraneous aid of that kind, or that exemption would play any important part in accomplishing the purpose sought, namely in inducing a flow of foreign capital and of foreign bankers' balances towards the United States.

Then also to exempt acceptances in the hands of foreign holders and retaining the tax in the case of domestic holders, is invidious distinction that cannot be justified. Already the American Acceptance Council is urging tax exemption for the whole body of acceptances. On the other hand, to grant general exemption to acceptances is, as we remarked in discussing the subject in our issue of November 12 last, class legislation of the most objectionable sort. It is also creating a new class of tax exempt securities. Not only that, but it is changing the entire policy of the Government with reference to tax exempt securities. The Treasury Department is seeing how illogical it would be to grant tax exemption to acceptances and not give full tax exemption to United States bonds and other obligations, and the Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report urged that all issues of the United States should be exempt not only from the normal taxes but from surtaxes as well. He thinks that the surtax rates are no longer so high that they would lead to tax evasion as was the case when the surtax rates were much higher. But the maximum of the surtax is still 20%, and to exempt \$18,000,000,000, or thereabouts, of U. S. securities from all taxes, normal and surtaxes, and at the same time create a new form of tax exempt security in the shape of bankers' acceptances which are issued now to a grand aggregate of \$4,000,000,000 a year, would be an adventure of a dubious character, and would be so utterly the reverse of previous practice that it cannot be regarded with the least degree of favor. During the war the United States granted full tax exemption to only the First Liberty Loan bonds and immediately felt that a serious mistake had been made in so doing. Accordingly it refused to grant a similar exemption to any of the subsequent issues put out to a grand total of over \$20,000,000,000.

Finally, banking and financial opinion is by no means in full accord with Mr. Mellon in thinking it would be wise to extend tax exemption to acceptances. Albert H. Wiggin, the guiding spirit of the Chase National Bank, openly antagonized the proposal in his annual report submitted last January. Mr. Wiggin expressed his opposition to making any type of investment tax exempt and also to "making favorites", to use his own language, "of any particular markets." Here is what Mr. Wiggin said on the subject:

"The proposal has been made that acceptances should be free from Federal taxation when held by foreign central banks. In the case of the acceptance market it seems to me desirable that American banks should themselves be primarily holders of acceptances. These acceptances constitute admirable secondary reserve and when held in the portfolios of banks contribute definitely to the liquidity of our banking system. The yield on these acceptances is already low, so that American banks are reluctant to hold them in adequate volume, and if they are made tax-exempt when held by foreign central banks, this yield may be still further reduced. I am opposed in principle to making any type of investment tax-exempt and also to making favorites of any particular markets."

Altogether, the arguments against the exemption proposed seem stronger than those urged in its favor, and Congress should be governed accordingly.

The Financial Situation.

Call money on the Stock Exchange again ruling at 6% for several days, with 5% firmly bid for time loans on collateral security; brokers' loans showing still further growth, to a new high peak in all time; the Federal Reserve Bank of New York maintaining its rediscount rate unchanged at 4%; some more selling of U. S. Government securities by the twelve Reserve Banks, without diminishing the amount of Reserve credit in use (the sale of these Government securities having been offset, and more than offset, by increased borrowing on the part of the member banks) and with the total of such Reserve credit in active employment almost half a billion dollars in excess of that for the corresponding date a year ago; the stock market still bubbling and boiling, with further frenzied bidding up of prices, and the Stock Exchange authorities having again decided to keep the Exchange closed to-day, the same as on several previous Saturdays:—these are the chief developments the present week in a situation the essential characteristics of which are not greatly changed from week to week. Speculation and expansion are still the order of the day, with fever and frenzy, rather than reason, the dominant factor in the financial world.

In the meantime trade and industry are still following their prosaic course, unaffected by the tumult in the speculative arena, with the volume of business hardly of full normal volume if the customary trade indices can be accepted as a guide. Loading of revenue freight by the railroads of the United States for the four weeks of April aggregated the present year 3,738,295 cars, against 3,875,589 cars in the four weeks of last year, and 3,862,708 cars in the same weeks of the year before. The production of bituminous coal in the United States is not even measuring up to that of the same period in 1927, when so many of the coal miners were on strike, and only the non-union mines were actively engaged in taking out coal; thus for the week ending April 7 the production of soft coal the present year was only 7,158,000 tons against 8,255,000 tons in the corresponding week of 1927; for the second week only 7,415,000 tons against 8,001,000 tons; for the third week 7,917,000 tons against 7,937,000 tons, and for the week ending April 28, 8,187,000 tons against 8,434,000 tons. In the year preceding (1926) the output of soft coal was well above 9,000,000 tons in each and every week of April.

Steel production, under the the impetus of the demand on behalf of the automobile industry, which is sailing ahead with a vim and energy all its own, makes a good showing, the output of steel ingots for the first four months of 1928 being estimated by the American Iron & Steel Institute at 16,846,728 tons, against 16,264,527 tons in the first four months of 1927, and, according to the weekly reports of the trade papers, the volume of steel tonnage being well maintained even during the current month of May. Unfortunately, however, steel activity now seems to be at the expense of prices, there being vigorous competition for new orders and the composite price of the Iron Age for finished steel is now 2.348c. per pound as against 2.362c. a month ago and comparing

with 2.353c. a year ago, and the composite price of pig iron \$17.50 per gross ton against \$17.67 a month ago and \$19.13 a year ago. In the agricultural world the outlook for the crops, which in the last analysis lie at the basis of everything else, is now more promising, better weather having recently been experienced. The winter wheat crop, to be sure, as a result of extensive abandonment of acreage, owing to winter killing, will not be equal to that of last year. This week's report of the Agricultural Department at Washington, concerning the winter wheat situation, is discussed in a separate paragraph further below. As against the impaired winter wheat prospects, however, the promise of the spring wheat crop, the seeding of which is now approaching completion, is at the moment more than ordinarily good. The cotton crop is also making better headway, though the weather in many parts of the cotton belt is still too cool.

As noted above, brokers' loans in this week's return of the Federal Reserve Board establish another new high record. This has now got to be a part of the order of the day and no one any longer expresses surprise thereat. As a matter of fact, with speculation steadily expanding, not alone on the Stock Exchange but in the Curb Market as well—and it is important to bear in mind that the Curb Market can not be left out of the account, since the daily transactions in that market now frequently run in excess of a million shares, the aggregate on Monday of the present week having actually been 1,432,400 shares, and the daily total having been above one million shares on each and every day of the week—and with the price level steadily rising, steadily augmented borrowing to higher and still higher figures, is the inevitable outcome. The further addition this week, too, has been very substantial, amounting to almost \$80,000,000 (in exact figures \$79,451,000), and the total has been uninterruptedly rising, week by week, ever since March 7. At the date referred to, the grand aggregate of the loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds, by the forty-six reporting member banks, stood at \$3,695,709,000; for May 9 the present week the aggregate is reported at \$4,361,108,000, giving an addition of not far from \$700,000,000 in a little over two months. If we go back a full year to May 11 1927 we find the total then, though already very large, was no more than \$2,914,945,000, showing an increase for the twelve months in the prodigious sum of \$1,446,163,000.

It deserves to be pointed out that the further addition during the past week of \$79,451,000 to the grand total of these loans was made in face of the fact that these forty-six reporting member banks diminished the loans made for their own account by \$77,120,000, the amount of loans for own account having fallen from \$1,329,247,000 May 2 to \$1,252,127,000 May 9. It follows that over \$156,000,000 came from outside sources, attracted here no doubt by the high rates prevailing for call loans. The loans made for account of out-of-town banks ran up during the week from \$1,586,152,000 to \$1,684,225,000, while the amount of the loans "for account of others" (which would include money loaned by the New York agencies of the Canadian banks) jumped from \$1,366,258,000 to \$1,424,756,000.

The renewed growth in the total of the loans made for account of the out-of-town banks is both inter-

esting and significant. Six of the outside Reserve banks have now raised their rates of rediscounts from 4% to 4½% and one of the arguments in favor of maintaining higher rates at the outside institutions (outside of New York) has always been that it would lead to the recall of some of the money loaned here and its investment at home for local account. The first effect of the recent advance in the rates was in the direction indicated; for two successive weeks the total of the loans for account of the out-of-town banks declined, dropping from \$1,702,908,000 April 18 to \$1,586,154,000 May 2, but the present week (May 9) it got back at one bound to \$1,684,225,000. Somehow every move made by the Federal Reserve institutions seems to prove futile.

As would be expected, too, the further expansion in brokers loans has been attended by borrowing on a greater scale than before by the member banks at the Federal Reserve institutions. This week's statement for the Federal Reserve banks themselves is like all recent preceding statements; it shows additional selling of United States Government securities by the twelve Reserve Banks which again proved wholly unavailing as a factor in reducing the supply of funds in the money market, since it merely induced further borrowing by the member banks and thus served to expand the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, rather than contracting it—proving the futility of that performance, too, as we demonstrated at length in a special article devoted to the subject in our issue of last Saturday. During the week under review the twelve Reserve institutions disposed of \$14,910,000 more of their Government securities but the member banks, to replenish this draft upon their funds, still further extended their borrowing at the Reserve banks, as is indicated by the fact that the discount holdings of the twelve Reserve banks increased from \$757,054,000 May 2 to \$777,141,000 May 9. In addition the Reserve banks increased their holdings of acceptances from \$363,101,000 to \$365,104,000. The result altogether has been that total bill and security holdings during the week ran up from \$1,413,447,000 to \$1,420,627,000—this notwithstanding the Reserve banks sold, as we have seen, \$14,910,000 of their holdings of Government securities. On May 11 last year the amount of these bill and security holdings was only \$930,724,000. Comparison of this amount with the present total of \$1,420,627,000 indicates that \$489,903,000 more of Reserve credit is now in use than was the case twelve months ago. And yet we are given to understand that the Reserve banks have been seeking to curb Stock Exchange speculation and restrict the use of Reserve credit. Obviously, it is a strange way to regulate and restrict the use of Reserve credit by placing more at command than before, or shall we say that the plans of the Reserve Board here, too, have gone awry. Either horn of the dilemma has something embarrassing about it.

It seems proper again to point out that selling of Government securities, instead of withdrawing funds from the market as contemplated, merely results in the banks' buying the bonds, then taking them back to the Reserve institutions and borrowing upon them. This week's return of the Reserve banks is not an isolated instance of the kind. The same thing happened in previous weeks. The present week's figures simply carry the proof one step further and make the showing correspondingly more

conclusive. As pointed out by us last Saturday, the Federal Reserve banks the present year have engaged in extensive selling of United States Government securities on two separate occasions. The first occasion was in January and the second and more recent occasion began the middle of April. What has been the result? On April 11 their holdings of United States Government securities were \$378,016,000; the present week, May 9, the amount is down to \$277,392,000; in other words, the Reserve banks threw \$100,624,000 of Government securities on the market in this interval of four weeks. The idea was to withdraw that amount of Reserve credit from use. Did the proceeding operate in that way? Was the total of Reserve credit reduced in that amount? Was it, indeed, reduced at all? The figures themselves furnish the answer; except in the week ending April 18, the total of the bill and security holdings has been steadily rising and May 9 finds the aggregate up to \$1,420,627,000, as against \$1,359,280,000 on April 11.

It thus appears that the amount of Reserve credit in use has actually risen in amount of \$61,347,000 during the four weeks, notwithstanding the sale of \$100,624,000 of Government securities. What happened has been, as previously explained, that the member banks, deprived of the funds which purchase of the bonds from the Federal Reserve banks involved, increased their own borrowings at the Federal Reserve banks, thereby adding correspondingly to the discount holdings of the institutions. This is plainly evident from the fact that the total of these discounts during the four weeks ran up from \$618,679,000 to \$777,141,000.

Most important of all, this additional borrowing was only in small part on the security of mercantile paper. The bulk of it was obtained on the deposit of Government bonds—in the main, no doubt, the same bonds purchased from the Reserve banks. On April 11 the twelve Reserve banks held \$391,357,000 of discounts secured by United States Government obligations; on May 9 they held no less than \$507,508,000 of discounts secured in that way. The Reserve banks, as we have seen, disposed of \$100,624,000 of Government bonds, and then the member banks took the same bonds, or an equivalent amount, together with \$15,527,000 more and obtained loans upon them at the Reserve banks. The operation thus resolves itself into a sale of the bonds to the banks and then the banks pledging the same bonds, or an equivalent amount, with the Reserve banks for the purpose of getting back, through loans, the money paid for them. The figures are so conclusive on that point that we present them below in tabular form:

	May 9.	April 11.	
	\$	\$	\$
Bills discounted—			
Sec. by U. S. Govt. oblig.	507,508,000	391,357,000	Inc. 116,151,000
Other bills discounted----	269,633,000	227,322,000	Inc. 42,311,000
Total bills discounted----	777,141,000	618,679,000	Inc. 158,462,000
Bills bought in open market	365,104,000	361,595,000	Inc. 3,509,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds-----	56,002,000	56,609,000	Dec. 607,000
Treasury notes-----	101,977,000	151,763,000	Dec. 49,786,000
Certifs. of indebtedness--	119,413,000	169,644,000	Dec. 50,231,000
Total U. S. Govt. sec.--	277,392,000	378,016,000	Dec. 100,624,000
Other securities-----	990,000	990,000	-----
Total bills and securities--	1,420,627,000	1,359,280,000	Inc. 61,347,000

It will serve to clinch the argument if we add that borrowing on United States Government obligations has been particularly heavy at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where the rate of rediscount has been maintained at 4%. The New York Reserve Bank held \$214,259,000 of discounts se-

cured by United States obligations on May 9 as against \$143,804,000 April 11, \$113,422,000 March 28 and no more than \$55,250,000 on March 21.

The stock market has acted the present week the same as in many previous weeks. It has been active, excited and higher all around, though with occasional severe downward reactions. Early in the week, as has happened so many times before, special stocks were bid up with great vigor at a time when numerous market leaders were manifesting distinct weakness, and it has been difficult to resist the conviction that the trotting out of special stocks, or special groups of stocks, and whirling them up, was with design and for the purpose of offsetting the weakness referred to and to prevent it from resulting in demoralization. Wednesday furnished a conspicuous instance of this kind. While numerous stocks tumbled badly, among them General Electric, Radio Corporation, United States Rubber, Coca Cola, Freeport Texas, and Canada Dry Ginger Ale, and the market looked as if it were going all to pieces, the Railroad shares were once more brought to the front and advanced with great rapidity. The railroad list indeed has been one of the strong pillars of the market, as in other recent weeks, and numerous high records for the year have been established. The best grade of railroad properties, too, have been conspicuous in the forward movement, including, among others, N. Y. Central, Southern Pacific, &c. High money rates, especially 6% for call loans, have been made to do duty in depressing prices and selling pressure has been quite effective at such times. There has never, however, been any loss of confidence on the part of the outside public. Indeed, higher money rates appear to be a matter of complete indifference to it. The money situation has simply been a weapon in the hands of the trading element, always ready to press an advantage, either in the one direction or the other. The fluctuations in some specialties have been exceedingly violent both up and down, Wright Aeronautic and Radio Corp. being especially prominent in that way. The former covered a range during the week running from 155 May 9 to 196 May 11, and closed at 190 against 155 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week, while Radio Corp. fluctuated between 185 $\frac{3}{4}$ May 7 and 209 May 8, closing yesterday at 205 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 183 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week.

The market has been extremely active, with the trading large on every day. And the remark applies to the New York Curb Market as well as to the Stock Exchange. Dealings on the Exchange aggregated 4,424,480 shares on Monday, 4,160,990 on Tuesday, 3,955,615 on Wednesday, 3,598,590 on Thursday, and 4,032,900 on Friday. In addition, 1,432,409 shares were dealt in on the Curb Market on Monday, 1,160,501 on Tuesday, 1,216,800 on Wednesday, 1,231,500 on Thursday, 1,203,695 shares on Friday. Combining the two markets the dealings were 5,856,880 shares on Monday, 5,321,491 shares on Tuesday, 5,172,415 shares on Wednesday, 4,830,090 shares on Thursday, and 5,236,595 shares on Friday—a marvelous record.

On Friday the further expansion in brokers' loans was passed by almost without notice. Moreover, the further increase lost much of its potency by reason of the fact that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York did not deem it incumbent to advance its rate of rediscount. U. S. Steel, which had been more or less of a laggard for many weeks, suddenly sprang into prominence on Thursday and led in a

forward movement which was continued on Friday, on which day the market closed at its best, with demonstrations in favor of higher prices all around.

The railroad stocks have been especially prominent again the present week, as noted above, and New York Central closed at 188 yesterday, against 184 on Friday of last week, and Southern Pacific closed at 127 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 125 $\frac{5}{8}$. Texas & Pacific has joined the ranks of the dividend payers by the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %, but closed yesterday at 140 against 140 the previous Friday. As a result of this dividend Missouri Pacific, which owns a large amount of Texas Pacific stock, has also again displayed great strength and closed yesterday at 65 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 60 on Friday of last week. Rock Island stock moved to the highest figure in its history and closed yesterday at 119 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 118 $\frac{1}{4}$ the previous Friday; Northern Pacific closed at 103 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 101 $\frac{7}{8}$; Great Northern at 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 105; Union Pacific at 204 against 202; Wabash at 94 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 87; Balt. & Ohio at 117 against 116 $\frac{3}{8}$; Lehigh Valley at 108 against 103; Reading at 117 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 112; Lackawanna at 145 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 144; New York Chic. & St. Louis at 145 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 136; Ches. & Ohio at 202 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 201; Canadian Pacific at 220 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 213 $\frac{1}{2}$; Atchison at 195 against 193 $\frac{1}{2}$; General Motors sold as high as 210 on Monday, but closed yesterday at 203 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 204 $\frac{3}{4}$ the previous Friday, notwithstanding the declaration of an extra dividend of \$2 per share on the stock; U. S. Steel closed at 148 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 148; General Electric at 169 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 165 $\frac{3}{4}$; Montgomery Ward at 153 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 138 $\frac{7}{8}$; Sears Roebuck & Co. at 103 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 101 $\frac{1}{2}$. The independent motor stocks were irregular; Chrysler closed yesterday at 77 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 74 $\frac{5}{8}$ the previous Friday; Packard Motors closed at 70 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 70 $\frac{1}{2}$; Hudson Motors at 90 against 92 $\frac{1}{2}$; Hupp Motors at 56 against 56, and Studebaker at 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 68. The rubber stocks encountered a new set in a report that tire prices were to be reduced, though this was later denied. U. S. Rubber pfd. closed yesterday at 77 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 80, and the common stock 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 44; Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed at 54 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 54 $\frac{3}{4}$, and B. F. Goodrich closed at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 90 $\frac{7}{8}$. In the case of the independent steel stocks, Bethlehem Steel closed at 62 against 63 $\frac{3}{8}$ the previous Friday and Republic Iron and Steel closed at 60 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 60.

The oil stocks also moved irregularly, and Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 45 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 45 $\frac{3}{4}$; Pan American Petroleum & Transport closed at 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 50 $\frac{7}{8}$; Marland at 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 41 $\frac{1}{4}$; Phillips Petroleum at 42 against 42 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Houston Oil at 148 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 146. Among the copper stocks, Anaconda Copper was 71 at the close yesterday, against 71 $\frac{7}{8}$ the previous Friday; Kennecott Copper 88 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 88; Greene-Cananea at 122 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 120, and Calumet & Arizona 102 against 103 $\frac{5}{8}$.

Some improvement occurred in the condition of winter wheat during April. It is still low, however, much below the average at this season. As was foreshadowed in the April report issued a month ago, winter killing is found to have been extremely heavy, nearly as great as in the disastrous year 1917. A somewhat reduced area for harvest for the current crop now appears, reduced as compared with last year, but very much larger than in the harvest of 1917. Winter killing this year is placed at 11,986,000 acres which is 25.1% of the area

planted last autumn. This is the estimate of the Department of Agriculture in its report at Washington issued on Wednesday of this week. In the other year in which winter killing was very heavy, 1917, the area abandoned was 12,039,000 acres, but this area constituted 33.4% of the acreage sown to winter wheat in the preceding fall.

In the case of the crop harvested last summer, winter killing was only 3,550,000 acres, or 7.7% of the area sown, and winter killing last year was somewhat less than the average for the ten-year period ending with 1927, which was 10.5%. The area sown, however, to winter wheat last fall for the crop to be harvested this year, was exceptionally big, amounting to 47,897,000 acres, one of the two or three very large sowings on record. The estimated area now remaining for harvest this year is, in consequence, well up to the area harvested for this very important crop in recent preceding years. In fact, there is now shown as remaining for harvest this year no less than 35,858,000 acres, which compares with 37,872,000 acres harvested last year, and 36,913,000 acres for the winter wheat crop harvested in the summer of 1926.

Unfortunately, the condition of this year's crop is low, nearly as low as that shown in the May 1 1917 condition report, the May 1 1928 condition being 73.8% of normal, while for May 1 1917 it was 73.2%. Last year the May 1 condition was 85.6%; for 1926 it was 84.0%, and the average for the past ten years has been 85%. The condition of 73.8% for May 1 this year compares with 68.8% for April 1 1928, an improvement of five points during the month of April this year. Ordinarily some improvement appears during that month. Last year the betterment during April was only 1.1 points, but in 1925 it was 8.3 points, in 1923 4.9 points and in 1922 5.1 points. In the three years last mentioned, 1925, 1923 and 1922, the early condition of the winter wheat crop was somewhat below the average and some improvement appeared in April, as has been the case this year. Later in that season, however, there was a reduction in condition, as is quite generally the case in the progress of the growth of this cereal.

Assuming average growth the rest of the season, the Department of Agriculture estimates this year's yield at 479,086,000 bushels. Last year the harvest was 552,384,000 bushels, and in 1926 626,929,000 bushels. The winter wheat harvest in 1917, when early conditions were very bad, as they have been this year, was 412,501,000 bushels. There has been one other year in the past fifteen, when the harvest was even lower than in 1917, and that was 1925, the production that year being only 401,734,000 bushels. Conditions throughout the season for that year were exceptionally low and winter killing was large, amounting to 9,504,000 acres. The indicated crop for this year is based on an estimate of only 13.4 bushels yield per acre. In the past ten years there has been but one year, and that was 1925, in which the yield per acre was less than that indicated for 1928. In 1925 the average yield per acre was 12.9 bushels; the average for the ten-year period including 1927 was 14.9 bushels to the acre. All sections of the country have suffered in the matter of reduced area, but the loss was greatest in the northern Central States, where one-half of the winter wheat crop is grown. In that section the abandonment of area has been 31.8% of the acreage sown,

and the condition on May 1 this year was 70.2% of normal as compared with 86.9% on May 1 1927.

In the South Central States, which includes Oklahoma and Texas, the abandonment of area has been 17.2% with the condition on May 1 this year 70.4% against 78.7% a year ago. Owing, however, to the large increase in area sown last autumn to winter wheat in the South Central States, the indicated yield for that section the present year is heavier than was harvested in 1927, and the South Central States are the only States in which a gain over 1927 appears.

In the West, that is west of Kansas and Nebraska, where perhaps 20% of the winter wheat crop is produced, the area abandoned this year is 14.8% of the area sown, but the condition on May 1 this year of 86.4% of normal, compares with 88.3% the latter the condition on May 1 1927. Practically 90% of the winter wheat crop is harvested in the three sections above enumerated. The Department of Agriculture declares that in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky roughly two-thirds of the acreage sown has been abandoned. As to the entire country, the heavy abandonment of winter wheat acreage will tend to increase the planting of other crops.

There has likewise been some loss as to acreage for rye, and the May 1 condition of 73.6% of normal is not only 5.7 points below the April 1 condition this year, but compares with a condition of 88.3% of normal on May 1 1927 for the crop harvested last year, a decline this year of 14.7 points. The ten-year average condition of the rye crop for May 1 is 88%. The indicated yield this year is placed at 11.1 bushels per acre, much below the harvest of the past ten years. The total rye crop for this year is indicated as 39,368,000 bushels, which compares with a five-year average yield of 54,873,000 bushels. The average condition of pasture and of hay is also reported as unusually low this year.

Stock markets in European centers continued to show a rising tendency during most of the week, with speculation still running its course in many departments. "American buying" is apparently influencing the movements to a substantial extent, both in actual fact and as a catchword to stimulate the native speculators when interest wanes or caution is urged. On the London Stock Exchange trading has been heavy on all days, with sudden and spectacular upswings in individual shares. Gramophone and artificial silk shares were among the leaders in the early trading, but waned somewhat in interest later on. Wireless and cable shares were taken up next and after a period of unsettlement the lead was taken by tobacco and Swedish match issues. African mines also showed increasing activity. British rails were irregular for the most part, while the gilt-edged shares varied but little.

Shares on the Paris Bourse advanced more temperately this week than in previous trading. Until the end of last week trading in Paris was featured by buying orders which often exceeded the market's possibilities. Prices advanced sweepingly after the French elections on the curious theory that stabilization of the franc, which is now regarded as a matter of the near future, would make stocks worth five times more than before such stabilization. Buying from abroad, particularly from America, was be-

lieved to be a material aid to the upward movement. But it appeared that reasons for buying were no longer necessary late last week. "People now seem to be buying securities merely because prices are rising and without any serious reasoning," a Paris dispatch of May 4 to the New York "Times" said. The activity continued the early part of the present week with banks, oil shares and industrial issues in good demand. Restrictions were applied to trading Tuesday to permit brokers to catch up with the rush of orders, and Wednesday was a holiday in Paris. Orders piled up meanwhile and when the market opened Thursday the trading was resumed at a furious pace. Profit-taking began to make itself felt, however, and there was more irregularity than for some time before.

Trading on the Berlin Boerse was more hesitant and uncertain than on the other exchanges, high money rates having restrained the speculative fever and kept it within reasonable bounds. Germany also is much nearer the Balkans and unpleasant reports from Rumania caused uneasiness. The movements were irregular, but, as in other markets, speculators managed to converge interest on certain stocks, which consequently rose spectacularly. "Foreign demand" was sufficient Tuesday to cause violent rises in artificial silk and electrical issues and operations in these shares continued even though the market as a whole displayed uneasiness under the influence of mid-month liquidation. Uncertainty as to the coming elections in Germany also was a restraining factor. The cue for the speculative activities in Europe was undoubtedly taken from the New York stock market and the contagion has apparently spread all over the Continent. Spanish markets also are beginning to feel the effects of the movement. A Madrid dispatch of Wednesday to the New York "Times" said: "The present animation of the Stock Exchange here surpasses anything known in many years. Nearly all securities are rising, with banks, industries and railways striving equally to augment their stocks on the Exchange."

Difficulties of an exceptionally grave nature have arisen between China and Japan as the result of clashes between Chinese Nationalist troops and the Japanese forces which are guarding the railway in Shantung Province. The trouble hinges upon the resumption by the Southerners a month ago of active military operations in the civil war with the Ankouchun, or Alliance of Northern War Lords. The Northern forces were reported overwhelmingly defeated early last week in an engagement just south of Tsinanfu, capital of Shantung Province and railhead of the Japanese controlled Shantung Railway. Several thousand Japanese troops were promptly landed at the seaport of Tsingtao from whence they were dispatched inland to prevent destruction of the road. Tsinan was reached by the Chinese Nationalists under Generals Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang in the first days of May and disputes with the Japanese began immediately. The first reports of May 3 indicated that fighting had taken place in which a hundred Japanese had been killed, but subsequent dispatches reported that the Japanese casualties were only about a score, although the number of Chinese killed was estimated at several hundreds.

The developments thereafter followed with alarming rapidity. Both diplomatic and military repre-

sentations were made on both sides, but these were apparently of little avail as a pitched battle was reported May 4 between the Japanese defenders of Tsinanfu and the incoming Nationalist troops. The Japanese losses were reported from Tokio as five men killed and three officers and fifty men wounded. The Chinese casualties remain unknown. The fighting centered around the Japanese quarter in Tsinan and, as is customary in such outbreaks, each side blamed the other for the hostilities. The Japanese officials, however, maintained a commendably calm and conciliatory attitude. Premier Tanaka, when discussing the incident in the Tokio Diet, treated it as an outbreak of undisciplined troops and said that it would not affect Sino-Japanese relations. It was made plain at the same time that the Japanese military forces in Tsinan would be augmented from 3,000 to 8,000 troops with additional men stationed along the railway to keep it open. Americans in Tsinan were said to number eight, including Consul Stanton, about to transfer to Canton, and his successor, Consul Price. Tsingtao and the tip of Shantung Peninsula were declared neutral zones by the Japanese commander there and both Chinese factions notified that no fighting would be tolerated.

The two versions of the Tsinanfu incident of May 3 were summarized in a Shanghai dispatch of May 4 from Thomas F. Millard to the New York "Herald Tribune." The Chinese Nationalists claim, this dispatch said, "that Japanese troops stopped members of the Nationalist propaganda section who were posting placards warning the people to preserve order and that when some tried to escape Japanese troops fired, killing several, whereupon some Chinese troops joined in the affray and firing became general and continued for some time until officers got control." The Japanese version given out from Tokio was "that Chinese agitators, with whom were mingled roaming soldiers, tried to force their way into the section of the city barricaded for the protection of the Japanese civilian residents, thereby forcing strong action to prevent the mob from rushing in." The most precise report of the occurrence was contained in a telegram to the State Department from Consul Ernest B. Price which was given out in Washington last Saturday. This indicated that the first clash between the Chinese and Japanese occurred early May 3 with fighting thereafter until early May 4. The precise cause was said to be unknown. Efforts were made by the Consulate to persuade both sides to cease firing, but "each side claimed that while strict orders had been issued to that effect, the other side continued firing." The Nationalist troops eventually were withdrawn some distance beyond the borders of the foreign settlement. All American lives and property were reported safe.

Huang Fu, Foreign Minister of the Nanking Nationalist Government, sent a long protest on May 5 to Premier Tanaka of Japan, demanding that strong orders be given for the peaceful conduct of Japanese troops and for their withdrawal. In the future all differences should be settled diplomatically, the note said. The Peking Government added its protest to Nanking's, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Northern Dictator, notifying Mr. Yoshisawa, the Japanese Minister at Peking, that Japanese troops must withdraw from Chinese territory. Moderate views of the incident were taken by the press in

both China and Japan. Tokio papers in particular, Associated Press dispatches said, were inclined to blame their own Government for a policy which they considered was largely responsible for the outbreak at Tsinanfu. They expressed the belief, a Tokio report of May 4 said, "that the disturbances were part of a pre-arranged plot to discredit General Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief, by incidents similar to the Nanking affair of last year."

The hostilities at Tsinanfu between the Japanese regulars and the Nationalist troops of China were deliberately renewed early Tuesday after General Fukada, Commander of the Japanese forces, had served an ultimatum on the Chinese leaders. The ultimatum stated, according to a Tsingtao dispatch from Hallett Abend, special correspondent of the New York "Times," that three steps must be taken by the Nationalist Generals. The first demand was for drastic punishment of the commander of Chinese troops guilty of atrocities on May 3 and 4. The second was for complete disarmament of troops implicated in the outrages and the third was for immediate cessation of warlike acts and war preparations against the Japanese and of anti-Japanese propaganda. The Chinese replied to the ultimatum, the correspondent said, by opening hostilities at the time of expiration. A struggle resulted that was said to be even more severe than the fighting in the previous incident, the casualties on the Japanese side being estimated in the necessarily vague dispatches at between twenty and thirty, while Chinese killed and wounded were again unknown, although estimated at several hundreds. The renewal of hostilities created a practical state of war between Japan and Southern China, although neither side declared a suspension of friendly relations. Tokio reports said that Japan is sending an additional army division of 18,000 men to China, which would bring the total Japanese forces in Shantung Province to approximately 30,000. Subsequent reports from Tsing-tao declared that the fighting was continuing, the Japanese bombarding the city of Tsinan and disarming the Nationalist troops wherever possible. The majority of the Americans withdrew to Tsingtao, but American Consuls Price and Stanton remained.

The principal development Wednesday was the dispatch by Chang Tso-lin, head of the Northern Government at Peking, of what was described as a "remarkable telegram" to all the leaders of Chinese factions. The Northern Dictator appealed for unity and for the cessation of civil war, which, he said, is tending not only to destroy China itself, but impairs her relations with foreign powers. The telegram was interpreted by observers in Peking as tantamount to a proposal of an armistice. It was also considered an indirect response to Southern appeals for a united front against the Japanese. Orders were issued at the same time, it was said, for the Northern troops to cease hostilities. Premier Tanaka, meanwhile, issued an official statement to the Tokio press in which the pacific intentions of the Japanese Government were again affirmed, and the promise repeated that Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Shantung when their presence is no longer necessary for the protection of foreigners.

International discussions concerning the proposed multilateral treaty renouncing war as an instru-

ment of national policy, were apparently mostly informal during the past week. Dispatches from Paris dated May 4 revealed that a suggestion had been made by the British Government for a conference of jurists to consider the terminology of the draft treaty, but the suggestion did not meet with a favorable response from the United States Government. It has therefore been decided, said Edwin L. James, Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," officially to exchange views regarding the wording of the treaty, to be carried on through diplomatic channels. "Unofficially," he added, "the members of the League of Nations concerned will consult through their jurists regarding the effect of the Kellogg proposal on existing commitments, and the net result of the unwillingness of the State Department to accept the European suggestion will be the holding of a jurists' consultation in the absence of the Americans." Washington reports of last Saturday stated that no formal proposal of the nature indicated had been received by the State Department. "The feeling here," a Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, "is that the chancelleries of the various Governments are capable of handling the treaty proposal without reference to any group of jurists. Meanwhile, the American Government takes the position of standing part on the Kellogg proposal for renouncing war as an instrument of national policy."

Acceptance "in principle" of the Kellogg proposal for a multilateral anti-war treaty by Germany on April 27 was made the occasion in Heidelberg last Saturday for mutually congratulatory remarks by Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, the American Ambassador to Germany, and Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister. An honorary degree was conferred on Dr. Schurman by the University of Heidelberg and in expressing his appreciation, the American Ambassador extended his remarks to the subject of the cordial relations now existing between the United States and Germany. He touched also on the anti-war treaty negotiations, saying: "During the three years in which I have been in Germany I have been constantly impressed with the similarity of the fundamental international ideals of the two Governments and peoples of the two countries. Now the identity of their attitude on the great question of outlawing war is a further confirmation of this international fellowship. Germany and the United States are marching forward in a great and noble adventure in the cause of human civilization. I earnestly hope, I confidently expect, that all other nations of the world will join them in this glorious procession."

These remarks aroused instant resentment throughout France, the semi-official Paris "Temps" joining all other journals in severely criticising the declarations of the American Ambassador as to Germany and the United States taking the lead in the movement for peace. It was pointed out on every hand that the negotiations originated with Foreign Minister Briand's suggestion to Washington last June for a "Pact of Perpetual Friendship" between the two Republics. Moreover, it was declared likely that Premier Poincare would answer Dr. Schurman in a speech on a suitable occasion. Washington dispatches on Monday, however, made it clear that Dr. Schurman's speech had not been submitted to the State Department in advance and therefore could not be taken as an expression of the official

American attitude. "The inclination at the Department seemed to be a desire to forget the matter as quickly as possible," a report to the New York "Herald Tribune" said.

A third official reply to the Kellogg proposal was received by the State Department in Washington Wednesday from Benito Mussolini, Premier of Italy. The note, dated May 5, welcomed with the lively sympathy of Italy the initiative of the American Secretary and offered the willing collaboration of the Italian Government in reaching an agreement. Distinct reference was made, however, to the suggested conference of jurists. "Your excellency is aware," the note said, "of the fact that there is under consideration the proposal for a preliminary meeting of the legal experts of the powers whose direct interest in the proposed treaty has been enlisted. The royal government has adhered to this procedure, but has clearly pointed out that in its opinion such a meeting can only be effective if the participation of a legal expert of the Government of the United States is assured. In accordance with this order of ideas I beg your excellency to communicate to Mr. Kellogg the lively desire of the royal government that the participation of the United States in the preliminary meeting mentioned above be not lacking." The note was interpreted by the State Department, dispatches said, as constituting an acceptance of the idea that renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy was to be desired.

Statements in the British House of Commons Thursday were interpreted generally as indicating a favorable attitude on the part of the British Government toward the Kellogg proposal. A debate on the matter was initiated by Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party and former Prime Minister. Mr. MacDonald asked the Conservative Government to accept the Kellogg draft treaty in order to end a "mutually critical" attitude of British and American public opinion. Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, replied that the Government warmly welcomes the initiative by the United States. "We not only warmly welcome it, but we are hopeful it will be concluded successfully and make a real contribution to world peace," he added. The Foreign Secretary indicated further that the British reply to the American proposal "will be to the effect that we desire to co-operate in the conclusion of the proposed treaty and to engage with interested Governments in the negotiations required for that purpose."

Keen interest was taken by British financial and industrial circles late last week in the terms of the new currency and bank notes bill which is to be introduced in the House of Commons in accordance with the promise previously made by Chancellor Winston Churchill. The bill deals with the amalgamation of the present note issues. Under it, the Bank of England is empowered to issue notes beyond the amount covered by gold to the extent of £260,000,000, the excess to be covered by silver coin up to £5,500,000, but chiefly by securities. The present fiduciary issues in circulation amount to an excess of about £233,452,000, but it is pointed out that peak demand for currency last December carried the total then in circulation to an excess of over £263,000,000, or more than £3,000,000 over the maximum proposed in the new currency bill. The bill

provides, however, for emergency expansion of the fiduciary issues beyond the £260,000,000 limit for short periods on the request of the Bank of England. Powerful interests are declared to be in opposition to the bill and an interesting debate in the House of Commons is expected.

A demand for the devoted support of the Chamber of Deputies in the work of financial rehabilitation of France and for the relinquishment of party politics until this work is accomplished was voiced by Premier and Finance Minister Poincare in a speech at Bar-le-Duc, Monday. The French statesman expressed gratification over the results of the elections of April 22 and 29 which seated a membership in the lower house that is definitely in favor of the policies that he has consistently followed since 1926. He warned, however, that fiscal dangers are not yet over and asserted that "prudence was never more needed than to-day in economic and financial problems." A compact and permanent majority must be formed in the new Chamber which will sacrifice all other considerations for the final stabilization of the French monetary system, he declared. Governmental wastefulness and profligacy would cause a budgetary deficit, he said, and then "not only will any monetary reform become useless, but we shall lose the benefit of what we have accomplished." French banking circles, according to a Paris dispatch of May 4 to the New York "Times," are of the opinion that M. Poincare cannot postpone legal stabilization of the franc later than July. The Bank of France was said to be extremely desirous of effecting stabilization at the earliest possible date.

A treaty of conciliation and arbitration between Germany and the United States was signed at the State Department in Washington, last Saturday, by Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg and the German Ambassador, Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm von Prittwitz-Gaffron. Signature of this treaty marks the conclusion of the third in a series which is expected ultimately to number more than twenty. The first of these compacts was signed on February 6 between France and the United States. It provided that all disputes which cannot be settled by ordinary methods of diplomacy, shall be submitted to arbitration. A number of questions was specifically exempted from arbitration, notably those pertaining to disputes affecting national honor, the Monroe Doctrine, obligations under the covenant of the League of Nations and questions affecting a third party. A similar convention was signed between Italy and the United States April 19 and both the Italo-American and the German-American arbitration treaties were understood to have followed the text used in the first treaty between France and the United States. The conclusion of the treaty between Germany and the United States last Saturday was looked upon as an important step in international amity, as no treaty of this kind had previously existed between the two Governments.

Official return to a free gold market was instituted in Norway May 1, confirming the rumors of this action which have been current since 1925. Such rumors were premature, the London Economist pointed out in a recent issue, but they nevertheless had a profound effect on the economic life

of the country. The fact that they were widely believed caused a rapid reduction in the price level and this resulted in considerable unsettlement industrially. The Kroner rose rapidly, of course, when measured by foreign currencies, as the natural offset to the decline of domestic prices. But unemployment rose from 11.9 to 23.7% by the end of 1925 and hovered around 25% during all of 1926. The adjustment of prices to the world level remained incomplete and during last year a further fall of 10% was recorded, the Kroner improving slowly. Unemployment also increased further, the figure reaching 28% by the end of the year. The adjustment of prices is not yet complete, the level remaining, it is said, at about 10% above the world level. But the removal of uncertainty regarding the resumption of gold payments will probably hasten the final adjustment and pave the way for a revival in Norwegian trade and a decline in unemployment.

Disturbed conditions in Rumania have again given rise, as so frequently in the past, to factional activities which threaten the peace of the country. Dr. Julius Maniu, leader of the powerful Peasants' Party, announced about two weeks ago that a meeting would be held at Alba Julia, the old Transylvanian capital, to consider means of ousting the "Liberal" Government of Premier Vintila Bratianu. The meeting was scheduled for last Monday and peasants from all the territory surrounding Alba Julia flocked by thousands into the Transylvania city to attend and to voice their opposition to the Government. Afoot and in wagons, in railway trains and automobiles, they made their way to that center in a "political pilgrimage" for which the history of Rumania affords no parallel. The peasants, a Bucharest dispatch of May 4 to the New York "Times" said, "are in an especially bitter frame of mind. In addition to the political wrongs which they feel they have long suffered at the hands of the Bratianu dynasty, they are particularly aggrieved because the Government refused to raise martial law in Transylvania, as they had requested. Instead, the Government has placed heavy military detachments throughout the city of Alba Julia and on the roads leading there."

When daylight broke Monday, it revealed tens of thousands of white-clad peasants, "scattered like sleeping ghosts all over the city." The peasants still were trudging into Alba Julia and every road was impassable with humanity. Ten thousand soldiers were deployed by the Government in and around the city, but the peasants were peaceful and their presence to keep order was not necessary. Maniu addressed the peasants in the public square in the morning, but only a comparative handful could get near enough to hear his remarks. A huge parade was organized and the peasants marched past the reviewing stands with bands playing and flags flying, cheering their idol. Executive sessions of delegates were held thereafter and resolutions adopted condemning the Government and calling upon it to resign. It was resolved also that the peasants form in three columns to march to Bucharest and enforce their demands. Resentment was expressed against the attempts of the Bratianu regime to negotiate large foreign loans.

Premier Bratianu in Bucharest minimized the meeting, saying that it "hardly justified the importance attributed to it by certain foreign circles

bearing Rumania little good will." The Peasants' Congress was merely an episode in the Opposition fight against the Government which, nevertheless, enjoyed the confidence of the people, he added. M. Duca, a Minister in the Bratianu Government, dismissed the peasant movement as of no importance in an interview with newspaper men. "When I heard from foreign countries that a revolution existed in Rumania, I could not but laugh," he said. "I know my country and its peaceful, hard-working population. There are no actual big social problems in the whole land—only an oppositional political group which is impatiently itching for power. Alba Julia was only a big meeting—nothing else. The Government has no idea but to continue its work of reconstruction." The Government, nevertheless, clapped on the customary drastic censorship and promptly deported one correspondent who sent dispatches which it disliked.

Reports from Alba Julia, dated Monday, gave a confused view of the situation there. The peasants dispersed to their homes for the most part, but a few appear to have attempted a march on Bucharest. Adverse weather and the necessity for crop cultivation finally caused abandonment of the attempt. The party leaders proceeded to the capital, however, and were reported to have presented an ultimatum to the Bratianu Cabinet. M. Maniu was quoted, according to a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" as saying: "The next step in the struggle against the Bratianu regime will be a refusal by the Transylvanian farmers to pay taxes. Further, passive resistance will be adopted by all the municipal administrations in which the Peasants' Party holds a majority." Prince Carol of Rumania, who renounced the throne some years ago, was in England during all this time and it was believed for some days that he was engaged in an attempt to regain the throne which is now held by his son, Michael. These reports were discredited. Moreover, it was made plain by the leaders of the Peasants' Party that Carol was not even mentioned in their deliberations.

The healthy condition of Turkey's finances was emphasized, and the financial reforms and progress achieved in the few years of the Republican regime reviewed, in a budget speech delivered in Angora April 18 by the Finance Minister, Sarajoglu Shukry Bey. The Angora Government, despite great difficulties, has consistently refrained from increasing its fiduciary circulation, according to a special dispatch from Constantinople to the New York "Times." Foreign loans were rigidly avoided, and in consequence it was more than once predicted in Europe that the Turkish Republic would come to the verge of bankruptcy. The difficulties were all overcome, however, without resort to inflationary measures or to borrowing, and the efforts of the Administration have resulted in a very promising budget. The most striking feature of this official statement, the "Times" dispatch indicated, is the increase in the annual revenue. For the first ten months of the fiscal year 1927-1928 these amounted to \$83,594,503, which "would presage a total for the year of over \$100,000,000, or an excess of almost \$3,000,000 over the anticipated sum." The Government, moreover, expects to shoulder all responsibilities of the old Ottoman Empire and provision is made in the budget for resumption of payments to foreign and native

bondholders of the old obligations. "As soon as an agreement results from the protracted negotiations now drawing to a close payments will begin," it was said.

The Finance Minister made it clear in his speech that the sanguine report was not due to any increase in taxation, but to the economic progress of the country and to the more efficient and systematic collection of taxes. He explained that Turkey, while abstaining from foreign loans, had not only been able to balance its budget, but was devoting sums to public works, education and other needs far greater than those allotted for these purposes by the defunct Ottoman Sultanate. The old Empire never old Empire spent only 2% of its revenue on public works, whereas the Republic will dispense for railways, improved communications in Anatolia and for public benefits during the next year about \$26,500,000, or about 25% of the total revenue. The old Empire spent only 2% of its revenue on public instruction, while Angora to-day is spending about 12½%. The national defense item amounts to about 24% of the revenue, the Finance Minister said. He also stressed the need for a State Bank, for which funds are being accumulated. A \$500,000 Government gold reserve is to be used for this purpose and this sum will be augmented by the sale of those Turkish state jewels which have no historic interest. Funds are also accruing from the replacement of the old Ottoman paper currency by the new republican issue which was put out last December. The Republican Treasury expects to realize a net profit on this transaction of between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000, which will be applied as a nucleus for the new State Bank. This currency replacement is also expected to relieve the present stringency in the money market and to help trade generally.

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 Italy and Austria; 5½% in Norway; 5% in Denmark and Madrid; 4½% in London, Belgium and Holland, 4% in Sweden and 3½% in France and Switzerland. In London open market discounts are 3⅞@4% for short and 4% for long bills, against 3⅞ for short and 3 15-16@4% for long on Friday of last week. Money on call in London was 3⅞% on Wednesday, but was 3⅞% yesterday. At Paris, open market discounts continue at 2⅝%, and in Switzerland at 3 5-16%.

The Bank of England, in its latest weekly statement, reports another and much larger gain in gold, namely £1,174,991; this gain in bullion, together with the decline of notes in circulation of £538,000 has caused an addition to the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department of £1,713,000. Due to the large additions to its gold holding, the Bank's ratio of reserve to liabilities is now at its highest point for several years, the ratio having risen from 38.87% last week to 40.82% now. Public deposits decrease £605,000 and "other" deposits, £628,000. Loans on Government securities dropped £1,928,000 and loans on other securities, £1,002,000. The Bank's gold holdings are now at a record figure, £161,905,405. Notes in circulation aggregate £135,218,000 against £136,169,645 for the corresponding period in 1927. The official discount rate remains unchanged at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items of the Bank of England report for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1928. May 10. £	1927. May 11. £	1926. May 12. £	1925. May 13. £	1924. May 14. £
Circulation.....	135,218,000	136,169,645	141,651,590	147,606,235	124,541,525
Public deposits.....	13,074,000	12,759,974	21,264,451	17,425,543	17,359,039
Other deposits.....	100,782,000	102,094,453	102,150,784	102,159,081	102,440,759
Gov't securities.....	29,457,000	47,824,229	46,130,328	33,302,144	41,522,755
Other securities.....	55,696,000	47,220,123	68,671,750	78,331,998	72,589,177
Reserve notes & coin	46,437,000	37,539,033	26,360,713	25,760,629	23,391,267
Coin and bullion.....	161,905,405	135,958,678	148,262,303	153,616,864	128,182,792
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	40.79%	32.70%	21.35%	21¼%	19¼%
Bank rate.....	4½%	4½%	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.

In its report as of May 9, the Bank of France showed an increase in note circulation of 264,230,000 francs raising the total of that item to 60,384,526,900 francs against 52,616,959,965 francs last year and 52,643,172,795 francs in 1926. All gold holdings remained unchanged. Bills discounted decreased 842,153,000 francs, treasury deposits 4,441,000 francs, general deposits 140,259,000 francs and advances to the State 400,000,000 francs. Silver rose 4,000 francs, trade advances 76,806,000 francs and divers assets 31,275,000 francs. A comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past 3 years is furnished below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of—		
		May 9 1928. Francs.	May 11 1927. Francs.	May 12 1926. Francs.
In France.....	Unchanged	3,678,540,943	3,683,507,441	3,684,128,987
Abroad—available	Unchanged	462,771,478	1,864,326,907	1,864,320,907
Abroad—non-avail	Unchanged	1,401,549,429		
Total.....	Unchanged	5,542,861,850	5,547,828,349	5,548,449,895
Silver.....	Inc. 4,000	342,947,617	342,436,061	333,983,191
Bills discounted.....	Dec. 842,153,000	1,868,521,426	1,934,955,523	4,432,810,152
Trade advances.....	Inc. 76,806,000	1,790,568,290	1,673,869,349	2,475,908,953
Note circulation.....	Inc. 264,230,000	60,384,526,900	52,616,959,965	52,643,172,795
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 4,441,000	31,386,581	43,035,017	2,582,870
General deposits.....	Dec. 140,259,000	8,893,721,779	9,156,492,636	2,553,211,000
Advances to State.....	Dec. 400,000,000	23,500,000,000	28,900,000,000	34,850,000,000
Divers assets.....	Inc. 31,275,000	28,342,148,132	18,073,512,126	3,580,681,101

In its statement for the first week of May, the Bank of Germany showed a decrease in note circulation of 170,523,000 marks, reducing the total of that item to 4,238,937,000 marks against 3,503,967,000 marks last year and 3,941,366,000 marks in 1926. Other daily maturing obligations declined 97,339,000 marks and other liabilities 3,784,000 marks. On the asset side gold and bullion decreased 37,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks 212,208,000 marks, silver and other coin 3,846,000 marks, advances 63,529 marks and other assets 30,813,000 marks. Deposits abroad remained unchanged. Reserve in foreign currency rose 29,805,000 marks, notes on other German banks 8,977,000 marks and investments 5,000 marks. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for 3 years past:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Reichmarks	Status as of—		
		May 6 1928. Reichmarks	May 7 1927. Reichmarks	May 7 1926. Reichmarks
Gold and bullion.....	Dec. 37,000	2,040,894,000	1,849,778,000	1,941,543,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	85,626,000	101,249,000	260,386,000
Res'v in for'n curr.....	Inc. 29,805,000	197,542,000	127,005,000	347,670,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....	Dec. 212,208,000	2,281,666,000	1,931,361,000	1,219,839,000
Silver and other coin.....	Dec. 3,846,000	66,929,000	101,920,000	94,665,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	Inc. 8,977,000	17,634,000	15,897,000	19,829,000
Advances.....	Dec. 63,529,000	39,246,000	27,119,000	6,778,000
Investments.....	Inc. 5,000	94,004,000	92,851,000	89,022,000
Other assets.....	Dec. 30,813,000	558,081,000	484,973,000	835,687,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	Dec. 170,523,000	4,238,937,000	3,503,967,000	3,941,366,000
Oth. daily matur. oblg.....	Dec. 97,339,000	460,549,000	572,014,000	622,087,000
Other liabilities.....	Dec. 3,784,000	189,517,000	188,742,000	181,707,000

The tone of the New York money market has been firm throughout the week with call funds fluctuating between 5% and 6%. The demand for money was brisk at the beginning of the week and the opening

rate of 5% Monday was quickly advanced to 5½% and to 6% Tuesday. The maximum figure attracted a heavy flow of outside funds and a slight easing was noted as the week progressed. An outside market was established Wednesday and by Thursday street funds were offered at ½% concession from the rate on the Stock Exchange. The banks appeared to be short of ready funds early in the week, as withdrawals were heavy. Some \$15,000,000 were called Monday, \$25,000,000 Tuesday and an additional \$25,000,000 Wednesday. Time loans firmed up again after slight easiness late last week. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral again increased substantially according to the statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued Thursday. The increase for the week was \$79,451,000, which carried the total to a new high record in all time. At the same time the credit basis has narrowed Gold exports for the week as announced by the Federal Reserve Bank having been \$37,033,000.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day the renewal rate for call loans on Monday was 5% but after renewals had been effected the rate advanced to 5½%. On Tuesday the renewal rate was marked up to 5½%, and new loans were negotiated at 6%. On Wednesday the renewal rate was advanced to 6% and all other loans were at the same figure. On Thursday the renewal rate was again 6%, but some new loans were put through at 5½%. On Friday all loans were at 5½% including renewals. For time loans the quotation is again firmly held at 5% for all maturities from 30 days to six months, though in the early days of the week the quotation was still 4⅞% @ 5%. In the case of commercial paper the prevailing rate for four to six months' names of choice character is 4½%. The bulk of the business is being done at that figure, with only very exceptional names selling as low as 4¼%. For names less well known the quotations remain at 4¾%. For New England mill paper the quotation is 4½% @ 4¾%.

In the market for banks and bankers acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances was advanced on Thursday from 4¼% to 4½%. The posted rates of the Acceptance Council for prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks remain unaltered, being still quoted at 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for bills running 30 days, 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for bills running 60 days and also for 90 days, 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for 120 days and 4¼% bid and 4⅛% asked for 150 and 180 days. Open market rates likewise remain unchanged as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.								
180 Days		150 Days		120 Days				
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills	4¼	4½	4¼	4½	4¼	4½	4	
90 Days		60 Days		30 Days				
Prime eligible bills	4	3¾	4	3¾	3¾	4	3¾	
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.								
Eligible member banks							4¼	bid
Eligible non-member banks							4¼	bid

One more Federal Reserve Bank has advanced its rate from 4% to 4½%, the latest to take this action being the Dallas Reserve Bank; the adoption by it of the 4½% rate was announced May 5 and the new rate was made effective May 7. The 4½% rate is now in force at six of the Reserve banks, viz., Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Richmond, Minneapolis and Dallas. 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 May 11	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	4½	Apr. 20 1928	4
New York	4	Feb. 3 1928	3½
Philadelphia	4	Feb. 16 1928	3½
Cleveland	4	Mar. 1 1928	3½
Richmond	4½	Apr. 24 1928	4
Atlanta	4	Feb. 11 1928	3½
Chicago	4½	Apr. 20 1928	4
St. Louis	4½	Apr. 23 1928	4
Minneapolis	4½	Apr. 25 1928	4
Kansas City	4	Feb. 10 1928	3½
Dallas	4½	May 7 1928	4
San Francisco	4	Feb. 4 1928	3½

Sterling exchange has been irregular this week, fluctuating more than usual, and in demand on only a few occasions. The slight weakening at times has been due more largely to absolutely dull trading than to any form of pressure. The range this week has been from 4.87 9-16 to 4.87 7/8 for bankers' sight, compared with a range of 4.87 7-16 to 4.87 13-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.87 15-16 to 4.88 7-32, compared with 4.87 13-16 to 4.88 3-16 a week ago. The higher quotations seemed to prevail whenever there was the slightest sign of activity in the market. One of the reasons given for the occasional ease in rates is the transfer of considerable funds from London and from some other European centers through London to take advantage of the demand for money and the high rates prevailing in New York. Apprehension regarding the probable action of the New York Federal Reserve Bank on its rediscount rate has been another factor of weakness. However, there is a growing weight of opinion to the effect that the New York bank may not increase its rediscount rate from 4% for this summer, although the outside reserve banks may continue at 4½%. Six of the Federal Reserve banks are now on a 4½% rediscount basis. One reason assigned for the sudden doubt with respect to the possibility of an increase in the New York rediscount rate is that the action might be harmful to the United States Treasury refunding program. Nevertheless, New York developments will be closely watched in London, as American money rates will largely regulate the position of sterling, even at the leading Continental centers. The note amalgamation scheme remains as it was a week ago. No date has been fixed for carrying out the plan. The question of mere physical arrangements alone necessitated by the substitution of £1 and 10 shillings Bank of England notes for Treasury notes of the same valuations, may delay the operation of the plan for several months.

This week the Bank of England shows an increase of £1,174,991 in its gold holdings. On Monday the Bank released £500,000 in sovereigns set aside for the account of the Bank of South Africa. On Wednesday the Bank released another £500,000 for the account of the Bank of South Africa and yesterday it sold £11,000 in sovereigns for export to Holland. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week May 3-9, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$64,000, chiefly from Latin America, and exports of \$37,033,000, of which \$23,491,000 was shipped to France, \$9,950,000 to Argentina, \$2,000,000 to Italy, \$1,007,000 to Colombia, \$400,000 to Venezuela, and \$133,000 to Mexico. The gold shipment to France was accounted for here last week; \$4,950,000 of the shipment to Argentina was also accounted for here last week. There was no Canadian movement of gold either to or from the Port of New York. Canadian exchange fluctuated this week between a discount of 1-32 of 1% and a premium of 1-64 of 1%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling on Saturday last was steady in a dull market. Bankers' sight was 4.87 11-16@4.87 25-32, cable transfers 4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4.88 5-32. On Monday sterling was in demand. Banker's sight was 4.87 11-16@4.87 13-16; cable transfers 4.88 3-32@4.88 5-32. On Tuesday the market was inactive and inclined to go lower. Banker's sight was 4.87 19-32@4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$; cable transfers 4.87 15-16@4.88 1-16. On Wednesday the market continued easy. The range was 4.87 9-16@4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ for banker's sight and 4.87 15-16@4.88 3-32 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was in demand. Banker's sight was 4.87 19-32@4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$; cable transfers 4.88@4.88 5-32. On Friday the market was still firmer with the range 4.87 11-16@4.87 $\frac{7}{8}$ for banker's sight and 4.88 1-16@4.88 7-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were 4.87 13-16 for demand and 4.88 3-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.87 11-16, 60-day bills at 4.84 $\frac{1}{8}$, 90-day bills at 4.82 5-16, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.84 $\frac{1}{8}$ and 7-day grain bills at 4.87. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.87 11-16.

In the Continental exchanges no features of special importance have been disclosed this week. The outcome of the French elections, as they affect foreign exchange, has already been discussed in earlier pages of this issue. As already noted in the discussion under sterling, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports a shipment of \$23,491,000 in gold to France. This shipment and \$24,000,000 more not yet accounted for by the Federal Reserve Bank was mentioned here last week. The Bank of France gold holdings continue to be disguised in its weekly statement. The gold is reported this week as 5,542,800,000 francs, unchanged for many weeks. Its sundry asset holdings, which include its foreign exchange, giving claims upon gold in New York and other centers, increased this week 31,275,000 francs to 28,342,100,000 francs. Circulation item continues to mount as a result of constantly increasing purchases of foreign exchange. This week it increased 264,230,000 francs to 60,384,500,000 francs. This compares with 52,616,900,000 francs a year ago. There has been a heavy flow of funds to Paris recently, which has been going on for some months, and has increased since Poincaré's victory in the elections. Dutch, Swiss and German interests are buying French stocks and bonds heavily and English buyers have entered the market for the first time in a number of years. New York has also been sending a stream of orders to Paris. The flow is partly compensated, so far as New York is concerned, by a return flow of French short-term funds which have been lying idle in France. The French banks are also investing in bills in London. These transfers for the short-term money markets of London and New York are paid for in most cases by borrowing foreign exchange from the Bank of France for short periods, now for a month.

German marks continue in demand. There was a considerable flow of funds from New York for investment in German shares, also from the proceeds of loans and to supply the short-term money markets and commercial credits in Berlin. Demand for money in Berlin is almost at the highest point since the reform of the German currency. It is quite probable that the shares of the German Reichsbank may be listed soon in New York. If they are, this will also strengthen the demand for marks. Germany, like all the European countries, is benefitting from the sea-

sonal demand arising from the tourist expenditures which have now begun. The demand for Italian lire continues rather active and, as during several weeks past, it is due to the transfer of funds for investment in Italian shares and from immigrant remittances, and now, as in the case of most European countries, from the increased demand occasioned by tourist traffic. As stated above, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports a shipment of \$2,000,000 in gold to Italy this week. This makes a total of \$14,000,000 shipped to Italy by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York since March 1. The rest of the leading Continental exchanges have been quiet, in fact, extremely dull.

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 center finished at 3.93 7-16, against 3.93 5-16 a week ago; cable transfers at 3.93 11-16, against 3.93 9-16, and commercial sight bills at 3.93 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 3.93 1-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.95 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 13.96 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at 23.92 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.91 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 23.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.26 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.27 for cable transfers, as against 5.26 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 5.27 last week. Austrian schillings have not changed from 14 $\frac{1}{8}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.9615, against 2.9615; on Bucharest at 0.61 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 0.62; on Poland at 11.20, against 11.20, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at 1.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 1.30 and 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago.

In the exchanges on the countries neutral during the war the outstanding feature of importance this week has been the rather wide fluctuation in Spanish pesetas, due to speculative operations, but very little attention was paid on this side to the movement in Spanish currency. The Scandinavian exchanges have been firm but dull. It is an interesting fact that the Norwegian currency is now very close to the quotations for Sweden and Denmark. The improved position of the Norwegian unit of course, arises as a result of the carrying out of the plans for stabilization and return to the gold basis. Holland guilders are slightly higher, but the market for guilders has been dull.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.33 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.32 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.35 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.34 $\frac{3}{4}$, and commercial sight bills at 40.28 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.28 $\frac{1}{2}$. Swiss francs closed at 19.26 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.27 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.26 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 19.27 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.82 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.83 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.81 and 26.82. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.82 $\frac{1}{2}$, and cable transfers at 26.83 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.82 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.83 $\frac{1}{2}$, while checks on Norway finished at 26.78 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.76 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.77 $\frac{1}{2}$. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.77 for checks and at 16.78 for cable transfers, which compares with 16.64 and 16.65 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges continue firm, although comparatively inactive. The reason for the firmness has been recounted here on numerous occa-

sions in some detail. It rests practically altogether on the currency reforms which have been undertaken throughout the Latin republics and to a series of successful export seasons. As noted above in the remarks on sterling, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported a shipment of \$9,950,000 gold to Argentina during the week May 3-9, a shipment of \$1,007,000 to Colombia, \$400,000 to Venezuela and \$133,000 to Mexico. \$4,950,000 of the shipment to Argentina was accounted for here last week. Argentina paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.75 for checks, as compared with 42.75 on Friday of last week, and at 42.80 for cable transfers, against 42.80. 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 12.21 for checks and at 12.22 for cable transfers, against 12.21 and 12.22, and Peru at 4.02 for checks and at 4.03 for cable transfers, against 4.02 and 4.03.

The Far Eastern exchanges offer the most outstanding interest of all the foreign exchanges this week, owing to the sharp drop in Japanese yen and to the rise in the prices of the Chinese silver units. Yen were heavily sold in the East and in London, as well as in all other centers more or less closely associated with Japanese business. The drop in the yen originated of course, in the tense political situation which has arisen over the fighting in Shantung and the large scale military preparations being made by Japan in connection therewith. A summary of the political and military events bearing on Japanese exchange appears in the first part of this issue. On Friday of last week the Japanese rate closed at 47.05 for cable transfers, which represented a decline of 28 points from the market quotations of Thursday of last week. In Wednesday's market this week yen showed a decline to 45.64 for cable transfers; then official support began and there was a recovery on Wednesday afternoon which continued into Thursday, when yen rallied to 46.75. Meanwhile, owing to the depression in the unit the first half of the week, the Chinese speculators, it is understood, covered their short positions to a large extent. Dealings in the New York market were comparatively heavy, with little evidence of official operations. Most of the official supporting orders were executed in London. Banking opinion on the situation is divergent, but all are agreed that the Bank of Japan policy in the matter will be a dominant factor, for the bank and the Japanese Treasury have large quick assets abroad, and if it is desired to support the market there is little doubt of their ability to do so. Unless this support is forthcoming, as was indicated by trading on Wednesday, the rate could drop considerably lower, for there is a good deal of bearishness in the situation and Shanghai traders are in an especially strong position to depress the rate.

A boycott against Japanese goods and traders has been launched in China which threatens to spread widely and to divert a great deal of Chinese purchasing from Japan to other countries for a considerable period, regardless of how soon the present embroglio may be settled. Aside from any official support given the currency, there is a feature of underlying strength in the large private Japanese investments abroad. Money has been over-abundant in Japan since the banking panic of last year, and many banks as well as private individuals placed surplus funds abroad. These foreign investments still continue

heavy although there were large withdrawals when the yen started to rise in March. In March yen cables touched 48.12, due partly to seasonal influences and partly to a political situation which gave promise of a return to the gold standard this year. The Chinese silver exchanges were strong and in demand at the highest levels of the year. The Chinese have been heavy buyers of silver for a great many months and at times of crisis like the present the Chinese demand for silver increases as paper currencies are at a discount. The demand for silver in India has helped to strengthen the price of the metal, although the Indian Government is exporting silver to China, which absorbs all that is sent. It is understood that China pays for the silver with Japanese yen in most transactions. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 46 9-16@46 5-8, against 46.95@47 1/2 on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 50 3/4, against 50.40@50 5/8; Shanghai at 65 1/4@65 1/2, against 64 9-16 @64 7/8; Manila at 49 9-16, against 49 9-16; Singapore at 56 1/2@56 5/8, against 56 1/2@56 5/8; Bombay at 36 3/4, against 36 3/4, and Calcutta at 36 3/4 against 36 3/4.

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, MAY 5 1928 TO MAY 11 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York. Value in United States Money.					
	May 5.	May 7.	May 8.	May 9.	May 10.	May 11.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling.....	\$ 140670	\$ 140635	\$ 140692	\$ 140635	\$ 140681	\$ 140667
Belgium, belga.....	.139641	.139638	.139600	.139632	.139618	.139631
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007187	.007184	.007200	.007188	.007195	.007186
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029623	.029621	.029621	.029623	.029624	.029623
Denmark, krone.....	.268205	.268195	.268173	.268177	.268193	.268223
England, pound sterling.....	4.880923	4.880965	4.880056	4.879573	4.880227	4.881803
Finland, marka.....	.025166	.025180	.025175	.025177	.025185	.025182
France, franc.....	.039350	.039349	.039345	.039344	.039345	.039355
Germany, reichsmark.....	.239214	.239195	.239203	.239214	.239202	.239211
Greece, drachma.....	.013052	.013053	.013059	.013049	.013047	.013051
Holland, guilder.....	.403433	.403402	.403325	.403341	.403369	.403488
Hungary, pengo.....	.174500	.174607	.174605	.174607	.174610	.174582
Italy, lira.....	.052694	.052687	.052686	.052688	.052688	.052692
Norway, krone.....	.267711	.267746	.267731	.267748	.267770	.267832
Poland, zloty.....	.112202	.112313	.112313	.112313	.112311	.112088
Portugal, escudo.....	.042375	.042435	.042235	.042392	.042335	.042335
Rumania, leu.....	.006205	.006201	.006200	.006195	.006184	.006179
Spain, peseta.....	.166263	.166040	.166342	.167871	.167713	.168050
Sweden, krona.....	.268293	.268264	.268252	.268243	.268260	.268263
Switzerland, franc.....	.192713	.192715	.192717	.192716	.192718	.192723
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.017600	.017599	.017598	.017597	.017601	.017598
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael.....	.657916	.661458	.662500	.670833	.669166	.666250
Hankow tael.....	.651666	.658125	.660416	.669166	.665416	.663916
Shanghai tael.....	.641785	.644732	.648214	.655000	.648035	.650892
Tientsin tael.....	.675416	.679375	.680833	.689166	.689166	.681666
Hong Kong dollar.....	.501428	.503035	.505000	.507500	.504553	.505178
Mexican dollar.....	.463250	.465250	.467250	.472000	.472750	.468500
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.462083	.463750	.465416	.470833	.475416	.467916
Yuan dollar.....	.458750	.460416	.462083	.467500	.472083	.464583
India, rupee.....	.365682	.365675	.365471	.365500	.365832	.365687
Japan, yen.....	.470769	.467805	.464152	.457777	.464111	.464713
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	.561875	.561458	.561458	.561458	.561875	.561250
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	.999852	.999726	.999791	.999670	.999565	.999479
Cuba, peso.....	1.000312	1.000031	.999968	1.000156	1.000031	.999718
Mexico, peso.....	.486750	.486750	.486833	.486500	.487000	.486333
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.997562	.997343	.997375	.997343	.997187	.997062
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.971961	.972123	.971930	.972059	.972353	.972376
Brazil, milreis.....	.120340	.120345	.120330	.120300	.120345	.120327
Chile, peso.....	.122002	.122002	.121994	.121990	.121996	.122009
Uruguay, peso.....	1.033292	1.033648	1.032423	1.030549	1.032115	1.030628
Colombia, peso.....	.982800	.982800	.982800	.982800	.982800	.982800

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 in 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, May 5.	Monday, May 7.	Tuesday, May 8.	Wednesday, May 9.	Thursday, May 10.	Friday, May 11.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 105,000,000	\$ 107,000,000	\$ 103,000,000	\$ 106,000,000	\$ 114,000,000	\$ 108,000,000	Cr. 643,000.00

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	May 10 1928.			May 12 1927.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 161,905,405	£ -----	£ 161,905,405	£ 153,958,678	£ -----	£ 153,958,678
France a	147,141,638	13,718,032	160,859,670	147,300,268	13,680,000	160,980,268
Germany b	100,718,050	994,600	101,712,650	87,426,450	994,600	88,421,050
Spain	104,318,000	28,153,000	132,471,000	103,864,000	28,056,000	131,920,000
Italy	50,406,000	-----	50,406,000	45,959,000	4,021,000	49,980,000
Netherl'ds.	36,263,000	2,177,000	38,440,000	34,898,000	2,272,000	37,170,000
Nat. Belg.	21,704,000	1,244,000	22,948,000	18,160,000	1,151,000	19,311,000
Switzerl'd.	17,511,000	2,323,000	19,834,000	18,372,000	2,814,000	21,186,000
Sweden	12,893,000	-----	12,893,000	12,336,000	-----	12,336,000
Denmark	10,109,000	641,000	10,750,000	10,706,000	762,000	11,468,000
Norway	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	671,149,093	49,250,632	720,399,725	641,160,396	53,750,600	694,910,996
Prev. week	669,274,952	49,180,472	718,455,424	640,726,628	53,928,600	694,655,228

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France are exclusive of gold held abroad, amounting the present year to £74,576,836. 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 Political and Military Situation in China.

There is no need either to over-estimate or to minimize the seriousness of the events which are taking place in China to perceive that the situation is grave and the possibilities of international complications large. Technically and legally, Japan and China are not at war with one another, for there has been no formal declaration of war on either side, and the existence of civil war between the Peking Government in the north and the Nanking Government in the south makes China itself, for the time being, more of a geographical expression than a country which, for political purposes, can easily be treated as a whole. The military intervention of Japan in Shantung, however, at a moment when the region is the battle ground of the Northern and Southern armies, creates a serious international situation quite irrespective of the motives which may have prompted the action of Japan, and seems almost certain to intensify the racial antagonisms which have long been one of the banes of Chinese politics and of all international dealings with China and its people.

A review of the events which have precipitated the present crisis, as far as they can be gathered from press dispatches, will help to make clear some of the primary facts of what is still a confused situation. On April 17, close on the heels of the announcement that Chinese officials had been admitted to higher places in the customs service and to membership in the municipal councils at Tientsin and Shanghai, the Japanese Cabinet decided to order the landing of marines at Tsingtao, and Japanese troops at Tientsin were held in readiness to proceed to Shantung. The immediate occasion of this action was the sudden and vigorous opening of the spring offensive by the Southern, or Nationalist armies, with the capture of Peking as its principal objective. On April 19 it was reported that the defense of the Northern armies, the outstanding leader of which was Marshal Chang Tsung-Chang, had collapsed, and that the army of Sun Chuan-fang,

Governor of Shantung Province, said to number 20,000 men, had been destroyed. Foreigners were reported on April 21 to be fleeing from Tsinan-fu, the capital of Shantung and the centre of the Northern defense; on April 30 the Tsingtao Railway was cut by the Nationalists and Tsinan-fu isolated, and on May 1 the capture of Tsinan-fu was reported.

The dispatch of Japanese troops to Shantung brought prompt protests from both the Northern and the Southern Governments. The Japanese Foreign Office, in a statement issued on April 20, declared that Japan "has no intention of countenancing any party or faction in China," and that the dispatch of troops "is an unavoidable measure of self-protection, and does not imply anything like unfriendly intentions toward China or interference with the military operations of either North or South." The Nanking, or Nationalist, Government, while apparently exerting itself to repress popular agitation against Japan and to discourage a threatened boycott of Japanese commerce and industries in China, again protested on April 27, and requested the Japanese Government to refrain from sending troops to Shantung and to withdraw those already there. The reply of the Japanese Government stated that about 5,000 men had been sent to Tsingtao and the region along the Kiaochow-Tsinan-fu Railway to protect Japanese residents, and that three companies from the garrisons in North China had been sent to Tsinan-fu "as an emergency measure," but the Government again disclaimed any unfriendly intention, and formally declared that "the troops will be withdrawn as soon as it considers it unnecessary to keep them there any longer." The response of the Nanking Government was a statement by General Hwang-fu, Foreign Minister, that the dispatch of troops was "not only a flagrant violation of the principles of international law and treaty stipulations, but it also may give rise to serious consequences the responsibility for which would be difficult to determine."

On May 3 the Nationalist destroyers at the mouth of the Yangtse River were attacked by a Northern cruiser and two destroyers, and two seaplanes dropped bombs on the city of Shanghai. Later reports of the fighting at Tsinan-fu gave confused accounts of Chinese attacks upon some 3,000 besieged Japanese, the alleged violation by the Chinese of an agreement to evacuate the Japanese settlement on May 4, and numerous killings and atrocities by soldiers of both sides. The American Consul, Ernest B. Price, who appears to have exerted himself courageously to check hostilities, reported on May 4 that a clash had occurred between Japanese and Nationalist troops, "the precise cause of which is as yet unknown," that general firing had ensued, that the Japanese had used armored cars and detachments to clear the settlement of Southern troops, and that during the night the Chinese wireless station had been destroyed by Japanese field artillery. A renewal of hostilities at Tsinan-fu was reported on Monday, following the establishment by the Japanese commander of a neutral zone of seven miles on either side of the Tsinan-fu-Tsingtao Railway, and the issuance of an order to the Chinese troops to withdraw from the zone. A pitched battle was reported on Wednesday to be going on in the city, with the city itself on fire in various places. Twenty thousand additional Japanese troops, it was said were on their way to the fighting area. Friday

brought reports that Tsinan-fu had been cleared of Nationalist troops, and that the Japanese commander had announced his intention to "take drastic measures against the Southerners and to punish the troops who have committed the outrages against the Japanese."

A new turn was given to the situation on Monday with the announcement that the Nationalist Government, evidently confident of the accuracy of its own version of the fighting at Tsinan-fu, had cabled to the League of Nations asking for an international inquiry. Chinese opinion at Peking, according to the Associated Press, was divided "between relief at the set-back of the Nationalists and anxiety lest Japan seize the occasion to resume military and economic domination of the Province of Shantung." It is true that the Japanese interests in Shantung are considerable. A correspondent of the New York "Times" is authority for the statement that, in addition to a Japanese population of 22,000 civilians, Japanese investments in the province aggregate some 300,000,000 yen (about \$150,000,000), two-thirds of which belong to the Tokio Government; that the interest on the 40,000,000 yen of bonds with which China purchased the retrocession of the Shantung Railway from Japan has been more than two years in default, and that there are large landholdings and numerous important industries and businesses under Japanese ownership or control.

It is not clear, at least at this juncture, that the Japanese Government has any intention of departing from the position which it assumed in its replies to the Chinese protests against military occupation. To reassert, however indirectly, its old dominance in Shantung or in any other part of China would at once revive political controversies which the Washington Conference appeared to have settled, and while the pressure of political opinion in Europe, particularly in Great Britain, might conceivably support the laying on of a strong hand in China, the Japanese Government is probably too shrewd to lend itself to the dangerous task of pulling other nations' chestnuts out of the fire.

It seems improbable that an appeal to the League of Nations will be productive of any important results. The Nationalist Government is not represented in the League, and Japan is too influential a member, and its case, on the face of the reports at least, seems too strong to make League intervention likely. The League, moreover, is reported to be much concerned at the moment over the demand of Belgium for admission to the Council at the meeting next September, and Brazil has just declined to reconsider its refusal to rejoin the League, although willing to continue its co-operation. As long as Japan confines itself strictly to the protection of its own nationals and their property in China, together with such other foreign interests as may not be accorded sufficient protection by their own Governments or by the Chinese themselves, it can probably count upon general support from the Powers. Beyond that, judgment upon the merits of the situation in China must be withheld until the facts are better known. The whole episode, however, coming as it does at a time when Secretary Kellogg's peace proposal seems to be meeting support in Great Britain and opposition in France and Belgium, is both unfortunate and disturbing. It shows not only a grave condition of political disturbance in China, but also the wide gulf that still separates peace in

theory from peace in practice. The American Government, we are glad to note, while taking necessary steps to protect American citizens in China, is maintaining its policy of strict neutrality in regard to both the civil war between the North and the South and the Japanese military operations.

Governor Ritchie, and the Credit-Power.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, contributes an article to the current number (May) of the "Atlantic Monthly," which he entitles "The Imperialism of the Dollar." He places the center of the "money power" in the banks. And he finds that concentration here is going on at a tremendous rate. He does not rail at the bankers. Note this significant statement: "He [the banker] has done as much to liberate the energies of men and feed the springs of enterprise as all the statesmen put together, and a large percentage of his effort is undoubtedly devoted to the traditional ideals of service and guidance and constructive assistance to his patrons." The dollar he speaks of is a symbol of "power." In his analysis, this "money power" is in reality credit power—not the old fetish of the single or double standard. Nor is the power of money necessarily "malign." In its growing concentration this power, he admits, "is for the most part the unconscious product of unconscious forces." And what the banker does is not "so much through the control of money as through the control of credit—through his ability to mobilize and organize the credit of the nation, both public and private, and deal with it as a commodity. This is a new or relatively new factor in the financial equation. It carries the power of domination, and neither society nor the banks themselves can afford to overlook the social and political implications of it all." He continues: "The banker, particularly the investment banker, is gradually acquiring a mortgage on the industry of the nation. Through his vast resources and ability to organize the facilities of credit and distribution he dominates practically the whole field of industry and enterprise." . . . "Through corporate agencies and investment devices and the credit control of banks, the ownership of wealth is becoming abstract and depersonalized. It no longer carries the responsibilities either of service or of profit which formerly arose from personal ownership. These are passed on to the banker. This depersonalization, so to speak, of the dollar inevitably tends to exploit it, and the danger is that the money power may go money mad." . . . "After all, in the last analysis the world will look to the banker's power not so much to produce more dollars as to produce more bread and meat and more of the good things of life." . . . "Such is the subtle character of banking control that, having underwritten the industrial needs of the nation, the banker's voice becomes the master's voice. No concern after obtaining his credit can afford to ignore it entirely." Further he writes: "But the concentration of wealth demands courage and vision, service and leadership. It demands a higher stewardship than simply making money and protecting it and multiplying it. It has the facilities, the contacts, the brains, and the capacity to guide in so many regions where unselfish guidance is needed that it has no right to move in a political vacuum." . . . "My point is that the dollar should recognize this, shoulder its responsibilities, come out in the open, and move forward to

constructive democratic and social leadership." And in conclusion: "Conceivably the dollar might exert a power to do what no other power has so far been able to accomplish. It might translate its own powers of co-operation and unity into world harmony and world unity. Without entering the domain of dollar diplomacy, without asking or receiving any national endorsement or guaranty as a condition to its voyage to foreign parts, it might still work out a more rational world order, help remove the incubus of excessive naval and military armaments, and educate the world as to the 'great illusion' of war."

Though we thus make copious excerpts from the article, we cannot do justice to the logic of Governor Ritchie's article. He sees the dollar as subservient to the ballot. He has a fear that underneath the acquiescence in the big things of prosperity there is a latent distrust. He has fear of a growing fear of plutocracy arising to smother or to dominate democracy. He thinks, "a power which so greatly affects the well-being of those who are not its owners must frankly recognize that the owner's right is not absolute. Others affected should not be without voice. They have the right to be heard and to discuss all problems which affect both themselves and the owner." . . . And he sees the possibility of an imperialism that "can be economic as well as political, and quite as dangerous in either case." He fixes responsibility with power and would have the unified financial agencies and interests turn toward the service of the people and the government as great social factors in our advance, lest they find themselves ultimately in the toils of an organized political protest.

We find it difficult to follow along with some parts of this article, temperate and balanced as it is for the most part. We do not perceive the feasibility of building a unity of financial powers that can serve the people in other than the natural way based upon Adam Smith's "self-interest." Nor do we conceive the banks to have the great power or the kind of power the writer suggests. Too much stress is laid on both the unity of credit power or money power and its rest in the banks. It is true that a new power springs up out of the concentration of money, credits, and community organization, in the banks, but this power is not fixed in the banks and independent of the people. Banks cannot exercise either unlimited or absolute credit power built up out of or upon the inherent credit power of the people. They are servants whether they will to be or not. The multiplication of agencies such as "investment houses, holding companies, investment trusts, insurance and saving institutions" may be abused, but they are a development of the "right to deal in credits," and as such must serve the people or soon cover themselves with ruin. It is not the banks or these agencies that make the credits that pour out in an ever increasing stream, but the willingness of the people to creditize, if we may coin a word, their own powers of physical resource and human energy. Securities cannot be forced upon the people against their wills. It is the desire to convert wealth, savings, and individual credit power into these new forms of credit that keeps the ball rolling. The unity of this new desire more than the unity of credit power by and through banks, makes the market. And, as is pointed out in the article, it is borrowing in anticipation of pleasures that

feeds the fires that fuse to some extent our credit agencies.

The basis of every great revolt against this power, call it money or credit, is the envy that arises through an inequality of ownership of wealth, that turns itself into political propaganda and eventuates in laws of control. Now these unified financial powers, they are by no means a unit, nor ever will be, cannot transform themselves into benevolent associations for the amelioration of inequalities nor for the engendering of uniform opportunities. They must go on in the old way, the way they were born and nurtured. They have been drawn too much into direct politics and legislation. What power they have must remain in the guiding hands of owners and managers. They cannot enter politics, rightly, either in their own interests or in the altruistic interest of the people, for they are not born or made that way. That the "responsibility" of wealth is growing there can be no doubt. But if it were not growing, such is its nature that it must serve if it would prosper. The huge technique of business cannot be turned over to the theory of benevolence. It has its own laws, has "business," and they cannot be abrogated through fear of plutocracy or the embracing of altruism. It is hard to see how initiative, enterprise and ownership are to be preserved and the bent of the new movements turned in the direction of equalization. More, the unity of business interests, banks and finance institutions, if you please, is not a fixture. The ocean of credit is subject to all the storms that blow. The power of credit moves in one direction to-day, in another to-morrow. One of the biggest banks in the country turns to the making of small two-name (besides the borrower), personal loans. Another is now paying interest on savings from day of deposit to day of withdrawal. A thousand rivers run into this ocean of bank credit and water many lands by the way.

Who Is Making Money.

The barber, who entertains while he works, said: "Some people are making lots of money, but the common run of men are not making much." He thought the end would be two classes, "the very rich and the very poor." But the barber is not quoted at length among the prognosticators as to the future of "prosperity." However, his voluntary remarks suggest the importance of trying to find out just who is making the money, for if it is possible that our peculiar form of prosperity is building up two sharply contrasting classes in a country of free business endeavor it may not be the best thing after all. There are so many contrasts and contradictions in current comment on business conditions that it is almost impossible to strike a balance. For instance, if, as sometimes alleged, the small business man and the farmer are not making money, where do the bonds issued in the last few years find a final rest? It may be said they now lie for the most part in life insurance concerns and endowed institutions, and, temporarily at least, in "investment banks." If so, what of all this repeated assertion that since the Liberty bond issues the "people have become educated in bond buying?"

Turn to another phase of the problem. It is generally agreed that in manufacturing industries volume of output is larger and ratio of profits smaller. That competition was never as keen as it is to-day.

That foreign trade is increasing and that there are no surplus stocks on the shelves of domestic retailers. That wages in "protected" industries continue "high." And that for the three months' period of 1928 business as a whole, though recovering in some lines, shows a "slight" falling off and that unemployment has been approaching the point of menace. Who then is *now* "making money?" That "capital" increased tremendously during and after the war, and that this has been thrown into general trade and business is admitted. Also, no one doubts, this flow has developed resources never before exploited, augmenting volume. But what basic industries, though fostered by war-time dearth of materials and men, are now *keeping up the same ratio of advance* then attained? Is it iron and steel, is it textiles, is it building or lumber or cereals?

Again, is a people "prosperous" that does not and cannot save, and that sees immense forces at work in accumulation, little of which comes to the masses, supposing these things to be true? Offset this by the billions lodged in the savings banks, by the continued high wages of certain unionized workingmen, by the actual great volume of manufacturing. Further, contrast all this with the alleged condition of agriculture and small business. And then throw into the computation the vast sums spent by the "common man" for luxuries, unheard of, say, even ten years ago, together with the universal use of a vehicle anywhere from half to three-fourths of which is sheer pleasure. And what have you? Who is making the money and who has it? If the people can be said to "make" more, do they not spend more? And who, big or little, has actually "made money" until he has put it into permanent form, either in going business or physical improvement?

We have a fashion of going to the past for comparisons, to five and ten-year periods in unrelated times (for the "war changed everything"), and then projecting ourselves into the future. But to-day is an entirely new day. Suppose we are rich in "capital" (one thing to-day and another to-morrow), are we rich by the plethora of basic comforts, indispensable businesses, indestructible resources? New developments, of course, in mines and metals, in acreage employed, in housing structures and cultural and eleemosynary institutions, but are the homes, en masse, more enduringly comfortable, foods cheaper because more plentiful, clothing more lasting, and ready money more abundant? Is there a sense of satisfaction such as the well-to-do evinced before the war, or a strain to keep up "appearances," to get as much out of life as the neighbor, regardless of unequal abilities and wealth, to somehow, or somehow else, get rich quick, though to-morrow may see the "crash"?

In the nature of things, these statistical estimates and comparisons are largely worthless. Who is "making money" in the sober sense of the term, *now*? Well, there are some who are making fortunes on the Stock Exchange, or at least so far they are. There are others who are making millions by consolidations—and the manipulations of stock and bond issues, and others who are serving the popular desire for pleasure and entertainment. But how can the sober middle class firm or corporation be "making money" in the face of the spending of the people for luxuries that fade away and leave nothing behind, and in the face of high, unjust and discriminating taxes by nation, and excesses in taxation grow-

ing each year by States and municipalities? Is it to "make money" to thresh out a harvest of trade and leave only chaff behind? Is it to borrow collectively and be hard pressed individually? What is "making money" if not to save it?

There is a certain, though low, profit in needful service. This is comparatively equable through normal exchange. And the measure of "making money" is the general distribution of this service, not the flaming volume or earnings of the trade in luxuries. If the truth could be told, there are more men with their noses to the grindstone of legitimate trade to-day than there were twenty or even ten years ago. A people may multiply its industries and develop its resources out of all comparison to the past and still be poor because everlastingly in debt and flamboyant spenders. Nothing in this world, and certainly not "prosperity," is owned until it is paid for. Wealth does not consist in transient things but in permanent. Profits are upon current trade in the necessities, if they are to be taken as an index of "making money." Wages are insufficient proof of stable activity. The unemployed who make no noise are the ones who are to be reckoned with sometime. Yet the general making of money should not become a lost art.

Manchuria, the New Land of Promise in the Orient.

L'Europe Nouvelle, the French foreign affairs weekly, which makes a specialty of its accuracy, describes Manchuria as yesterday an unknown country, to-day world famous, with cities and ports known to everyone and great nations contending for its present and potential advantages which it recounts at length; and now Mrs. Marguerite Harrison, after her prolonged study of conditions in Russia and Siberia, in the course of which she suffered rough treatment and, if our memory serves, a year's severe imprisonment at the hands of the Soviet authorities, gives in her new book *Asia Reborn*, published by Harpers, three graphic chapters on "The Far Eastern Triangle," dealing with the Manchuria of to-day.

It is important for many reasons to know the possibilities. Traffic through the Canal and from the West Coast across the Pacific is steadily increasing and has assumed commercial importance well beyond what the Philippines offer. The Four-Power Pact resulting from the Washington Conference in Nov. 1921, guaranteed the integrity of territorial possessions in the Pacific, and the United States and Great Britain agreed not to construct any fortified bases west of Hawaii or north of Hongkong, respectively. It is quite worth while therefore to unfold the existing situation; and that quite apart from the present struggle between Japan and the Southern or National Chinese party.

With the conquest of Peking and the establishing of the Manchu dynasty in the 17th century Manchuria became part of the Chinese Empire. The Manchu dynasty fell in 1912 and the Republic was established. Meanwhile Russia had for more than half a century been extending her territory around and over north China, running a main branch of her Siberian railway across Manchuria to the Pacific and another lengthwise north and south to the gulf of Pechili and the China Sea, with broad land concessions along both lines. After her war with Rus-

sia, Japan in 1905 assumed Russia's place in Manchuria, with legitimized rights. Then followed extensive development. The East and West line carried the agricultural products of the rich district out through Vladivostock, and the other drained the rest of the country through Dalney and, with its new branches, through Korea. The European war brought the final changes. Japan came to see that her interest lay not in increase of territory but in increased economic facilities, which she proceeded at once to push both in Manchuria and far beyond in China, while Russia, threatened for a time with expulsion from Eastern Asia, forced the way open for her Soviet government to re-establish control of outer Mongolia surrounding northern Manchuria, and to maintain a foothold through the railways in the heart of the country.

Meanwhile Chang-Tso-lin, the Chinese representative, has been able by his personal force to play the rival powers one against the other while he extended his own control to Peking itself and the intermediate territory including further direct railway lines. The political future of Manchuria is of course uncertain, and is, like that of all China, largely in its own hands. In any case, it is in all probability to be assured of the protection of international law and in that of the economic prosperity of which, though as yet largely undeveloped, it has great promise. This is the immediate concern of its own people as well as of the commercial world. The fact is that in lieu of their ambition to go in and possess the land the Japanese are finding that their best interests are at home where progress is so great; and on the other hand, the Chinese in the neighbor provinces, driven out by the misery resulting from prolonged civil war, are flocking in great numbers into Manchuria where conditions are more inviting.

A glance at the resources of the country shows their extent. The three Manchurian provinces embrace 400,000 square miles. Of these the Japanese occupy 1,440, nearly all of which are on the Liaotung peninsula. Of the approximately twenty million hectares, or 50,000,000 acres, of arable land, only a little over one-half are under cultivation. The annual harvest of soya beans, the principal crop, was, in 1906, 600,000 tons; now it is nearly 4,000,000 tons. The Japanese have introduced modern agricultural methods and look for a million tons of cotton a year before long, and have high hopes of silk. They already own domestic animals in large numbers. In industry they have a half dozen cotton mills running upwards of a 100,000 spindles. They have factories of many kinds, but their oil and metal industries are far the most important. The output last year was of anthracite coal, 6,000,000 tons; of iron, 200,000 tons, which is to be doubled at once; of salt, 700,000 pounds, also soon to be doubled. Their investments in these represent 1,000 million yen, with 500 million more in their railway. They have rebuilt and almost doubled the length of the railway built by Russia. French capital has aided, and the line now includes 695 miles under Japanese control in the form of the powerful South Manchuria Company, having a capital of 400 million yen, half owned by the Japanese Government, and half by private individuals. The main line alone carried in 1925 nearly 10 million passengers.

Political relations complicate the railway situation. Soviet Russia still owns the Chinese East-

ern railway, though she runs it jointly with the Chinese authorities, but it gives her a strategic position should complications arise. Chang Tso-lin for the time controls the situation. He has long played fast and loose with the contesting powers, not hesitating to make, or break, relations with Russia, Japan and China in turn, as it served his purpose. In Peking recently he replied when the question was put to him in regard to Japan: "People pretend that the Japanese want to construct a lot of lines across Manchuria and exploit them. You may be sure they will only build as many as I please, for I am the sole master."

Japan's special interests are to all intents not military bases for territorial conquest, but simply material advantages already acquired by the 120,000 of her people resident there, with the safety of her heavy capital investments which secure her economic position. This embraces both the really vast available natural resources of the country and a new market for Japan's manufactured products. These both may also profitably appeal to other nations taking advantage of the now "open door" of the Orient. America's possible interest is represented in the proffered \$40,000,000 offered from New York as a loan to the South Manchurian railway which Chang Tso-lin's opposition is said to have defeated for fear of its being in the interest of Japan. The effort of the Allies in union with Japan at the end of the war to expel Russia from Siberia ended in their own withdrawal; and the Soviets occupy to-day the same position with relation to China that Russia did before. They have since bettered their situation and to-day have satisfactory treaties both with the Chinese Republic and the separatist Manchuria. Our French authority sums up the situation in Manchuria as "a complication that arises from the bad faith of all three parties," the Chinese Nationalists, the Soviets and the ruler of Manchuria, coupled with suspicion of Japan.

Mrs. Harrison's interesting and informative book carries the question into far wider fields. She follows the astute Marshal Chang Tso-lin to Peking and shows him successfully turning back General Feng and the Western army there as subsidized by Moscow, arresting the Soviet representative because of Russian interference with his troop trains, and establishing himself as Dictator with the complete independence of Manchuria. Renewed attempts at Soviet invasion were defeated with the support of Japan and the Marshal was soon able to push Feng's army back into Mongolia. He went so far as to warn the British that he would send his soldiers to resist them if they should attempt to recover by force their concession at Hankow, taken by the Nationalists. Japan's attitude is well established as one of strict non-intervention, leaving Manchuria entirely free. The American policy of good-will toward a united China with a fraternal position is gaining general recognition, though on China's own part there is much yet to be done to sustain it. The peasants of China, who constitute three-fourths of the population and the backbone of the nation, live in such complete isolation that settled national lines of action are slow of realization. Mass education, however, is under way and new means of inter-communication are arising. The merchant class, who play a large part in the national life, are laying economic foundations for a

greater China; and while the future of this great people is still very unsettled, there is no doubt of its importance to the world at large.

In that future Manchuria, because of her strategic position, will have an important function and under existing conditions is an inviting field. Soviet Russia has turned her face definitely to the East, and while Bolshevist Communism finds little

acceptance and what Mrs. Harrison terms the mystic faith of Lenin strikes deep roots in all Oriental minds, the spreading of material progress has created new needs and new desires foreshadowing the development of capitalism and the new international relations of which commerce is the strong support. It will have its opportunity for promoting the peace as well as the prosperity of the world.

Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Month of March

Our compilation of the earnings of United States railroads for the month of March does not bear out the favorable expectations engendered by the exhibit for the month preceding, though this previous month had the advantage of an extra working day, 1928 being a leap year and February therefore having contained 29 days as against 28 days in 1927. Accordingly, the decrease as compared with a year ago in the gross for that month was relatively small, while in the net actually a slight increase appeared. For the month of March our tabulations now show quite a substantial loss in gross, and a decrease likewise in the net earnings, notwithstanding that operating expenses were heavily cut. In brief, the total of the gross falls \$26,410,659 below that for the same month last year (a decrease of not quite 5%), and this was met by a reduction in expenses in amount of \$22,376,392, or 5.66%, leaving consequently a loss in the net (before the reduction of the taxes) of \$4,034,267 or 2.96%. The comparative totals for the two years are shown in the following:

Month of March—	1928.	1927.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
Miles of road (184 roads).....	239,649	238,729	+920	0.38
Gross earnings.....	\$504,233,099	\$530,643,758	-\$26,410,659	4.98
Operating expenses.....	372,392,824	394,769,216	-22,376,392	5.66
Ratio of expenses to earnings...	73.85%	74.40%	-0.55%	
Net earnings.....	\$131,840,275	\$135,874,542	-\$4,034,267	2.96

The reason for the unfavorable showing here disclosed lies on the surface. It is due very largely to a single cause, which will not be operative in subsequent months, and which hence loses its significance as bearing on the character of the returns for the immediate future. We refer to the fact that in March last year the coal tonnage all over the country was of unusual and even of extraordinary dimensions, while on the other hand, the present year it was on a relatively small scale, making a very sharp contrast between the two years in that respect. Inasmuch as nearly every railroad of any importance carries a larger or smaller amount of coal, the influence was a common one throughout the whole railroad system of the country, and was an influence of great moment in the case of the distinctively coal carrying systems and in the case of the great East and West trunk lines serving the manufacturing and coal mining regions of the Middle and Middle Western States.

The reason why the coal traffic was so exceptionally heavy in March last year was the fact that it was the month immediately preceding the inauguration on April 1 of the coal strike at all the union-controlled bituminous mines; in preparation for that strike with the general suspension of mining in the soft coal mines feverish energy was displayed in getting out all the coal possible, and a ready market was found for every ton that could be mined, since everyone was engaged in stocking up with coal to be prepared for the contingency referred to—railroads, dealers and consumers alike all enlarged

their supplies for the occasion. The present year, on the other hand, shipment and mining of coal were at a minimum for the two-fold reason that the winter nearly everywhere was extremely mild, thereby reducing the quantity of fuel needed for heating purposes, and that outside of the steel industry industrial activity was not up to the usual state of activity, consequently reducing the need of coal for manufacturing purposes. In addition many dealers and consumers of coal had not yet entirely worked off the excessive supplies of coal accumulated in 1927 against the possibility of a famine in coal by reason of the suspension of mining in the regions where the miners' union held sway—a famine which never developed since the non-union mines were able to produce coal in sufficient quantities to supply all current needs.

The statistics of coal production for the month during the last three years, reveal the situation in that particular with great clearness. In March, 1926, the production of bituminous coal in the United States had been 45,744,000 tons; in March, 1927, the quantity mined ran up to 60,147,000 tons, by reason of the circumstances mentioned, the addition, it will be seen, having been almost 33%. In March the present year the production dropped to 43,955,000 tons, the loss from a year ago thus being over 16,000,000 tons and it is easy to see what effect this loss of 16,000,000 tons had in reducing the gross revenues of the railroads. It happens, too, that the production of Pennsylvania anthracite also showed quite a decrease the present year in addition to the very heavy decrease in March 1927 as compared with March 1926, in which latter year the production of hard coal was of unusual magnitude, since it marked the resumption of mining in the anthracite regions after a complete suspension of anthracite mining for a period of almost six months. In March 1926 the anthracite product was 8,732,000 tons. From this there was a drop to 6,098,000 tons in March 1927 and a further drop to only 5,497,000 tons in March the present year.

The big contraction in the coal traffic played its part in reducing the revenues of the roads, but was by no means the only adverse factor the rail carriers had to contend against. General trade and business the present year was hardly anywhere of full volume, outside of the steel trade and the automobile industry, and this involved a loss of some merchandise and general traffic. Furthermore, the South still appears to be suffering from the trade depression and setback encountered a year ago, while in the Southwest last season's shortage, in both the cotton crop and the grain crop, is still a potent factor in reducing the traffic and earnings of some of the most important systems traversing that part of the country. The 1926 cotton crop in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Northern Texas was of

quite unusual size, while the 1927 cotton production in the same States was decidedly short.

As against the numerous adverse influences just narrated, there was one conspicuous favorable influence of large moment, namely, the large spring wheat crop raised last year in the Northwest. This served not only to swell the grain traffic in that part of the country, but quickened trade everywhere in the same sections of the country by reason of the increased purchasing power of the communities populating the States referred to.

As we proceed South, however, in the western half of the country, the character of the returns changes and losses dominate the situation. The Atchison, Top. & Santa Fe is a conspicuous case in point, having suffered \$2,241,604 decrease in gross and \$1,679,802 decrease in net, of which \$1,037,610 decrease in gross and \$447,111 decrease in net is found in the Texas lines of the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe.

In the South cumulative losses are still the rule, by which we mean that decreases the present year follow the very heavy decreases suffered in March of last year. This is particularly true of the rail-

road systems serving the South Atlantic seaboard—that is, those located in Florida or connecting with the same. The Atlantic Coast Line finds itself especially hard hit in that respect and reports \$915,178 decrease in gross and \$240,504 decrease in net in March the present year in addition to \$1,968,606 decrease in gross and \$1,513,437 decrease in net in March last year.

The Eastern trunk lines and coal carrying roads all show heavy losses in earnings and the reason for this is found of course in the great shrinkage in the coal traffic and in some instances likewise no doubt in some contraction in merchandise and general freight, owing to the flagging state of trade and business. The Pennsylvania Railroad falls \$6,447,684 behind in gross and \$1,802,239 behind in the net; the Balt. & Ohio \$2,685,015 in gross and \$1,586,176 in net.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1928.

Table with columns: Increase, Decrease, and various railroad names with their corresponding earnings changes for March 1928.

Decreases.		Decreases.	
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie...	\$298,632	Missouri Pacific Co.....	\$145,895
Pere Marquette.....	292,379	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	130,040
Delaware & Hudson.....	288,857	Internat'l Great North....	129,309
Buffalo Rochester & Pitts	256,296	Yazoo & Miss Valley.....	126,941
Maine Central.....	243,714	Central of Georgia.....	125,686
Southern Railway Co.....	243,490	Long Island.....	119,021
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	223,457	West Jersey & Seashore..	118,242
N Y Chicago & St Louis..	198,816	Bangor & Aroostook.....	116,932
Chicago & Alton.....	184,382	Evansv Ind & Terre H'te	108,922
Central Vermont.....	172,990	Richmond Fred & Potom	104,973
Central of New Jersey....	171,399	Elgin Joliet & Eastern....	104,335
Monongahela.....	153,835		
Union.....	148,823	Total (61 roads).....	\$31,275,928
Pitts & West Virginia....	148,598		

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is a decrease of \$2,581,911.

b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System; the result is a decrease of \$443,050.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1928.

Increase.		Decrease	
Chicago Milw St P & Pac	\$2,154,733	Baltimore & Ohio.....	\$1,586,176
Northern Pacific.....	956,428	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	888,098
Union Pacific (4).....	717,093	Virginian.....	568,734
Erie (3).....	586,252	Norfolk & Western.....	561,531
Texas & Pacific.....	519,091	Reading.....	459,766
Chicago Burl & Quincy..	467,983	New York Central.....	459,059
Southern Pacific (2)....	460,921	Clev Chic & St L.....	453,349
Southern Railway Co....	338,679	New York Chic & St L....	342,234
Great Northern.....	270,714	Hocking Valley.....	248,573
Louisville & Nashville..	235,269	Atlantic Coast Line.....	240,504
Long Island.....	178,430	Bessemer & Lake Erie....	238,957
Del Lack & Western.....	170,268	Central Vermont.....	231,564
Minneapolis & St Louis..	147,699	Pere Marquette.....	224,656
Kansas Okla & Gulf.....	122,896	Wheeling & Lake Erie..	190,595
Minn St Paul & S S Marie	116,530	Los Angeles & Salt Lake.	168,973
Duluth Missabe & Nor..	106,836	Monongahela.....	142,214
Wabash.....	103,004	Missouri-Kansas-Texas	136,773
Illinois Central.....		Clev Chic & St L.....	131,093
		Yazoo & Miss Valley.....	125,593
Total (25 roads).....	\$8,002,186	Western Pacific.....	120,844
		Chicago & Alton.....	118,538
		Florida East Coast.....	101,010
		Mobile & Ohio.....	
Pennsylvania.....	\$1,802,239		
Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)..	1,679,802	Total (26 roads).....	\$11,220,875

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is a decrease of \$865,053.

b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System; the result is an increase of \$315,429.

It must not be supposed that, speaking of the railroad systems of the country as a whole, the loss in gross and in net shown at the outset of this article follows large gains in March of last year. Such an inference might be encouraged from what we have said above regarding the magnitude of the coal traffic in March of last year. The roads and systems favored by this heavy coal traffic did register large gains in 1927 as a result, but as an offset to this many other roads suffered decreases—some very heavy in amount. We have already shown that that was the case with the different Southern roads and many other roads likewise suffered decreases then—the anthracite carriers for instance, which were then comparing with the very heavy anthracite tonnage accruing in their favor in March 1926, when mining in the anthracite regions was pushed with the utmost vigor following a strike period of nearly six months during which not a ton of anthracite was mined. Several of the Western transcontinental lines also made poor returns at that time, the unfavorable influences there having been the short spring wheat crop of the previous season and the comparatively low level of farm values, though on the other hand, Southwestern roads at that time were benefited by the large cotton crop and the oil developments in the Southwest.

Altogether, the result was that our grand totals then showed only relatively trifling changes, namely, \$432,616 increase in gross (a mere fraction of 1%) and \$1,627,348 increase in net, or 1.21%. On the other hand, in March 1926 the showing was strikingly good with noteworthy improvement in gross and net alike. Our compilations for March 1926 recorded \$43,668,624 gain in gross, or 8.99%, and \$24,561,652 gain in net, or 22½%. The fact is to be borne in mind, however, that these gains in March 1926 followed losses in both of the years immediately preceding. Thus for March 1925 our statement registered \$18,864,833 decrease in gross and \$5,447,665 decrease in net, while for March 1924

the loss in the gross reached no less than \$30,628,340, though the loss in the net was no more than \$2,514,076, owing to the reductions in expenses, reflecting growing efficiency of operations. This growing efficiency in operation has continued ever since. And the further back we go the more striking the record becomes in that respect—barring 1923, when weather conditions were extremely unfavorable and a gain of \$59,806,190 in gross brought with it an addition of only \$3,419,324 to net earnings—which last, however, was the reverse of what happened in 1922, when a gain of \$16,059,426 in gross was attended by a reduction of \$38,577,773 in expenses, yielding \$54,637,199 gain in net, and the reverse also of what happened in 1921, when though the gross revenues showed a decrease of \$1,483,390, the net recorded an improvement of \$18,656,316. All this merely indicates that as the country got further and further away from the period of Government control of the railroads, with its lavish and extravagant administration, railroad managers once more succeeded in obtaining control over the expenditures of the roads and were able to effect important economies and savings.

Weather conditions are not, as a rule, a great drawback to railroad operations in March (January and February being the bad winter months) and the weather was not an adverse influence anywhere. In 1927 likewise the weather did not exert any serious adverse influence except in several of the Rocky Mountain States, more particularly in Colorado and Wyoming, where repeated snowstorms occurred all through the winter months of 1927, making railroad operations difficult, and where even towards the middle of April an unusually severe spring blizzard was encountered, seriously interrupting traffic. The latter extended also into South Dakota and into western and northwestern Nebraska. In 1926, too, the winter for the country as a whole did not interfere with railroad operations to any great extent, though temperatures then were low and the season backward, whereas in March 1925 the reverse was true, the weather then being mild and the season far in advance of the ordinary. In 1924 the weather was also mild and the roads suffered no setback on that account. Back in 1923, on the other hand, weather conditions in March were extremely unfavorable. Moreover, in 1923, the winter was very severe, also in January and February, with heavy snows, making the adverse effects cumulative and entailing outlays of great magnitude on that account. In discussing the severity of the winter weather in our review of March 1923 we pointed out that in nearly the whole of the northern half of the country quite unusual weather conditions had prevailed. Here in the East in the last week of the month the Weather Bureau in this city on several days reported the lowest March temperature records during its existence. And the cold persisted right up to the close of the month. On the night of March 31-April 1, the latter being Easter, the official thermometer registered a temperature of as low as 12 degrees above zero. Previously the temperature in this city on March 31 had never been below 25. Furthermore, dispatches from Washington, D. C., in that year reported the coldest 1st of April ever experienced at many points east of the Mississippi River, with the mercury in Washington down to 15 degrees, 7 degrees under the record set April 19 1875, and lower than ever registered after March

21 in any year since the establishment of the Washington Weather Bureau in 1870. But the cold in 1923 was not so much of a drawback as the snowfalls and the snow blockades. Added to the numerous snowstorms in February, which had then so seriously increased operating costs, more particularly in New England and northern New York, there were, in 1923, other snowstorms during March, some of these in the West attaining the dimensions of blizzards. The result was that virtually everywhere outside of the South operating costs were heavily augmented. It was because of this that out of \$59,806,190 increase in gross earnings in March 1923, \$56,386,866, as already stated, was eaten up by augmented expenses, leaving only \$3,419,324 increase in the net.

It has already been noted that the loss in the net in 1925 and 1924 came after four successive years of increase. On the other hand, prior to 1920, March net had been steadily dwindling for a long period past, until the amount had got down to very small proportions. For instance, in March 1919 there was a loss in net of no less than \$52,414,969 in face of an increase of \$10,676,415 in the gross earnings, and furthermore, March 1919 was the third successive year in which the March expenses had risen to such an extent as to wipe out the gains in gross receipts—hence producing a cumulative loss in net. In the following we give the March totals back to 1906. For 1911, 1910 and 1909 we use the Inter-State Commerce figures, which then were slightly more comprehensive than our own (though they are so no longer), but for preceding years, before the Commerce Commission had any comparative totals of its own, we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals in these earlier years, owing to the refusal of some of the roads then to give out monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Mar 1906	129,838,708	116,861,229	+12,977,479	40,349,748	35,312,906	+5,036,842
1907	141,502,502	128,600,109	+12,902,393	40,967,927	40,904,113	+63,814
1908	141,193,819	162,725,500	-21,531,681	39,328,528	45,872,154	-6,543,631
1909	205,700,013	183,509,935	+22,190,078	69,613,713	55,309,871	+14,303,842
1910	238,725,772	205,838,832	+32,887,440	78,322,811	69,658,705	+8,664,106
1911	227,564,915	238,829,705	-11,264,790	69,209,357	78,377,486	-9,148,129
1912	237,564,332	224,608,654	+12,955,678	69,038,987	68,190,493	+848,494
1913	249,230,551	238,634,712	+10,595,839	64,893,146	69,168,291	-4,275,145
1914	250,174,257	249,514,091	+660,166	67,993,951	64,889,423	+3,104,528
1915	238,157,881	253,352,099	-15,194,218	68,452,432	67,452,083	+1,000,350
1916	296,830,406	238,098,843	+58,731,563	97,771,690	68,392,963	+29,378,627
1917	321,317,560	294,068,345	+27,249,215	88,807,466	96,718,706	-7,911,240
1918	362,731,238	312,276,881	+50,454,357	82,561,336	87,309,806	-4,748,470
1919	375,772,750	365,096,335	+10,676,415	29,596,482	82,011,451	-52,414,969
1920	408,582,467	347,090,277	+61,492,190	40,872,775	27,202,867	+13,669,908
1921	456,978,940	458,462,330	-1,483,390	58,538,958	39,882,602	+18,656,316
1922	473,433,886	457,374,460	+16,059,426	113,468,843	58,831,644	+54,637,199
1923	533,553,199	473,747,009	+59,806,190	117,117,122	113,697,798	+3,419,324
1924	504,016,114	534,644,454	-30,618,340	114,754,514	117,668,590	-2,914,076
1925	485,498,143	504,362,976	-18,864,833	109,230,085	114,677,751	-5,447,665
1926	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	133,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652
1927	529,899,898	529,467,282	+432,616	135,691,649	134,064,291	+1,627,358
1928	504,233,099	530,643,758	-26,410,659	131,840,275	135,874,542	-4,034,267

Note.—Includes for March 96 roads in 1906; 94 in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 152,058 miles of road; in 1909, 233,702; in 1910, 239,691; in 1911, 244,081; in 1912, 238,218; in 1913, 240,510; in 1914, 245,200; in 1915, 246,848; in 1916, 247,363; in 1917, 248,185; in 1918, 250,336; in 1919, 226,076; in 1920, 206,319; in 1921, 234,832; in 1922, 234,986; in 1923, 235,424; in 1924, 235,715; in 1925, 236,559; in 1926, 236,774; in 1927, 237,804; in 1928, 239,649.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions according to their location, the results are what might be expected in view of the conflicting character of the influences at work with the unfavorable features that predominated. In other words, in the case of both the Eastern and the Southern districts as well as the different regions in both, gross earnings record general decline and the same is true of the net earnings in all these different regions except that the Southern region shows a trifling increase. In the case of the Western district, the result for the different regions is a very

notable gain in gross and net alike in the Northwestern region, but a decrease in both for the Central Western region and the Southwestern region. Our summary by groups is as follows. As previously explained we now arrange the groups to conform with the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The boundaries of the different groups and regions are indicated in the foot-note to the table:

District and Region— Month of March—	Gross Earnings			Net Earnings		
	1928.	1927.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	1928.	1927.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
Eastern District—						
New England Region (10 roads).....	22,141,977	23,636,158	-1,494,181	6,332	4,632	1,700
Great Lakes Region (34 roads).....	91,801,207	96,265,100	-4,463,893	4,632	4,632	0
Central Eastern Region (31 roads).....	110,928,179	124,484,774	-13,556,595	10,899	10,899	0
Total (75 roads).....	224,871,363	244,386,032	-19,514,669	7,863	7,863	0
Southern District—						
Southern Region (31 roads).....	71,233,294	74,445,743	-3,212,449	4,31	4,31	0
Pocahontas Region (4 roads).....	21,505,816	24,779,553	-3,273,737	13,22	13,22	0
Total (35 roads).....	92,739,110	99,225,296	-6,486,186	6,54	6,54	0
Western District—						
Northwestern Region (18 roads).....	57,373,178	54,203,490	+3,169,688	5,86	5,86	0
Central Western Region (23 roads).....	82,476,255	83,550,995	-1,074,740	1,29	1,29	0
Southwestern Region (33 roads).....	46,773,193	49,277,945	-2,504,752	5,08	5,08	0
Total (74 roads).....	186,622,626	187,032,430	-409,804	0,22	0,22	0
Total all districts (184 roads).....	504,233,099	530,643,758	-26,410,659	4,98	4,98	0
District and Region— March—						
Eastern District—						
New England Region 7,317 7,373	5,894,722	6,473,300	-578,578	8,94	8,94	0
Great Lakes Region 24,888 24,953	22,428,288	22,741,726	-313,438	1,38	1,38	0
Cent. East. Region 27,198 27,137	26,657,204	31,768,255	-5,111,051	16,09	16,09	0
Total (75 roads).....	59,403	59,463	54,980,214	60,983,281	-6,003,067	9,85
Southern District—						
Southern Region 40,024 39,538	19,943,375	19,738,181	+205,194	1,03	1,03	0
Pocahontas Region 5,622 5,617	7,006,077	9,088,469	-2,082,392	22,91	22,91	0
Total (35 roads).....	45,646	45,155	26,949,452	28,826,650	-1,777,198	6,51
Western District—						
Northwestern Region 48,665 48,509	14,515,712	10,357,930	+4,157,782	40,14	40,14	0
Cent. West. Region 51,409 51,386	23,118,253	23,410,797	-292,544	1,25	1,25	0
Southwestern Region 34,526 34,216	12,276,644	12,295,884	-19,240	0,16	0,16	0
Total (74 roads).....	134,600	134,111	49,910,609	46,064,611	+3,845,998	8,35
Total all districts (184 roads).....	239,649	238,729	131,840,275	135,874,542	-4,034,267	2,96

NOTE.—We have changed our grouping of the roads to conform to the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the following indicates the confines of the different groups and regions:

EASTERN DISTRICT.

New England Region.—This region comprises the New England States.
Great Lakes Region.—This region comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York.
Central Eastern Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Pocahontas Region.—This region comprises the section north of the southern boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to Parkersburg, W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth.
Southern Region.—This region comprises the section east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence following the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Northwestern Region.—This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific.
Central Western Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Northwestern region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by Mexican boundary to the Pacific
Southwestern Region.—This region comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico.

Western roads, taking them collectively, enjoyed a much larger grain traffic in March the present year than last year. Not alone was the volume of wheat and of corn moved much heavier, owing to the large spring wheat and corn crops, but all the different cereals, without exception, contributed to the increase. The receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets for the five weeks ending March 31 were 29,205,000 bushels, against 21,012,000 bushels in March 1927, the gain here being largely at the spring wheat points, Minneapolis, Duluth and Omaha; the receipts of corn, 47,955,000 bushels against 21,426,000; the receipts of oats 15,238,000 bushels, against 11,282,000; of barley, 5,623,000 bushels, against 2,439,000, and of rye, 1,724,000, against 1,677,000 bushels. For the five cereals combined, the receipts aggregated 99,745,000 bushels in the five weeks of 1928, as compared with 57,836,000

bushels in 1927. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are given in the table we now present:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.						
5 Wks. Ended Mar. 31.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley. (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)
Chicago—						
1928	1,212,000	2,416,000	16,748,000	5,414,000	831,000	246,000
1927	1,227,000	1,699,000	8,742,000	3,917,000	570,000	126,000
Milwaukee—						
1928	195,000	150,000	2,524,000	425,000	1,189,000	102,000
1927	163,000	176,000	2,737,000	815,000	771,000	122,000
St. Louis—						
1928	620,000	2,864,000	5,762,000	1,952,000	121,000	7,000
1927	609,000	2,037,000	1,960,000	1,886,000	12,000	95,000
Toledo—						
1928	-----	411,000	176,000	255,000	5,000	6,000
1927	-----	1,136,000	365,000	444,000	3,000	29,000
Detroit—						
1928	-----	154,000	201,000	136,000	-----	30,000
1927	-----	207,000	218,000	72,000	-----	52,000
Peoria—						
1928	401,000	144,000	2,944,000	1,229,000	278,000	5,000
1927	336,000	78,000	2,290,000	908,000	175,000	17,000
Duluth—						
1928	-----	4,474,000	96,000	80,000	682,000	890,000
1927	-----	2,609,000	2,000	80,000	82,000	1,050,000
Minneapolis—						
1928	-----	10,281,000	1,605,000	2,329,000	2,504,000	437,000
1927	-----	5,989,000	797,000	1,108,000	824,000	188,000
Kansas City—						
1928	-----	4,091,000	6,848,000	400,000	-----	-----
1927	-----	3,774,000	979,000	287,000	-----	-----
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1928	-----	1,884,000	7,845,000	2,398,000	-----	-----
1927	-----	1,298,000	4,309,000	1,315,000	-----	-----
Stout City—						
1928	-----	103,000	1,333,000	422,000	8,000	-----
1927	-----	136,000	307,000	262,000	2,000	-----
St. Joseph—						
1928	-----	738,000	1,573,000	186,000	5,000	1,000
1927	-----	573,000	674,000	138,000	-----	-----
Wichita—						
1928	-----	1,495,000	300,000	12,000	-----	-----
1927	-----	1,300,000	46,000	50,000	-----	-----
Total All—						
1928	2,428,000	29,205,000	47,955,000	15,238,000	5,623,000	1,724,000
1927	2,335,000	21,012,000	21,426,000	11,282,000	2,439,000	1,677,000

The Western livestock movement, on the other hand, was on a somewhat reduced scale. At Chicago the receipts in March comprised 19,804 carloads, as against 20,707 carloads in the month last year; at Kansas City, 7,042 cars, against 7,759 cars, and at Omaha, 8,920 carloads, against 8,803 cars.

As to the cotton movement in the South, this was on a greatly reduced scale, owing to the much smaller crop of the staple. Gross shipments overland aggregated only 80,532 bales, as against 122,323 bales in 1927, 77,256 bales in 1926, 143,979 bales in 1925, and 76,701 bales in March 1924. Receipts of the staple at the Southern outports (where the size of the crop is most clearly indicated) were only 333,456 bales in March 1928 against 893,604 bales in March 1927 and 495,262 bales in March 1926, as will appear from the following table:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN MARCH AND SINCE JAN. 1 TO MARCH 31 1928, 1927 AND 1926.

Ports.	March.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Galveston	101,435	230,117	123,359	403,557	749,604	556,371
Texas City, &c.	65,096	231,890	101,136	293,867	803,875	390,959
New Orleans	77,513	225,372	143,547	314,318	675,572	495,388
Mobile	12,067	22,804	11,891	35,934	66,979	84,802
Pensacola, &c.	1,063	444	556	1,311	1,718	1,138
Savannah	35,674	87,469	63,787	83,783	240,480	150,986
Charleston	11,522	53,435	25,796	37,391	116,483	79,159
Wilmington	18,170	14,645	7,670	30,654	38,384	22,750
Norfolk	10,916	27,417	17,520	28,544	90,454	66,874
Total	333,456	893,604	495,262	1,229,359	2,784,549	1,798,427

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, May 11, 1928.

With warmer weather at times at the West trade has been benefitted. Chicago has had 78 degrees, Cincinnati 76, and Cleveland 84 degrees, while New York of late has been as high as 74, and Philadelphia 76. Retail trade has been larger. The best showing recently has been in automobile building and steel industries, though of late the demand for steel has on the whole been less active. It is significant however, that the best support of the steel trade is the demand from the automobile trade. The weather has been better for building. With good weather business in general will no doubt improve. It is too cold at the south. Most of the agricultural commodities are believed to be on a paying basis, with No. 2 red wheat here as high as \$2.13 and corn well above \$1. Cotton is 6 cents higher than a year ago. Wheat has declined some 3 to 4 cents during the week, owing to beneficial rains and also because of a weakened technical position. The government report put the winter wheat crop at close to 480,000,000 bushels, against 552,384,000 bushels harvested last year. To-day there were export sales of 1,000,000 bushels which included some American durum wheat for Italy, Manitoba being taken by Portugal and Spain. Rye on the other hand has advanced noticeably with the Government report unfavorable and more or less export demand also to brace the price. The crop is estimated at nearly 20,000,000 bushels smaller than that of a year ago, the present outlook being for 39,400,000 bushels. It looks as though Europe would have to buy American rye more freely, and may also have to take American oats on a not unimportant scale. This grain has advanced slightly and there is understood to be more or less export inquiry. It is regrettable that frost threatens in the Northwest to-night and this may halt field work for a time. But the technical position of wheat after very heavy recent liquidation is plainly better, and the tone of most of the other grain markets to-day was firmer.

Cotton has advanced during the week about $\frac{3}{4}$ c owing to continued drought in Western Texas and cold weather all over the belt giving rise to renewed fears of an inadequate crop this year. There is yet time to recover the lost ground, but it seems clear enough that the weather for some time to come must be more than ordinarily favorable to bring this about. To-day significantly enough, European interests were trying to secure firm cotton offers for shipment of the new crop from October to June. Exports of cotton from this country still lag far behind those of a year ago, but

it would seem that between now and the close of the season on August 1st the efflux of cotton from American ports must increase unless there is a very marked change for the better in the general crop outlook. A sort of Achilles heel in the cotton situation is the dullness in some branches of the cotton goods industry, although we are told that the sales of standard cotton cloths in April were 117% of the output and that the unfilled orders at the end of April were 22% larger than at the beginning of that month. But there is complaint about current prices for cotton goods; the margin of profit is too small it is said, and there are even hints that sales are made at a loss. In Manchester trade is quiet, with East Indian bids unsatisfactory and the situation in China disturbed by the clash with Japan.

The lead just now in general trade in this country is in the automobile industry. Automobile exports in March broke all records. At Detroit employment is up to 253,800 a gain for the week of 445 while the total is 28,475 larger than a year ago, and 8,300 larger than at this time in 1926. In other words the total is at a new peak in this industry. But as regards building permits for four months of the present year they are the smallest in five years. The sales by chain stores in April showed an increase of 7%, as against an increase of 22.5% in March. The increase for four months of this year over the same period last year however, is 15%. In mail orders there was a decrease in April compared with the same month last year of 1.3%, but for four months there is an increase over the like period of 1927 of 3.6%. Chain and mail order stores combined increased their sales in April $4\frac{1}{2}$ % per cent over the same month last year and for four months there is an increase of 11.4%. In department stores there was a decrease in April of over 8%, while for three months of this year there is an increase of $1\frac{1}{2}$ %. Wholesale trade makes a less favorable showing than it did in the first two months of the year. As a rule there was a decrease in wholesale trade last year compared with the previous year. For three months of the present year there is a decrease compared with the like period last year of .6 of 1%. In other words trade in general has been more or less affected by bad weather. Increases in chain and mail order stores are not nearly so large as they were in the first three months of the year. Wholesale and jobbing trade in general for the past week has not made a good showing. There is a somewhat larger mining of soft coal, but the April output of only 32,200,000 tons was 7% smaller than in the same

month last year, when the union mines were idle because of the strike. Steel as already intimated, does not make so good a showing as it did at one time earlier in the year, although curiously enough the output in April showed the highest daily average on record. Unfilled steel orders of the U. S. Steel Corp. reveal a decrease in April of 463,073 tons although they were still 416,000 tons larger than in the same month last year. During the week most commodities have shown little or no change in prices; a few have declined, but about the same number have advanced. There is said to be a better trade in woolen goods and worsteds both wholesale and jobbing going on than there was a year ago. And the sales of such building materials as brick and cement are larger than at this time last year.

Sugar has declined somewhat for future delivery, though it ends a shade higher on prompt Cuban. The Cuban statistical situation is believed to be better, but the sale of the refined product is slow, with more or less reselling at under refiners' prices. Coffee has advanced sharply, showing, not for the first time by any means, that the Defence Committee at Brazil has the situation well in hand, whatever may be intimated from time to time to the contrary and whatever may be said as to the soundness of its economic position in the long run. Brazilian crop estimates have been reduced and Brazilian and Boston buying has had a noticeable effect, while the daily receipts have been cut. But taking general trade the country over, the truth is that what it needs as much as anything is clear bright warm spring weather and that is something that no part of the country has had thus far for any length of time.

Stocks continued their historic activity and prices to-day were sharply higher on the majority of issues as the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York remained unchanged, call money was still $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ and foreign exchange firm, with sterling up 3-16d. Cotton advanced noticeably and the grain markets also showed an advance for the day, with a better export demand. Industrial issues were conspicuously firm and Radio was up $7\frac{1}{2}\%$. Japanese bonds rallied sharply following the Japanese victory in China and the bond market in general was better. Japanese exchange and securities declined sharply here on the 9th inst. owing to the clash between Chinese and Japanese troops.

At Fall River, Mass. on May 7 after a shutdown of three weeks, the Arkwright Mills resumed operations and are running 85% of capacity. The weaving department was running in full. Fall River fine goods workers have not joined the strikers of New Bedford despite the efforts of the latter to bring this about. At Warren, Mass., the Parker Mill resumed operations on the 7th in accordance with arrangements made at a conference last week between union members and mill officials. It is running at 50% three days a week. New Bedford, Mass. reports a possibility of amalgamation of American Federation of Textile operatives with United Textile Workers of the World. This move might result in New Bedford strikers spreading to Fall River and other New England textile cities. At Nashua, N. H. on May 10 the Nashua Manufacturing Co.'s Jackson mill was closed down until June 4. The Jackson Mill has been on a curtailed schedule. About 500 operatives are employed. The Nashua Manufacturing Co. and other local mills have not cut wages. With some exceptions New Hampshire cotton mills continue to operate on a curtailed schedule. They have done so for the past four or five years. Conditions, in both the cotton and woolen industry are termed very spotty. At Greenville, S. C. mills report that inquiries for goods have been more numerous during the past week, but that few sales have been made because buyers have not raised their bids to a parity with the advance during the past two weeks in raw cotton. Chattanooga, Tenn. wired that textile mills are running on full time and production is about equal to that of a year ago.

F. W. Woolworth & Co's. sales for April were \$21,936,947, an increase of 1.8% over April, 1927. Sales for the first four months of this year were \$79,883,256, an increase of 5.8% over the corresponding period last year.

The weather here was cooler early in the week, after the high recent temperatures. On May 7th New York was 44 59 as against as high as 77 last week. Boston was 48 to 52; Montreal 48 to 54; Chicago 48 to 52; Cincinnati 56 to 62; Milwaukee 46 to 52; Kansas City 72 to 74; Minneapolis 68 to 72. On the 8th inst. New York had 47 to 61 degrees, Boston 48 to 56, Chicago 70 to 72, Cincinnati 64 to 68, Kansas City 80 to 84 and Minneapolis, curiously enough, 78 to 80. This afternoon it has been raining but at 3 P.M. it was

70, as against 58 at A.M. The forecast was for cloudy and cooler weather here on Saturday and fair and cool on Sunday. Within 24 hours Boston was 46 to 60; Chicago 54 to 78; Cincinnati 62 to 86; Cleveland 52 to 84; Kansas City 52 to 88; Milwaukee 54 to 70, Philadelphia 56 to 76 and St. Paul 46 to 70. The range at New York was 56 to 74. In North Dakota frost was predicted for tonight. It is strange weather apparently the world over. It was 49 to 50 minimum in parts of the South. There was snow in Berlin.

Monthly Indexes of Department of Commerce—Gain in Production of Raw Material in March as Compared with Previous Month.

According to the Department of Commerce the production of raw materials in March was greater than in February but somewhat lower than in March of last year, declines from a year ago being registered in the output of minerals and the marketing of crops, other groups increasing. In presenting the indexes of production, stocks and unfilled orders under date of May 2, the Department adds:

Manufacturing production showed a gain over the preceding month, but was slightly lower than a year ago, after adjustments for working time differences. The unadjusted indexes showed gains over the previous month in all groups except textiles, which showed no change. As compared with a year ago, all groups showed smaller output except foodstuffs, iron and steel, lumber and tobacco products, which increased, and leather, which was unchanged.

Commodity Stocks.

Stocks of commodities held at the end of March, after adjustment for seasonal conditions, were lower than at the end of the preceding month but slightly higher than a year ago declines from the preceding month were registered in all groups except manufactured foodstuffs, which increased. As compared with a year ago, stocks of raw materials, both food and other, were held in smaller quantities, while manufactured foodstuffs and other manufactured commodities showed gains.

Unfilled Orders.

Unfilled orders for manufactured commodities at the end of March were lower than at the end of either the previous month or March of last year. Unfilled orders for iron and steel showed no appreciable change from the preceding month but were higher than a year ago, all other groups declining from both prior periods.

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

	Feb. 1928.	Mar. 1928.	Mar. 1927.
<i>Production (Index Numbers: 1919=100).</i>			
Raw materials: Total	106	111	113
Minerals	124	134	132
Animal products	113	123	118
Crops	93	92	93
Forestry	109	117	112
Manufacturing, grand total (adjusted)	130	134	136
Total (unadjusted)	125	139	141
Foodstuffs	119	129	110
Textiles	112	112	133
Iron and steel	133	152	150
Other metals	144	163	170
Lumber	135	145	138
Leather	89	98	98
Paper and printing	98	105	116
Chemicals and oils	176	189	190
Stone and clay products	99	117	138
Tobacco	116	128	127
Automobiles*	197	251	261
Miscellaneous	127	154	159
<i>Commodity Stocks (Index Numbers: 1923-1925=100).</i>			
<i>(Unadjusted).</i>			
Total	151	149	146
Raw materials for manufacture	189	198	193
Manufactured foodstuffs	149	130	138
Other manufactured commodities	90	97	84
	138	134	128
<i>(Adjusted for Seasonal Element.)</i>			
Total	145	138	136
Raw foodstuffs	168	157	161
Raw materials for manufacture	159	144	153
Manufactured foodstuffs	96	104	86
Other manufactured commodities	137	131	125
<i>Unfilled Orders (1923-1925=100).</i>			
Total	82	80	81
Textiles	81	72	89
Iron and steel	90	90	76
Transportation equipment	64	62	86
Lumber	76	74	79

* Included in miscellaneous group.

Preliminary Reports to Federal Reserve Board Indicate Falling Off in Retail Trade in April as Compared with Last Year.

Sales of retail firms in April, as indicated by preliminary reports to the Federal Reserve System, were smaller than in April 1927. Sales of 505 department stores were 8% smaller than in April of last year, and those of mail order houses and five-and-ten-cent stores were also smaller. The unfavorable comparison with last year reflects in considerable part the fact that the number of trading days in the month was smaller this year by one day and that the date of Easter was earlier in the month. The Board on May 9 added:

Department store sales were smaller than a year ago in all sections of the country, the largest declines being in the Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Minneapolis districts, where they amounted to more than 10%. In the San Francisco district sales were only 2% less than in April of last year, the smallest decline for any district.

Percentage changes in dollar sales between April 1927 and 1928, together with the number of stores reporting, are given in the following table:

Federal Reserve District.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Sales—April 1928 Compared with April 1927.	Number of Stores.		
		Total Reporting.	Number Reporting.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
Boston.....	-11.5	73	10	63
New York.....	-7.4	52	6	46
Philadelphia.....	-12.0	80	12	68
Cleveland.....	-10.5	42	7	35
Richmond.....	-9.5	39	7	32
Atlanta.....	-7.2	27	6	21
Chicago.....	-5.4	53	5	48
St. Louis.....	-9.6	21	4	17
Minneapolis.....	-17.1	18	1	17
Kansas City.....	-8.1	29	4	25
Dallas.....	-7.5	18	4	14
San Francisco.....	-2.0	53	15	38
Total.....	-8.2	505	81	424
Mail order houses.....	-1.3 (2 houses)			
Five-and-ten-cent stores.....	-0.2 (8 chains)			

Prices of All Farm Products Advance During Month

Higher prices of all farm products except dairy and poultry products during the period March 15 to April 15 raised the index of the general level of farm prices from 137% to 140% of the pre-war level, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. At 140 the index is 15 points above the index of a year ago. The Department's advices April 30 also state:

Farm prices of hogs in the Corn Belt advanced about 5% during the month, while prices in other areas showed little change. The rise in the farm price of hogs is reported to be due primarily to lighter market receipts. The corn-hog ratio continued to decline due to the fact that the farm price of corn advanced more than the price of hogs.

The farm price of corn advanced about 7% during the one-month period, the increase being uniform throughout the country. The higher price is attributed largely to the increased feeding demand in the East and to unfavorable weather for planting both corn and oats.

Sheep and lamb prices advanced from March 15 to April 15, lighter receipts at principal markets due to the unfavorable weather which has held back the early lamb crop being an important factor influencing the rise. The farm price of wheat on April 15 was about 6% above that on the same date the preceding month, the unfavorable winter which resulted in a very low wheat crop condition April 1 probably being an influencing factor in the advance.

The farm price of potatoes advanced during the month, relatively light receipts of early new potatoes apparently having stimulated the movement of the old crop and tended to maintain prices.

Construction in Metropolitan Area Ahead of Last Year According to F. W. Dodge Corp.

Construction contracts awarded during the first 4 months of this year in the Metropolitan district of New York was 11% ahead of the total for the first four months of last year, according to F. W. Dodge Corp. The increases were uniform throughout the district as is shown in the following table:

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FIRST FOUR MONTHS.

	1928.	1927.
New York City (five boroughs).....	\$352,872,400	\$319,354,100
Northern New Jersey.....	83,826,100	83,423,200
Nassau and Suffolk Counties.....	20,771,800	15,399,800
Westchester County.....	45,323,600	34,767,000
Totals.....	\$502,793,900	\$452,944,100

New building and engineering work started in the Metropolitan area during the week Apr. 28 through May 4 amounted to \$34,631,600, which was just slightly over the amount (\$34,558,000) recorded during the previous week. Included in last week's total were: \$23,975,100, or 69% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$4,750,400, or 14%, for public works and utilities; and \$4,237,300, or 12% for commercial buildings. Last week's contract total brought the daily average of new construction started in this territory since the first of this year up to \$5,033,500, as compared with a daily average of \$4,470,700 for new work contracted for during the first five months of last year.

Gain in April in Industrial Activity Based on Consumption of Electricity by Large Manufacturing Plants.

Electrical energy consumption by large manufacturing plants in April was close to 1% higher than in the preceding month and 2.2% greater than in the same month last year, according to "Electrical World." Returns received from 3,000 companies scattered throughout industry reveal that the rate of production for the first four months of this year was 3.7% higher than that witnessed in the corresponding period in 1927. The publication also says:

The index of activity in general industry, based on consumption of electrical energy, stands at 119.3 for April, as compared with 118.2 in March, and 116.9 in April 1927. The average for the first four months is 120.9, as against 116.5 in the same time last year.

Ferrous and non-ferrous metal working plants reported a 3.5% increase in operations during April, and the rate of operations was about 14% above last year. The automobile plants, including the production of repair parts, gained in April to the extent of 9%. The stone, clay and glass group also moved ahead last month, the gain over March amounting to 10.3%.

Compared with a year ago, the textile and pulp and paper industries registered a drop. The rate of activity in the textile industry was almost 15% under April of last year.

The rate of industrial activity in April, compared with the corresponding month last year, all figures adjusted to 26 working days, and based on monthly consumption of electrical energy by manufacturing plants as reported to "Electrical World"—monthly average 1923-25 equals 100—follows:

	Apr. 1928.	Apr. 1927.		Apr. 1928.	Apr. 1927.
All industrial groups.....	119.3	116.9	Automobiles and parts.....	148.7	126.7
Metal industries group.....	123.2	114.9	Stone, clay and glass.....	133.6	117.4
Rolling mills and steel plants.....	125.4	123.5	Paper and Pulp.....	120.5	124.2
Metal working plants.....	121.7	106.3	Rubber and its products.....	121.7	115.7
Leather and its products.....	98.8	101.3	Chemicals & allied products.....	131.7	108.0
Textiles.....	109.8	128.3	Food and kindred products.....	105.9	104.2
Lumber and its products.....	115.4	111.4	Shipbuilding.....	93.3	12.8

Production of Electric Power in the United States in March Increased About 6% Over same Month a Year Ago.

The total output of electric power by public utility plants in the United States in the month of March amounted to 7,221,556,000 kilowatt-hours, as compared with 6,879,718,000 kilowatt-hours in February last and approximately 6,840,000,000 kilowatt-hours in March 1927, according to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey. Of the total for March of this year 2,830,490,000 kilowatt-hours were produced by water power and 4,391,066,000 kilowatt-hours by fuels. The survey further shows:

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

Division.	Total by Fuels and Water Power.			Increase in Output from Prev. Year.	
	Jan. '28.	Feb. '28.	Mar. '28.	Feb.	Mar.
	New England.....	511,327,000	481,648,000	500,347,000	8%
Middle Atlantic.....	2,012,406,000	1,887,593,000	1,920,801,000	12%	1%
East North Central.....	1,735,858,000	1,659,322,000	1,734,648,000	12%	5%
West North Central.....	439,430,000	411,457,000	418,332,000	14%	6%
South Atlantic.....	805,295,000	759,578,000	869,894,000	5%	6%
East South Central.....	298,731,000	294,137,000	300,455,000	13%	13%
West South Central.....	308,794,000	284,434,000	297,150,000	19%	17%
Mountain.....	291,992,000	288,114,000	306,749,000	9%	8%
Pacific.....	860,802,000	813,435,000	873,180,000	14%	9%
Total U. S.....	7,264,635,000	6,879,718,000	7,221,556,000	11%	6%

The average daily production of electricity in March was 233,000,000 kilowatt-hours per day, about 2% less than the average daily output in February. The decrease in the daily output in March indicates the beginning of the usual seasonal decline in demand for electricity due to the increase in the hours of daylight and to the moderation in temperature as summer approaches. The output by the use of water power in March was 39.2% of the total; the corresponding figure for February was 37.6%.

The total output of electricity by public utility power plants for the first quarter of 1928 was 21,367,000,000 kilowatt-hours, an increase of 7.7% over the output of 19,836,000,000 kilowatt-hours for the first quarter of 1927. The output for the first quarter of 1927 was 10% larger than the output for the first quarter of 1926.

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

	1927.a	1928.	Increase 1928 Over 1927.	Produced by Water Power.	
				1927.	1928.
				January.....	6,830,000,000
February.....	6,166,000,000	6,880,000,000	11.2%	37%	38%
March.....	6,840,000,000	7,222,000,000	6%	39%	39%
April.....	6,482,000,000	6,482,000,000	0%	40%	---
May.....	6,600,000,000	---	---	41%	---
June.....	6,493,000,000	---	---	39%	---
July.....	6,477,000,000	---	---	37%	---
August.....	6,693,000,000	---	---	35%	---
September.....	6,605,000,000	---	---	34%	---
October.....	6,932,000,000	---	---	36%	---
November.....	6,876,000,000	---	---	38%	---
December.....	7,211,000,000	---	---	---	---
Total.....	80,205,000,000	---	---	37%	---

a Revised totals. b Part of increase is due to February 1928 being one day longer than February 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 as reported in the accompanying tables are on a 100% basis.

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

Orders for Electrical Goods in First Quarter of 1928 Above Those for Last Quarter of 1927.

New orders booked during the first quarter of 1928, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 86 manufacturers of electrical goods, were \$244,916,615, as compared with \$239,999,298 for the last quarter of 1927 and \$243,651,415 for the first quarter of 1927. The following totals of bookings for each quarter since the beginning of 1923 are presented, not as a complete statement of the industry, but as probably sufficiently representative to indicate the trend:

ORDERS FOR ELECTRICAL GOODS.

Quarter.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
First.....	\$ 225,399,383	\$ 228,760,838	\$ 233,023,182	\$ 262,677,736	\$ 243,651,415	\$ 244,916,615
Second.....	240,542,824	221,167,876	227,502,652	248,000,075	236,427,121	---
Third.....	201,910,099	185,747,314	232,933,532	241,114,209	*235,847,857	---
Fourth.....	218,165,415	231,470,552	244,597,050	260,078,082	*239,999,298	---
Total.....	886,017,721	867,146,580	938,056,416	1,011,870,102	954,925,691	---

*Revised.

Detroit Employment Higher—Gains At Ford Plants.

The "Wall Street News" announces the following from Detroit May 11. Detroit Employers' Association reports employment figures for the week ended May 8 as 253,835, an increase of 445 over last week and an increase of 28,477 over the corresponding period last year.

Detroit advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 10 stated:

Employment at local plants of Ford Motor Co. now totals 108,821, or within 1,179 of peak employment in 1926, compared with the low point of 52,000 last summer. During the past week 2,190 were added to pay-rolls of the three local Ford plants. Fordson plant now employs 73,318 against 71,378 a week ago; Highland Park 30,811, against 30,507, and Lincoln plant 4,672 against 4,746.

Railroad Revenue Freight Loading Still Below 1927 and 1926.

Revenue freight loading for the week ended on April 28 totaled 961,928 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on May 8. Compared with the preceding week, this was an increase of 17,234 cars, with increases being reported in the total loading of all commodities except forest products and merchandise less than carload lot freight, which showed slight decreases. The total for the week of April 28 was a decrease, however, of 59,648 cars below the same week in 1927 as well as a decrease of 33,480 cars compared with the corresponding week two years ago. Particulars follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 384,646 cars, a decrease of 11,679 cars below the corresponding week last year and 1924 cars below the same week in 1926.

Coal loading totaled 156,663 cars, a decrease of 5,406 cars below the same week in 1927 and 8,972 cars below the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 43,240 cars, an increase of 86 cars over the same week last year and 5,267 cars above the same week in 1926. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 29,965 cars, an increase of 6,694 cars above the same week in 1927.

Live stock loading amounted to 29,800 cars, an increase of 344 cars over the same week last year but 2,043 cars under the same week in 1926. In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 23,492 cars, an increase of 545 cars compared with the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 259,196 cars, a decrease of 1,049 cars under the same week in 1927 and 3,708 cars under the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading amounted to 63,819 cars, 6,862 cars below the same week last year and 13,740 cars under the same week in 1926.

Ore loading totaled 14,060 cars, 35,044 cars under the same week last year and 6,751 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 10,504 cars, 657 cars below the same week in 1927 and 1,609 cars below the corresponding week in 1926.

All districts except the Centralwestern and Southwestern reported decreases in the total loading of all commodities as compared with the same week last year while all except the Pocahontas reported decreases compared with the same period 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
Five weeks in March	4,752,031	4,982,547	4,805,700
Four weeks in April	3,738,295	3,875,589	3,862,703
Total	15,527,743	16,416,714	16,032,431

Chain Store Sales in April Increase Over 8%.

Sales of 16 chain store companies for the month of April totaled \$94,802,303, an increase of \$7,373,297, or 8.4%, over the corresponding month a year ago, according to statistics compiled by Merrill, Lynch & Co. of this city. The National Tea Co. led all others in point of dollar gain and also in point of percentage gain with an increase of \$2,508,080, or 51.6%, over April 1927. The Peoples Drug Stores, Inc., Neisner Bros., Inc., Safeway Stores, Inc., and the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. followed in point of percentage gain with increases of 40.3%, 29.1%, 25.3%, and 22.3%, respectively.

Sales for the four months ended April 30 1928 for the same number of stores, amounted to \$346,911,257, or an increase of \$49,362,495, or 16.5%, over the same period in the preceding year, when total sales were \$297,548,762. A comparative table follows:

	Month of April.			First Four Months.		
	1928.	1927.	P. C. Inc.	1928.	1927.	P. C. Inc.
F. W. Woolworth	\$21,936,947	\$22,351,401	x1.8	\$79,883,256	\$75,445,955	5.9
Kroger Grocery & Baking	15,308,333	12,512,103	22.3	59,528,383	51,359,869	15.9
J. C. Penney	12,993,109	13,720,856	x5.3	42,793,309	37,128,576	15.2
S. S. Kresge	10,784,034	10,787,542	x0.3	39,616,452	36,235,319	9.3
Safeway Stores	7,421,973	5,923,095	25.3	30,121,350	21,635,300	39.2
National Tea	7,364,379	4,856,299	51.6	27,408,779	18,612,141	47.2
S. H. Kress	4,983,659	4,329,199	15.1	12,829,110	10,605,596	20.9
W. T. Grant	3,655,913	3,363,666	8.7	11,478,114	11,226,418	2.2
McCroly Stores	3,059,997	3,314,500	20.3	7,204,721	5,454,680	32.0
Sanitary Grocery	1,773,161	1,473,722	20.3	4,326,252	3,080,417	40.4
J. J. Newberry	1,302,894	1,086,719	19.8	4,001,325	3,434,155	16.5
F. & W. Grand	1,171,804	1,187,816	x1.3	2,988,623	2,723,944	9.7
G. C. Murphy	929,824	870,958	6.7	3,298,965	2,461,699	34.0
Peoples Drug	913,622	651,162	40.3	2,183,816	1,614,285	35.2
Neisner Bros	690,760	534,942	29.1	1,691,969	1,444,787	17.1
Isaac Silver	511,847	465,029	10.0			
Total	\$94,802,303	\$87,429,009	8.4	\$346,911,257	\$297,548,762	16.5

x Decrease.

Review of Business Conditions by National Park Bank—Record Trading and Outstanding Developments of First Four Months of Year.

"There has been further progress in the upswing of business during the past month, and in no year since the World War ended have the opening four months brought more interesting, diverse, or suggestive changes than those encountered so far in 1928," says the National Park Bank of New York under date of May 3. In its comment on conditions the Bank also says:

It has been altogether an extraordinary sixteen weeks' period characterized by record trading in securities, a steadily upward trend in money rates, increased activity in business, some reduction in unemployment, huge gold shipments, improved conditions in farming states, heavy sales by the mail order houses, and a total national purchasing power which reflects better than almost anything else the prevalent prosperity in the United States to-day. The outstanding developments have been the continued expansion in building with actual contracts awarded sufficient to insure activity in these lines for many months to come and the inevitable benefits accruing to the great variety of related industries which always have plenty to do when the country is making huge construction outlays; the increased demands for automobiles with heavy retail sales induced partly by the general reduction in prices and to some extent also by the greater variety of models comprising what has been unquestionably the most beautiful and serviceable designs in both the lower priced and higher priced fields; and the broader buying of steel with the release of orders by large consuming interests that are ordinarily very shrewd in their market operations. There has been a good deal of unevenness in industry, however, with some of the lesser lines showing reduced activity. On the other hand, there has been a notable improvement in sentiment with the general public evincing greater hopefulness about the future of business and finance in this exceptionally interesting Presidential year.

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington April 26 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of March and the three months ending with March. This statement indicates how much of the merchandise exports for the past 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 MARCH 1928—(Value in 1,000 Dollars)

Group.	Month of March.				Three Months Ended Mar			
	1927.		1928.		1927.		1928.	
	Value.	P. C.	Value.	P. C.	Value.	P. C.	Value.	P. C.
Crude materials	107,411	27.0	91,620	22.3	332,731	28.3	298,970	25.4
Crude foodstuffs	19,978	5.0	14,821	3.6	63,142	5.4	46,205	3.0
Manufac. foodstuffs	37,188	9.3	42,820	10.4	116,726	9.9	125,595	10.7
Semi-manufactures	57,840	14.5	63,189	15.4	172,299	14.7	182,698	15.6
Finished manufactures	175,829	44.2	198,354	48.3	489,382	41.7	521,874	44.4
Total domestic exports	398,246	100.0	410,805	100.0	1,174,280	100.0	1,175,341	100.0
Foreign exports	10,728		10,655		26,533		28,392	
Total exports	408,974		421,460		1,200,813		1,203,733	
Imports—								
Crude materials	151,319	40.0	145,554	38.3	419,315	40.1	409,802	38.3
Crude foodstuffs	42,979	11.4	53,451	14.0	129,755	12.4	149,297	14.0
Manufac. foodstuffs	46,133	12.2	40,755	10.7	112,895	10.8	105,519	9.9
Semi-manufactures	64,628	17.1	64,963	17.1	182,653	17.5	190,527	17.8
Finished manufactures	73,272	19.3	75,548	19.9	201,401	19.2	214,048	20.0
Total imports	378,331	100.0	380,271	100.0	1,046,048	100.0	1,069,193	100.0

Conditions in Cleveland Federal Reserve District Practically Unchanged From Previous Month—Rubber and Tire Industry.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland "the uptrend in general business in the Fourth [Cleveland] District, so noticeable in the first quarter, has been less marked in April. Some seasonal gains have taken place, but outside of these, conditions are not much changed from a month ago." The Bank makes this statement in its May 1 "Monthly Business Review from which we also quote the following:

As for individual lines, the important iron and steel industry has maintained its first quarter pace throughout April, the steel market being supported principally by automotive demand. The tire industry has been adversely affected by the sharp drop in crude rubber prices. Building contracts awarded in March were unusually large, but cold weather in April has held back some new building. Motor and accessory concerns are doing well, particularly the latter. The clothing trade is fair to good, but shoe manufacturing operations have quieted down after the excellent showing of January and February. The coal industry remains depressed, although demand is slightly better. Retail trade showed up very well in March. The winter wheat crop in Ohio is the worst in forty years.

With regards to the situation in the rubber and tire field, the Bank states:

The principal development in this industry during April was the abolition of the Stevenson Restriction Act, effective next November 1. This Act, which has been in effect more than five years, has restricted the amount of exports allowed from British-owned plantations to a varying percentage of standard production. It was designed to aid the rubber growing industry of the British East Indies, which suffered disastrous losses in the 1921-1922 price decline, by securing more stable prices at higher levels. The average yearly price rose from about 17 cents a pound in 1922 to slightly more than 25 cents in 1923 and 1924. In 192

quotations rose violently, reaching an average of over \$1.00 during the final quarter. Early in 1926 a correspondingly abrupt decline took place, and in 1927 the price ranged between 35 and 42 cents a pound for the most part, with the general trend downward in spite of successive reductions in the amount of exports allowable. The most important factor in the declining effectiveness of the Stevenson Act has been the rapid increase in rubber grown on Dutch plantations, production in the Dutch East Indies now amounting to nearly half of the world total.

The announcement on April 4 with regard to the Stevenson Act resulted in a sharp drop in crude rubber prices. These had been weak since early in the year, declining from an average of 40 cents a pound in January to 33 cents in February and 27 cents in March. On April 4 a decline of 6 cents took place, the price touching 21 cents, and by the 17th it had slumped further to 17 cents. Such a price has not prevailed during the last eighteen years except in the 1921-1922 period.

The effect of the rapid price decline in this District has been to curtail dealer demand for tires. Business of Akron manufacturers in April consequently slowed down to some extent, and was hardly up to the levels of the preceding six months. The latest report of the Department of Commerce indicates that dealers were well stocked up with tires on April 1, and many of them were thus in a position to restrict purchases while awaiting further developments in the price field. The following table shows that with the exception of inner tubes, dealers' stocks are now considerably higher than in the three preceding years.

Meat Packing Industry Reviewed By Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

In its "Monthly Business Conditions Report, issued May 1, the Federal has the following to say regarding the meat packing industry:

Production at slaughtering establishments in the United States decreased in March from the preceding month and increased over a year ago. Employment for the last payroll of the month showed recessions of 7.1% in number of employees, 7.8% in hours worked, and 6.1% in value compared with corresponding data for February. Domestic trade averaged good for fresh pork, fairly good for lard, and rather draggy for beef; the demand for lamb, smoked meat, and dry salt pork remained seasonally quiet during the first two weeks of the period, but showed considerable improvement with the approach of Easter. Sales billed to domestic and foreign customers by fifty-nine meat packing companies in the United States aggregated 3.8% smaller than in February but were 0.8% greater than in March, 1927. Demand in domestic markets averaged fair to good at the beginning of April. Pork prices at Chicago showed little change in March from the preceding month except for a slight easing in quotations for hams, picnics, pickled bellies, smoked meats, and heavy fat backs, and somewhat firmer levels for lard, pork loins, dry salt bellies, and light fat backs. Beef and veal quotations averaged a little lower than in February, while the price of lamb advanced. April 1 inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States totaled in excess of those for March 1 and the 1923-27 April 1 average, and were considerably above a year ago; beef holdings declined in all three comparisons, and lamb stocks decreased from last month and the five-year average. Shipments for export showed some expansion in March over February. Foreign demand improved for oleo oil and neutral lard, but continued practically unchanged for most other products. April 1 inventories already abroad and in transit to European countries were reported as slightly heavier than at the beginning of March. Prices on the Continent remained close to Chicago parity; those in the United Kingdom continued somewhat below the United States basis.

Business Conditions in Kansas City Federal Reserve District—Gains in Production and Distribution—Unusually Heavy Movement of Grain.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City the outstanding feature in the trade situation in its District during March was an unusually heavy movement of grain. We quote what the Bank has to say in its May 1 Monthly Review:

Distribution of commodities by wholesale and retail firms which report their trade statistics to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City increased seasonably in March, and the first quarter of 1928 closed with the dollar volume of sales slightly above that for the first quarter of 1927. Productive activity expanded during the month and the output of manufactures and minerals combined was about up to the level of a year ago. The building season was given an early start, and with a notable increase in general construction and out-door work the employment situation improved. Debits by banks to individual accounts, or payments by check, ran at a higher weekly average during the first fourteen weeks of the year than in the like period of the preceding year. Loans and discounts of reporting member banks rose steadily as the season advanced and on April 4 attained the highest peak since September 1926. Investments were the highest on record covering the past eight years. Demand and time deposits exhibited similar trends, and deposits to savings accounts in a selected list of banks showed consistent gains. Business failures during the month and first quarter were less numerous than in the same month and quarterly period last year.

The outstanding feature in the trade situation in this District during March, aside from the favorable showing of wholesale and retail distribution, was an unusually heavy movement of grain from farms and country elevators to primary markets, due largely to advances in prices to high levels for the year. March receipts of wheat, oats, rye, barley and kafir were larger than a year ago, and receipts of corn for the month were 253.9% larger, with cash corn selling around a dollar a bushel. Market supplies of livestock changed but slightly, receipts of cattle and calves showing decreases and receipts of hogs and sheep showing increases over the month and three months of 1927.

Conditions and prospects for farm production in this District improved during March, due to favorable weather with general rains and snows supplying moisture for seasonal needs. However, the fine progress made during March was checked in the second week of April by belated storms of snow, sleet and rain and low temperatures—conditions which were very unfavorable for germination of seed in the ground and damaging to growing field crops, and fruits. With the return of warmer weather in the latter half of April farmers resumed the work of preparing the soil and planting corn, cotton, sugar beets and other spring crops. Winter wheat on April 1 showed a somewhat spotted condition as a result of winter drought and

freezing in many sections, though the conditions for this District as a whole was about up to the ten-year average, and several points above the United States average officially reported for April 1.

In food production, the reports indicated the March output of flour was larger than in February but smaller than in March last year. Slaughter of cattle and calves at meat packing plants decreased, while the slaughter of hogs and sheep increased, both for the month and the first quarter of the year.

March conditions in the mineral industries were but little different from those prevailing through the earlier months of the year. The production of crude petroleum during the month was larger than in February, due to the difference in the number of days, but still was smaller than a year ago. Refineries were receiving more crude oil at their stills on April 1 than a month earlier or a year earlier. Soft coal output showed further decline, and the coal year closed March 31 with the output about 14% smaller than that for the preceding coal year. March was a dull month in the zinc and lead fields, with ore shipments the lowest of the year, though late reports showed a revival of activity in the second week of April with ore shipments the heaviest for any week in several months and some advance in prices. Manufacture of Portland cement, and also shipments and unfilled orders, at mills showed increases over those reported at this time last year.

The value of building contracts awarded in this District reached exceptional amounts and established new high records both for the month and three months. Permits for new building projects, issued in leading cities, were more numerous than last year, reflecting an active season. While the value of March permits showed a decrease as compared with March a year ago, the aggregate value of permits for the first quarter was considerably higher than for the same period last year.

Regarding wholesale and retail trade the Bank says:

Wholesale.—Reports of wholesale firms showed March sales of groceries, hardware, furniture, drugs and millinery were larger than in February, while sales of drygoods during the month were a shade below those of the preceding month. March sales of drygoods, hardware, furniture and millinery were smaller than in March of last year, while sales of groceries and drugs showed moderate increases. During the first quarter of 1928 sales of all reporting lines, except millinery, were larger than in the first quarter of 1927. Wholesalers of stationery reported the volume of their business was 3.3% larger than that for February and 12.6% larger than that for March 1927.

Distribution of implements and farm machinery during the early weeks of the busy spring season were reported as running considerably ahead of the like period in 1927.

Stocks of wholesalers of drygoods, groceries and drugs were smaller on March 31, and those of hardware and furniture were larger, than on February 29. Stocks of all reporting lines except millinery at the close of March were larger than on the same date last year, according to the reports.

Retail.—Reports of department stores operating in cities throughout this District reflected a marked increase in the volume of their March sales over those for February and moderate increases for March of this year over March of last year. Of the 33 stores included in the summary, 21 reported their March sales were larger than in the same month last year. The heavy March business at department stores carried the total for the first quarter of the year 2.1% above that for the like period last year.

Sales during March at retail apparel stores, shoe stores and furniture stores showed small declines as compared with the volume reported for February, though as compared with a year ago sales at apparel stores increased 3%, sales of shoes were about the same, sales of furniture were 22.7% smaller.

Stocks of department stores at the close of March were 3.7% larger than at the close of February, but were smaller by less than 1% than on March 1 1927. Stocks of apparel stores increased slightly during the month under review and were 0.6% larger for apparel and 3.6% smaller for shoes than a year ago. Retail furniture stores reported their stocks on hand at the close of March were 1.1% smaller than a month earlier and 5.3% smaller than on March 31 1927.

Moderate Rate of Improvement in Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District—Reopening of Limited Number of Bituminous Coal Mines.

"Despite the handicap of generally unfavorable weather," says the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, "business in this District during the past thirty days continued the moderate rate of improvement noted during the two preceding months." In further reviewing conditions April 30, the Bank states:

Some irregularity existed, both in respect to localities and the several lines, but in a majority of cases satisfactory results were obtained. Abnormally low temperatures over virtually the entire district hampered distribution of spring merchandise, particularly goods for common consumption. Easter shopping was slow getting under way, but the momentum acquired during the week or ten days preceding that day brought the total of sales of typically Easter goods well up to the average of recent years. In the retail trade, however, relatively better results were achieved in the urban communities than in the country and smaller centers of population. March sales of department stores in the seven largest cities of the district were 6.9% greater than in the same month last year, and there were also fair gains reported by five and ten cent stores and mail order houses. Debits to checking accounts in the chief cities in March were larger by 10.7% than in February, and 3.2% in excess of the March 1927 total.

Aside from the coal mining areas, the general industrial situation was in more favorable condition than at any time since last fall. Building permits issued and contracts for construction enterprises left in March showed sharp gains over the preceding month, the dollar value of permit representing the largest total since last November. In the iron and steel industry some unevenness developed, but the average rate of activity was higher than a month earlier, with certain important lines, notably stoves, farm implements, heating apparatus and architectural iron, recording good gains. For the third consecutive month, distribution of auto mobiles and accessories increased in March. The number of unemployed in the district was reduced further, surplus workers being absorbed in the seasonal acceleration of outdoor activities. The general trend of prices was upward, with sharp advances being recorded on certain farm products, notably wheat and corn. The rise in wheat was due to the unfavorable outlook for the growing winter wheat crop, prospects for which in this district are the worst in more than forty years.

The labor situation exerted practically no influence on the status of the coal market. Unlike a year ago, closing of the bituminous mines in Illinois and Indiana on April 1 because of the miners' strike, was pre-

ceded by no unusual efforts to accumulate reserve stocks. Users of both steaming and domestic coal were purchasing chiefly for immediate necessities, and apparently no apprehension was felt relative to future supplies. Prices fluctuated within narrow limits, and the advance in slack coal late in March was due to contraction in demand for prepared sizes rather than increased purchasing by industrial consumers. In many instances supplies held by the industries are large, in some cases sufficient to last through the next two or three months. The cold weather early this month and in late March served to stimulate demand for coal for heating purposes, but these needs were easily met. In the Kentucky fields there was fair buying by railroads and public utilities companies, with contract renewals at about the 1927-1928 price levels. Offerings of Kentucky coal are plentiful, and operators in that state are making a strong bid for business ordinarily going to the unionized districts. A limited number of mines in the Illinois fields have reopened since April 1, operators paying the Jacksonville scale. Operations during March averaged from 3 to 5 days per week. Production of bituminous coal for the country as a whole during the present calendar year to April 7, approximately 83 working days amounted to 136,688,000 net tons, against 178,065,000 tons in 1927 and 154,293,000 tons in 1926.

Business Conditions in Atlanta Federal Reserve District—Seasonal Increases in Trade.

The Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, summarizing business conditions in its District, in its April 30 Monthly Review, states that "seasonal increases in trade, both at retail and wholesale, and in prospective building as reflected in statistics of building permits, and a larger demand for credit, are indicated in statistics compiled for March and early April." The Bank also says in part:

The volume of sales in March by reporting department stores throughout the district reached a level higher than for the same month of any of the past seven years, and exceeded March last year by 12.3. A part of this increase may be attributed to the fact that Easter this year, which fell on April 8, was nine days earlier than last year, and a larger share of Easter buying was done in March this year than last. Stocks of merchandise held by department stores at the end of March were slightly larger than a month earlier, but smaller than a year ago. Wholesale trade in nearly all lines was larger in March than in February, but in smaller volume than in March last year. Building permits issued at 20 reporting cities in March increased about 25% over February, but were 7.9% less than in March 1927. Debits to individuals accounts at 26 reporting cities in March increased 12.8% over the short month of February, and were 1.6% less than in March last year. Savings deposits held by 86 reporting banks at the end of March were 5.6% greater than a year ago. A larger demand for credit is indicated by an increase in loans and discounts of weekly reporting member banks at principal cities of the district, and in an increase of discounts for member banks throughout the district by the Federal Reserve Bank. Commercial failures in the district were slightly larger, in point of liabilities, than in February, and were greater than in March last year. Consumption of cotton in the cotton-growing states increased slightly over the short month of February, but was less than in March last year, but the number of spindles active was greater than in March a year ago. Production of cotton cloth in March was 7.7% greater than in February, and about the same as in March last year. Production of yarn increased 9.5% over February, but was 9.2% smaller than a year ago. Production of pig iron in Alabama increased over February but was smaller than in March last year, and weekly figures of bituminous coal mined in Alabama and Tennessee show decreases compared with corresponding weeks last year. Production of turpentine and rosin in the Naval Stores year which ended with March was the largest in fourteen years and within 13% of the greatest crop in history, due to the unusually favorable weather last year. Farm work and planting for this season's crops were retarded by the late spring and rains.

Retail Trade.

The distribution of merchandise at retail in the sixth (Atlanta) district during March, reflected in sales figures reported confidentially by 46 department stores located throughout the district, showed a substantial seasonal increase, as compared with earlier months of the present year, and was in larger volume than during the same month of any of the past seven years. March sales this year by these 46 reporting firms were 12.3% greater than in March 1927. Increases are shown for each city from which three or more reports were received, ranging from 1.3% at Chattanooga to 33.7% at Atlanta. Total sales during the first quarter of 1928 were greater than for the same period last year at Atlanta, Birmingham and Nashville, and averaged 5.6% greater for the district. Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of March were 3.5% greater than a month earlier, but were 3.5% smaller than a year ago. The rate of turnover was the same in March this year as last, but for the first quarter was slightly less rapid. Accounts receivable at the end of March were one-tenth of 1% larger than a month earlier, and 20.5% greater than a year ago, and March collections increased one-tenth of 1% over those in February, and were 19.2% greater than in March 1927. The ratio of collections during March to accounts outstanding and due at the beginning of the month for 29 firms was 37.4%. In February this ratio was 35.4%, and in March last year 35.3%.

Wholesale Trade.

The distribution of merchandise at wholesale in the sixth district during March, reflected in sales reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank by 118 wholesale firms in 8 lines of trade, was seasonally greater than for any month since November, but was on the whole somewhat smaller than in March last year. Of the 8 reporting lines, increases over February sales were reported by all except drugs. Compared with 1927, sales during March this year were greater in furniture and drugs, but smaller in the other six lines. The index number for March, based upon figures of all reporting firms, was 92.2, compared with 84.2 for February, and with 96.3 for March last year.

Business Conditions in Dallas Federal Reserve District. Record Breaking Volume of Construction Work.

"The record breaking volume of construction work and a further expansion in the distribution of merchandise is both wholesale and retail channels were outstanding developments in the Eleventh (Dallas) Federal Reserve District during the past month," says the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank in its May 1 Monthly Business Review. The Bank goes on to say:

The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities totaled \$16,134,114, which was considerably larger than the previous high record in October 1925, and was 39% greater than in March 1927. Coincident with the heavy construction activity, the production and shipments of cement reached the highest level in several years and there was an exceedingly active demand for lumber. Sales of department stores in the larger cities reflected a gain of 26% as compared to February and were 5% greater than in March 1927. Distribution of merchandise at wholesale reflected a seasonal increase as compared to the previous month and was substantially larger than a year ago. It is significant to note that the increased demand for merchandise has been general throughout the district. Nevertheless, retailers continue to follow cautious and conservative buying policy and show no disposition to make purchases beyond well defined needs. Charges to depositors' accounts during March were 9% larger than in February and exceeded those of March 1927 by 2%.

The agricultural situation was greatly improved as the result of the general rains and snows during the early part of April, yet there is a considerable area in the district where a subsoil season is lacking and more rain is urgently needed to sustain the growth of crops. The cold weather, however, interfered with the germination of seed and in some instances killed tender vegetation. The planting of corn is practically completed with a substantial portion of the crop up to a good stand and growing rapidly. The planting of cotton and minor crops is now becoming general. The physical condition of the district's ranges has shown some improvement and livestock generally are in fair to good condition. Market prices of cattle have declined somewhat from the high levels reached in February, but cattle continue to change hands on the ranges at high prices.

The financial situation reflected largely the effects of seasonal factors. The deposits of member banks, which amounted to \$904,251,000 on March 7, were \$27,921,000 less than on February 8, yet they were \$82,672,000 greater than on March 23 1927. Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks rose to \$6,670,926 on April 14, which represents a gain of \$4,024,132 since February 29, and \$2,854,754 as compared to April 14 1927. While the number of commercial failures reflected a sharp increase in March, the indebtedness of defaulting firms showed a heavy decline as compared to both the previous month and the same month last year, indicating that the failures were principally among smaller concerns.

The Bank thus reviews wholesale and retail trade:

Wholesale Trade.

The demand for merchandise in wholesale channels of distribution reflected a further seasonal expansion as compared to the previous month and exceeded that of a year ago by a wide margin. During the first quarter of 1928 sales in all lines have shown a substantial increase as compared to a year ago, ranging from 8.8% in the case of groceries to 76.9% in the case of farm implements. While the increased demand was fairly general throughout the district, reports indicate that the unseasonal weather has retarded distribution in some lines. Retailers generally are still following conservative buying policies and are keeping commitments closely aligned with consumer demand. Collections in most lines have shown some improvement.

While the distribution of dry goods at wholesale was 7.4% less than in the previous month it was 2.9% greater than in March 1927. Sales during the first quarter of this year have averaged 15.9% greater than in the corresponding period of last year. The cold weather has retarded the sales of spring merchandise in most sections. Retailers generally appear to be limiting commitments largely to well defined needs. Collections were in practically the same volume as in the previous month. The outlook is reported to be good.

An active demand for groceries was in evidence during March. Sales were 7.6% greater than in the previous month and were 10.7% greater than in March 1927. Sales during the first quarter of 1928 were 8.8% greater than in the same period a year ago. The increased demand was general throughout the district. Reports indicate that prices on most commodities are firm to higher. Collections showed a further increase over the previous month. Dealers state that the outlook is from fair to good.

The past month witnessed a sustained demand for farm implements. Sales of reporting firms were 0.8% larger than in February and were 121.3% greater than in March, 1927. In fact, March sales were larger than in that month for any year since 1924. While the demand has been generally good, it has been retarded somewhat by the continued dry weather in certain portions of the district. The outlook is generally good.

A strong demand for drugs at wholesale was noticeable during the past month. The March sales of reporting firms were 15.2% greater than in the previous month and were 13.5% larger than in March 1927. The improved demand appears to have been general over the district. Collections reflected a slight increase. While reports indicate that business was affected adversely early in April by weather conditions, the outlook is good for spring and early summer trade.

Sales of wholesale hardware firms reflected an increase of 4.6% as compared to the previous month and was 14.1% greater than in the same month last year. Distribution during the first three months of 1928 exceeded that during the corresponding period of 1927 by 22.3%. Reports indicate that the buying of seasonable goods has been retarded by unfavorable weather. Merchants appear to be holding commitments largely to actual needs. Prices are firm to slightly higher on some items. Prospects for future business appears good.

Retail Trade.

Retail distribution, as measured by department store sales in larger cities reflected a substantial improvement during March. Sales showed a seasonal increase of 25.5% as compared to the previous month and exceeded those of the same month last year by 4.7%. Sales during the first quarter of 1928 were 3.6% greater than during the corresponding period last year. Business during March was stimulated by the demand for spring merchandise prior to Easter but cold weather in April retarded buying to some extent.

Stocks on hand at the close of March were 3.8% larger than a month earlier but were 5.1% less than at the end of March 1927. The rate of stock turnover during the first quarter of 1928 was .69 as against .66 during the same period last year.

The ratio of March collections to accounts receivable on March 1 was 36.3% as compared to 36.1% in February and 36.9% in March 1927.

Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District at Seasonal Levels—Improvement in Labor Conditions—Large Number Still Unemployed.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond reports in its April 30 "Monthly Review" that business was about at seasonal levels in March and early in April in its district, and in some respects was better than in March last year.

"Conditions in labor circles improved during March and the first half of April with the beginning of construction work," says the Bank, but, it states, "there is still a large number of unemployed persons in the fifth [Richmond] district. The Bank adds:

An enlarged building program in the district in comparison with the first quarter of 1927 has given work to many unskilled laborers, and promises to give employment to a large number of skilled workmen as soon as ground is prepared and foundations are put down. Much of this large volume of work is industrial building, and Virginia has led in securing new plants during the Spring. No change for the better occurred last month in clerical and professional circles, and in all of the cities there is considerable unemployment in the white collar class. Textile mills continued operations on restricted schedules last month, reducing the working time of their operatives, but practically no mills were shut down entirely. A seasonal decrease in the demand for bituminous coal reduced the scale of operations in the coal fields, which lowered the number of hours worked by miners. Farmers required some additional labor in March and early April for crop planting, but comparatively little agricultural work has yet been done this season. On the whole, the outlook for employment during the next few months is considerably better than was expected at the beginning of the year.

The Bank has the following to say regarding wholesale and retail trade:

Wholesale Trade.

Eighty-two firms, representing six leading lines of trade, sent reports to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond on wholesale trade during March. Sales by shoe firms exceeded sales in March 1927, but sales in the five other lines declined last month. March sales in all six lines increased seasonally over February 1928 sales, both because of increased demand as a result of Spring requirements and on account of the longer month. In total sales during the first quarter of this year, sales of groceries exceeded sales by the same firms during the first quarter of 1927, but this year's sales in dry goods, shoes, hardware, furniture and drugs were lower than sales in the same lines during the first three months of last year.

Stocks on hand in the reporting firms at the end of March 1928 were larger in dry goods than on March 31 1927, but were less in groceries, shoes and hardware. Dry goods and hardware stocks declined during March from those on hand at the end of February this year, but grocery and shoe stocks increased somewhat during the past month.

Collections in groceries during March totaled 65.1% of outstanding receivables as of March 1. Drugs averaged 54.7% of outstanding receivables collected during the month, while hardware averaged 34.9%, dry goods 32.4%, shoes 25.1%, and furniture 22.1%. These percentages are all lower than those of March 1927 except in dry goods, which averaged 29.1% last year. Furniture showed the greatest change in percentage of collections to outstanding receivables, declining from 39.5% in March 1927 to 22.1% in March 1928.

Thirty representative department stores in the fifth [Richmond] reserve district sold an average of 6.6% more goods, in dollar amount, in March 1928 than in March 1927, and also sold 9.6% more than average March sales during the three years 1923-1925, inclusive. Part of the March increase was probably due to the earlier date of Easter this year, some of the early Easter trade which fell in April 1927 occurring in late March this year. On the other hand, the weather in March 1927 was mild and stimulated more Spring buying than the cold weather of March 1928. Total sales in the reporting stores since January 1 this year averaged 2.7% above sales in the first quarter of 1927.

Stocks of goods on the shelves of the reporting stores at the end of March averaged 3.3% less than stocks on March 31 1927 but were seasonally larger by 7.4% than stocks on February 29 1928. Baltimore stores showed the greatest decline in stocks in comparison with the preceding year, and Washington reported the smallest decline.

The percentage of sales to average stocks carried during March was 27.7% for the district as a whole, and the percentage of total sales during the first three months of this year to average stocks carried during each of the three months was 73.1%, indicating an annual turnover of 2.92 times in contrast with a rate of 2.86 times reported by the same stores for the first quarter of 1927.

Collections by the reporting stores during March totaled 28.0% of outstanding receivables as of March 1, all cities except Baltimore—which remained unchanged—showing some improvement over the February percentages. The percentages this year were lower in Baltimore, the Other Cities and in the district as a whole than those of March 1927, but Richmond and Washington percentages were higher during the 1928 month. The improvement in Richmond collections was perhaps due in part to a recent advertising campaign by Richmond stores against slow accounts.

Canadian Newsprint Statistics for March—Exports Set New Monthly Record.

According to the report issued by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Asso., the exports of wood-pulp and paper from Canada in the month of March were valued at \$19,714,294 which was the highest monthly total ever recorded. The March total represented an increase of almost \$4,000,000 over the previous month and of \$2,500,000 over March, 1927. The Montreal "Gazette" of May 3 from which we quote the foregoing, also furnishes the following information:

Wood-pulp exports for March were valued at \$5,102,722 and exports of paper at \$14,611,572, as compared with \$3,403,212 and \$12,368,576 respectively in February.

	—March 1928—		—March 1927—	
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
Pulp—				
Mechanical.....	15,161	414,621	19,688	562,056
Sulphite, bleached.....	33,930	2,519,199	23,305	1,902,369
Sulphite, unbleached.....	22,186	1,125,699	16,180	879,442
Sulphate.....	16,812	985,901	17,388	1,063,504
Screenings.....	3,025	57,302	-----	-----
	91,114	5,102,722	76,561	4,407,371
Paper—				
Newsprint.....	216,160	13,899,293	184,502	12,104,884
Wrapping.....	1,900	210,142	1,959	221,597
Book (cwt.).....	8,595	68,442	6,280	51,362
Writing (cwt.).....	328	2,212	2,022	16,239
All other.....	-----	431,483	-----	433,405
		14,611,572		12,827,487

For the first three months of the year, exports of pulp and paper were valued at \$49,274,124, as compared with a total of \$43,660,840 for the first quarter of 1927, an increase for the current year of \$5,613,284, or 13%.

Wood-pulp exports for the quarter were valued at \$11,577,381, as against \$11,312,187 in the first quarter of 1927. Exports of paper were valued at \$37,696,743, as compared with \$32,348,653 in the three months of last year.

For the various grades of pulp and paper details are as follows:

	—Three Months 1928—		—Three Months 1927—	
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
Pulp—				
Mechanical.....	40,309	1,065,422	45,803	1,296,911
Sulphite, bleached.....	67,652	5,061,958	61,972	4,860,890
Sulphite, unbleached.....	54,431	2,773,383	48,327	2,661,477
Sulphate.....	43,329	2,553,405	40,798	2,492,909
Screenings.....	6,445	123,213	-----	-----
	212,066	11,577,381	196,900	11,312,187
Paper—				
Newsprint.....	557,040	35,962,346	468,030	30,677,339
Wrapping.....	4,997	550,203	4,708	534,419
Book (cwt.).....	16,899	135,922	12,288	107,879
Writing (cwt.).....	1,525	13,955	3,846	30,824
All other.....	-----	1,034,317	-----	998,192
		37,696,743		32,348,655

Pulpwood exports this year have been somewhat smaller than in 1927, the total for the first quarter amounting to 466,949 cords, valued at \$4,145,448, as compared with 507,106 cords valued at \$4,665,311 exported in the first three months of 1927.

Lumber Movement Still at High Level.

The lumber movement, during the week ended May 5 continued on the high plane established earlier in the year, it was indicated by the weekly analysis of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, based on telegraphic reports received from 794 of the larger softwood and hardwood mills of the country. Orders for the week gained 18,000,000 feet, with a total of 348,377,000 feet. Preliminary figures for production and shipments show a drop of 20,000,000 and 14,000,000 feet, respectively. Revised reports for 813 mills for the preceding week, however, give that production as 327,598,000 and shipments as 354,360,000 feet, both new highs for the year.

In the softwood industry, the 391 reporting mills absorbed most of the gain in new business, while the decline in shipments and production were largely attributable to this group. Because of the larger number of currently reporting mills, the figures under review are not comparable with those of a year ago.

The hardwood branch of the industry, for the 403 reporting units, showed a gain of 2,000,000 feet in shipments and a drop of 5,000,000 feet in production, while orders were about steady. Twenty-one fewer units reported this week than for the week before, declares the National Association, adding:

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 222 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 748,676,641 feet, as against 747,244,331 feet for 224 mills the previous week. The 109 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 249,588,542 feet last week, as against 251,803,335 feet for the week before. For the 113 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 499,088,099 feet, as against 495,440,996 feet for 115 mills a week earlier.

Although the 391 reporting softwood mills had shipments 111%, and orders 113%, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 111 and 108; and for the West Coast mills, 112 and 126.

Of the reporting mills, the 391 with an established normal production for the week of 266,847,788 feet, gave actual production 98%, shipments 106% and orders 109% 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 (units)*.....	391	403	300	144	389	424
Production.....	260,534,000	46,947,000	202,340,000	14,503,000	276,004,000	51,594,000
Shipments.....	282,807,000	57,893,000	203,967,000	20,596,000	298,409,000	55,951,000
Orders.....	291,492,000	56,885,000	197,673,000	24,107,000	273,653,000	56,788,000

* A unit is 35,000 feet of daily production capacity.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 113 mills reporting for the week ending May 5 was 26% above production, and shipments were 12% below production for the week of 122,923,818 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 109,113,988. Of all new business taken during the week 50% was for future water delivery, amounting to 77,656,665 feet, of which 52,943,376 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 24,713,289 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 68,771,939 feet, or 45% of the week's new business. Forty-eight per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 66,885,659 feet, of which 41,402,678 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 25,482,981 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 62,828,469 feet, or 46% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 8,218,153 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 189,617,564 feet, foreign 141,633,151 feet and rail trade 167,837,384 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 109 mills reporting, shipments were 10.96% above production and orders were 7.58% above production and 3.05% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 70,480,095 feet, (previous week 66,381,693); shipments 72,694,888 (previous week 71,411,550); and production 65,514,917 feet, (previous week 64,017,439). The normal production (three-year

average) of these mills is 68,433,000 feet. Of the 105 mills reporting running time, 71 operated full time, 8 of the latter overtime. The rest operated from two to six days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Asso. of Portland, Ore., reports production from 25 mills as 21,636,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 23,700,000, and for the preceding week 21,789,000. Shipments increased slightly last week, while new business showed some reduction.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Asso. of San Francisco, reports production from 19 mills as 22,431,000 (54% of the total cut of the California pine region) as compared with a normal figure for the week of 20,273,000. Seventeen mills the previous week reported production as 19,804,000 feet. There was a substantial increase in shipments last week and a noticeable decrease in orders.

The California Redwood Asso. of San Francisco, reports production from 14 mills as 6,934,000 feet, compared with a normal figure of 8,618,000. Thirteen mills the week earlier reported production as 5,945,000 feet. Shipments were larger last week and new business almost doubled.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reports production from 70 mills as 10,500,000 feet, against a normal production for the week of 12,060,000. Thirty-nine mills the week before reported production as 5,972,000 feet. There were heavy increases in shipments and new business last week, owing to the larger number of reporting mills.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Asso. of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production from 8 mills as 8,813,400 feet, with a normal figure for the week of 9,263,800. Seven mills the previous week reported production as 7,747,600 feet. Shipments and new business were slightly lower last week.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., (in its softwood production) reports production from 33 mills as 3,781,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 15,386,000. Thirty-four mills the preceding week reported production as 3,724,000 feet. Shipments showed a small decrease last week, and new business showed a marked increase.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Asso. of Oshkosh, Wis., reports production from 53 units as 7,548,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 11,142,000. Fifty-two units the week before reported production as 8,785,000 feet. Shipments decreased somewhat last week and orders showed a good gain.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reports production from 350 units as 39,399,000 feet, as against a normal production for the week of 73,557,000. Three hundred and seventy-two units the preceding week reported production as 42,809,000 feet. Shipments were slightly larger and orders slightly less last week.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred fifteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended April 28 1928 manufactured 131,054,807 feet, sold 129,366,344 feet and shipped 147,570,104 feet. New business was 1,688,463 feet less than production and shipments 16,515,297 feet more than production.

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

Week Ended—	April 28.	April 21.	April 14.	April 7.
Number of mills reporting	115	115	113	112
Production (feet)	131,054,807	127,028,099	123,070,070	125,750,622
New business (feet)	129,366,344	149,213,944	144,230,286	143,572,064
Shipments (feet)	147,570,104	116,831,316	132,030,128	138,339,600
<i>Unshipped business—</i>				
Rail (feet)	165,588,397	171,575,639	165,820,788	166,308,189
Domestic cargo (feet)	182,909,558	182,451,076	168,705,926	167,979,174
Exp rt (feet)	146,943,041	158,364,408	144,029,334	131,157,712
Total (feet)	495,440,996	512,391,123	478,556,033	465,444,075
First 17 Weeks of—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Average number of mills.	113	78	104	119
Production (feet)	1,963,024,191	1,240,145,935	1,648,197,753	1,678,692,165
New business (feet)	2,109,054,879	1,336,758,224	1,761,185,323	1,696,206,439
Shipments (feet)	1,926,408,541	1,274,477,915	1,703,424,981	1,714,433,280

Agricultural Department Report on Winter Wheat, Rye, &c.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington on May 9 issued its crop report as of May 1 1928. This report estimates the abandonment of winter wheat at no less than 25.1%, leaving the acreage remaining to be harvested at 35,858,000 acres as compared with 37,872,000 acres harvested in 1927. The May 1 condition is placed at only 73.8% of normal, compared with 85.6% a year ago and 85.0% the 10-year average. On the present condition the yield per acre is placed at 13.4 bushels, making a total production of only 479,036,000 bushels, against a yield per acre of 14.6 bushels and a production of 552,384,000 bushels in 1927, and a yield of 17 bushels per acre and a production of 627,433,000 bushels two years ago.

The condition of rye on May 1 was 73.6% of normal, with an average yield per acre of 11.1 bushels, and the production estimated at 39,368,000 bushels. This compares with a yield of 16 bushels per acre a year ago and a total production of 58,572,000 bushels. Below is the report in full.

The outstanding features of the report issued by the Crop Reporting Board on May 9 1928 are the unusually heavy abandonment of winter wheat and the low condition of winter wheat and rye as of May 1. Abandonment of winter wheat has been heavy from the Alleghenies to the Missouri River and in the Western Plains area from South Dakota to western Texas and New Mexico. In Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky, roughly, two-thirds of the crop has been abandoned. This heavy abandonment of winter wheat will tend to increase the planting of alternative crops above earlier expectations.

Wheat.

Abandonment of winter wheat is estimated at 25.1%, the acreage remaining for harvest being estimated at 35,858,000 acres compared with 37,872,000 acres harvested in 1927 and 36,987,000 acres harvested in 1926. Condition is reported at 73.8% of normal compared with 85.6% a year ago and 85% the 10-year average. A condition of 73.8% on May 1 indicates an average yield of 13.4 bushels per acre and a total production of 479,026,000 bushels, compared with a yield of 14.6 bushels per acre and a total production of 552,384,000 bushels in 1927, and a yield of 17 bushels and a production of 627,433,000 bushels in 1926.

The condition of winter wheat is showing the effects of scanty snow covering during the winter with alternate freezing and thawing extending late into April. In the southern Plains area wheat was also suffering from drought up to the first of May, but most of this area has had some rain since the first of the month. Injury has been greatest in the soft red winter wheat States from Ohio to Missouri where abandonment has been extremely heavy. In Illinois the heaviest abandonment on record is reported, being most severe in the southern soft wheat counties.

In Kansas conditions during the past month have been favorable for wheat in the south and east, but the northern part of the State suffered from a severe spring drought which was not broken until after May 1. In that State it is reported that the weather, while suitable for destruction of the spring brood of Hessian fly, was conducive to propagation of aphids and green bugs.

In Oklahoma the winter was unfavorable for winter wheat, but general rains in March and April benefited the crop. The heaviest abandonment in the State occurred in the southwest.

Texas wheat suffered severely from prolonged dry weather and a considerable acreage has been plowed up. Recent rains were sufficiently heavy to benefit wheat in some localities, but some western areas have had only light showers since last June. Some damage from green bugs is reported.

Montana winter wheat benefited by April weather and is stooing heavily, which tends to offset the thin stands resulting from winter-killing.

Heavy abandonment has occurred in Colorado where the condition on May 1 was very low.

Nebraska wheat is in fair condition, considering the dry conditions that have prevailed, and rains since May 1 have been beneficial. Due to deficiency of subsoil moisture the crop needs more rain. Most of the abandonment that has been reported took place in the western and especially the southwestern counties.

In Minnesota very heavy abandonment is reported in the important southern and southeastern counties. Much of the abandoned acreage has been re-seeded to spring wheat, oats, barley and rye.

Abandonment in Wisconsin and Michigan also was heaviest in the southern portions.

Compared with the corn belt States, eastern and southeastern States show light abandonment. Hessian fly damage is reported in the east being particularly widespread in Pennsylvania.

Conditions in the Pacific Northwest have ranged from ample rainfall in the Palouse to dry in southern California.

Rye.

The acreage of rye remaining for harvest on May 1 is estimated at 3,562,000 acres, or 97.1% of the acreage harvested in 1927. The preliminary estimate of rye sown issued in December was 3,802,000 acres. A part of the decrease in acreage from December's estimate, 240,000 acres, is due to unusually heavy abandonment resulting from adverse winter conditions.

The condition of rye on May 1 was 73.6% of normal, compared with 88.3% on May 1 1927, 81.5% on May 1 1926 and 88% the 10-year average. The condition in the North Central States, representing 80% of the total rye acreage on May 1, was 72%. North Dakota, which has 38% of the acreage, shows a condition of 71%, due to alternate freezing and thawing.

A condition of 73.6% on May 1 points to an average yield of 11.1 bushels per acre and a total production of 39,368,000 bushels. This compares with a yield of 16 bushels and a total production of 58,572,000 bushels in 1927.

Oats.

The condition of oats in the Southern States is 67.5% of normal, compared with 74.6% on May 1 1927.

Tame Hay.

The condition of tame hay on May 1 was reported at 76.1% of normal compared with 86.8% a year ago and 85.9% the 5-year average. The weather in April was too cold for hay and pasturage, and much damage from alternate freezing and thawing during the winter was reported, particularly to alfalfa and clover. The lowest conditions are reported in the North Central States, 71.1%, where nearly 50% of all hay acreage is located. Conditions in the South Central States are only slightly better, 73.8%, while the Western States show the highest condition, 87%. The North Atlantic and South Atlantic States show 77.1 and 77.2%, respectively.

Pasture.

Pasture condition is reported at 71.3%, compared with 87% last year and 74.6% on May 1 1926. The lowest conditions prevailed in the North Central States and highest in the Far Western States. Pasturage conditions were reported as rapidly becoming serious in west Texas and below normal in New Mexico.

Peaches.

The condition of peaches in ten southern States on May 1 was reported as 73.8% of normal compared with 42.7% a year ago and 57.2% two years ago. Prospects are best in Georgia where the chief complaint is that the frequent rains have washed off the sprays. Prospects are lower towards the west and are poorest in Oklahoma and in portions of Texas and Arkansas where the April freeze caused much damage.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following forecasts and estimates from reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and agricultural colleges:

On May 1 1928 the area of winter wheat to be harvested for the United States was about 35,858,000 acres, or 1,986,000 acres (5.5%) less than the acreage planted last autumn and 2,014,000 acres (5.3%) less than the acreage harvested last year, viz., 37,872,000 acres. The average harvested acreage for the past five years, 1923-1927, was 36,251,000 acres. The 10-year average abandonment to May 1 is 10.5%.

The average condition of winter wheat on May 1 1928 for the United States was 73.8% of a normal, compared with 68.8 on April 1 1928, 85.6 on May 1 1927 and 85.0 the average condition for the past 10 years on May 1. A condition of 73.8% on May 1 1928 is indicative of a yield per acre of approximately 13.4 bushels, assuming average variations to prevail thereafter. The average yield per acre for the past 10-year period was 14.9 bushels. On the estimated area to be harvested (35,858,000 acres), 13.4 bushels per acre would produce 479,036,000 bushels, or 13.3% less than in 1927, 23.6% less than in 1926, 19.3% more than in 1925 and 12.8% less than the average production for the past 5 years, 1923-1927. The harvested production in

1927 was 552,384,000 bushels, in 1926 627,433,000 bushels, in 1925 401,734,000 bushels and for the past 5 years 1923-1927 the average harvested production was 549,117,000 bushels.

Table with columns: Geographic Division, Acreage 1928 (Per Cent Abandoned, Acres Remaining to be Harvested), Condition May 1 (10-Yr. Ave. 1918-1927, 1927, 1928), Production in Thousands of Bushels (Harvested 1923-1927, 1927, Indicated by Condition May 1 '28).

On May 1 1928 the acreage of rye in the United States standing and intended for grain is estimated at 3,562,000 acres, compared with 3,670,000 acres the harvested acreage in 1927, 3,578,000 acres in 1926, 3,974,000 acres in 1925 and for the past 5 years 1923-1927 the average harvested was 4,109,000 acres.

The average condition of rye on May 1 1928 for the United States was 73.6% of a normal, compared with 79.3 on April 1 1928, 88.3 on May 1 1927 and 88.0 the average condition for the past 10 years on May 1. A condition of 73.6% on May 1 1928 is indicative of a yield per acre of approximately 11.1 bushels, assuming average variations to prevail thereafter.

Table with columns: Geographic Division, Acreage 1928 (to be Harvested) (Per Cent of 1927, 1,000 Acres), Condition May 1 (10-Yr. Ave. 1918-1927, 1927, 1928), Production in Thousands of Bushels (Harvested 1923-1927, 1927, Indicated by Condition May 1 '28).

The average condition of tame hay on May 1 1928 for the United States was 76.1% of a normal, compared with 86.8 on May 1 1927 and 88.4 the average condition for the past 10 years on May 1.

Stocks of hay on farms on May 1 1928 for the United States are estimated at 17,920,000 tons (14.5% of crop), compared with 10,819,000 tons (11.3% of crop) on May 1 1927 and 12,503,000 tons (12.1% of crop) the average stocks on farms for the past 10 years on May 1.

The average condition of pasture on May 1 1928 for the United States was 71.3% of a normal, compared with 87.0 on May 1 1927 and 83.4 the average condition for the past 10 years on May 1.

Details by States will be shown in a supplemental report, released at 9 a. m. (E. T.), May 10 1928.

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The Department issued on May 10 the details of winter wheat and rye by States. We give the winter wheat report in full:

WINTER WHEAT CROP REPORT AS OF MAY 1 1928.

Table with columns: State, Per Cent of Area Abandoned, Area Remaining to be Harvested in 1928, Condition May 1 (10-Yr. Ave. 1923-1927, 1927, 1928), Production (Harvested, Subject to Revision in December, 1928 Forecast from Condition May 1).

Foreign Crop Prospects.

The latest available information pertaining to cereal crops in foreign countries, as reported by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington and given out on May 9 is as follows:

Wheat.

The winter wheat acreage sown for the 1928 harvest in 16 foreign countries reporting to date is 94,607,000 acres as compared with 92,824,000 acres for 1927 and 93,710,000 acres for the 1926 harvest, but winter killing and poor growing conditions have more or less offset the increase, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Early Canadian reports appear favorable to a normal wheat acreage or better. The acreage prepared for all crops in the Prairie Provinces exceeds last year, being 16,296,000 acres against 15,375,000 acres last year, according to a report of the Canadian Pacific Ry.

Ten countries of Europe report a total winter wheat area of 54,407,000 acres against 53,378,000 acres in 1927 and 54,145,000 acres in 1926. This increase over last year may be offset by considerable winter killing in northern and northwestern Europe. Spring sowings have been delayed and the development of the winter wheat has been retarded as a result of the cold spring.

In North Africa the acreage is reported at 4.7% above last year but 7.1% below the acreage for the 1926 harvest. Conditions there have been generally favorable. The first estimate of production in India is 330,624,000 bushels, which is 1% below the final estimate for 1927 but 2% above the corresponding estimate for 1927.

Rye.

Rye acreage in 11 European countries is 22,779,000 acres against 21,967,000 acres in 1927, but part of this increase, at least, is offset by winter killing. In Poland the most important producer outside of Russia and Germany for which reports have been received, conditions are reported to be below average and winter killing heavy.

WINTER WHEAT AND RYE—ACREAGE IN COUNTRIES REPORTING FOR THE 1928 HARVEST, AVERAGE 1909-1913, ANNUAL 1926 TO 1928.

Table with columns: Crop and Country, Harvest Year (Average 1909-1913, 1926, 1927, 1928), P.C. 1928 vs 1927.

Domestic Exports of Grain and Grain Products.

The Department of Commerce at Washington gave out on April 25 its monthly report on the exports of the principal grains and grain products for March and the three months ending with March, as compared with the corresponding periods a year ago. Total values of these exports were smaller in March 1928 than in March 1927, \$17,919,000 being the value of the exports in March 1928 and \$20,549,000 the value in March 1927.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS.

Table with columns: March (1927, 1928), 3 Months Ended March (1927, 1928). Rows include Barley, Corn, Oats, Wheat, Rye, and various flour products.

Transactions in Grain Futures During April on Chicago Board of Trade and Other Markets.

Revised figures showing the volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, by days, during the month of April, together with monthly totals for all "contract markets," as reported by the Grain Futures Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture...

VOLUME OF TRADING. Expressed in Thousands of Bushels—i. e., 000 Omitted.

Table with columns: April 1928, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Flax, Total. Rows show daily trading volume and totals for various markets and regions.

*Durum wheat excepting 2,967,000. a Hard wheat excepting 83,000.

"OPEN CONTRACTS" IN FUTURES ON THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FOR APRIL 1928.

("Short" side of contracts only, there being an equal volume open on "long" side.)

Table with columns: April 1928, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Total. Rows show daily open contracts from Sunday to Saturday, plus average data for the month.

a Low. b High.

April Figures of Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, &c.—Imports Lowest Since Feb. 1927—Deliveries to American Mills Also Fall Off.

Imports of raw silk during the month of April totaled 36,555 bales, a decrease of 13,965 as compared with the preceding month, and a decrease of 9,931 bales as compared with imports during the month of April 1927.

RAW SILK IN STORAGE MAY 1 1928.

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

Table with columns: Euro-pean, Japan, AH Other, Total. Rows show stocks and imports for April 1928 and March 1928, and total amounts available during April and May 1928.

SUMMARY.

Table with columns: Imports During the Month x, Storage at End of Month z. Rows show monthly data for 1928, 1927, and 1926 for imports and storage.

Approximate Deliveries to American Mills y

Approximate Amount in Transit between Japan and New York—End of Month.

Table with columns: 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows show approximate deliveries to American mills and approximate amounts in transit for January through December.

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 62 to 85, incl.). y Incl. re-exports. z Incl. 782 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month.

New Figures of World Cotton Carryover Presented to Senate Committee by H. J. Zimmerman Census Bureau Statistician.

The world carryover of American cotton July 31 1927, was 7,599,000 bales, according to calculations of Henry J. Zimmerman, cotton statistician of the census Bureau. This figure compares with 7,816,000 bales reported by the Bureau of Agriculture Economics last fall and with 6,952,000 bales calculated by Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. The new Census Bureau figures were made known May 3, as is indicated in the following from Washington that day, taken from the "Journal of Commerce":

A demand that Secretary of Commerce Hoover be called before the Cotton Trade Probe Committee was made to-day by Representative Rankin Mississippi, during the presentation of testimony on the carryover of American cotton by Harvey J. Zimmerman, statistician of the Census Bureau. Checking up on the witness members of the committee criticized him roundly for having accepted figures compiled by the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations instead of taking the data furnished by Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

He presented to-day new figures of the carryover as being 7,599,000, compared with 6,952,000 reported by Colonel Hester and 7,818,000, reported by the Bureau of Agriculture Economics. The principal difference between the Zimmerman and Hester figures was as to stocks in continental mills, the former being 269,000 bales higher. Hester gave no figures for cotton in Canadian or Indian mills, in Chinese mills, ports or afloat.

Legislation Demanded.

Members of the committee were visibly incensed over the testimony presented by Zimmerman, because he had failed either to seek legislation that would have enabled the Census Bureau to get accurate data as to foreign stocks, or the aid of Secretary Hoover in putting the Commerce Department agents abroad to work gathering statistics. Zimmerman stated that the sources of information in detail as to stocks of cotton have never been adequate for many countries, the United States alone having provided an efficient means of determining the supply and distribution of cotton within its borders. He explained, however, that the bureau was not called upon by law to announce world carryover figures, and last year, since the Bureau of Agricultural Economics had made such a report his bureau "did not duplicate that work."

"You passed the buck to the Department of Agriculture and therefore avoided the responsibility of giving us an accurate statement of what you consider the world's carryover unless you maintain, as you did, that you have such absolute confidence in the Spinners' Federation as compared to our own statistician Hester," said Senator Smith.

Zimmerman recommended the enactment of legislation which will unify the cotton statistical work, either through a committee or a bureau, instead of having a number of bureaus giving out figures.

Zimmerman Defends Figures.

The committee seemed determined to substantiate by the witness's testimony the carryover figures of Henry G. Hester, which Zimmerman said were based on data furnished by T. R. Ellison, Liverpool cotton merchant. Ellison, he said, had not taken figures for Russia, or probably some of the outstanding sections. He defended the figures of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations for Russia (125,000 bales) on the basis of the large exports of cotton to Russia from the United States. Hester did not believe it was possible that so much cotton should be in Russia when there are so few spindles there compared with Great Britain. He explained that it is not so necessary to keep stocks in the British mills, so near the import centers, as is the case of Russian mills so far distant from the ports.

"In arriving at the carryover of American cotton many sources of information must be examined and considered and because of the complexities encountered and the lack of reliable data it is obviously impossible to compile statistics representing the actual condition with complete accuracy," he said. "It is to be expected, therefore, that there will be differences between the total carryover as compiled by the several statisticians because of differences in evaluating the data which must be considered and because of differences in methods of compiling the data."

"With the above qualifications we respectfully submit our opinion concerning stocks of American cotton at 'specific' locations on July 31 1927. The following statement shows the figures as published by Colonel Hester and by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, together with those compiled by the Bureau of the Census, with differences between the several compilations. Details for the stocks at specific locations follow this statement:

Item—	Census.	Hester.
United States.....	3,663,000	3,551,000
European ports and afloat.....	2,088,000	2,093,000
United Kingdom mills.....	122,000	125,000
Continental mills.....	919,000	650,000
Canada.....	69,000	-----
India mills.....	75,000	-----
China—Ports and afloat.....	41,000	-----
Mills.....	68,000	-----
Japan.....	544,000	533,000
Sundries.....	10,000	-----
*Less.....	-----	-----

Total.....7,599,000 6,952,000
 *79,000 American in foreign mills not included in original total for "mills other than United States" added in above detail.

Zimmerman took up in detail the figures of Colonel Hester, his own bureau and the Department of Agriculture. This led Senator Smith of South Carolina to say he believed that sufficient information had been given the committee to enable it to arrive at a conclusion of its own as to the cotton carryover. When the committee adjourned to-day it was until Monday next, when Lloyd S. Tenney will be recalled to be questioned as to who was responsible for the Sept. 15 cotton price prediction. In the meantime the committee will work on the report that it proposes to make to the Senate. The work of reclassifying the cotton held in New York will be completed next week, it was stated, and a report will be presented on that feature also.

National Wholesale Dry Goods Institute Formed at St. Louis.

The Wholesale Dry Goods Institute of the United States came into existence at the convention of the Wholesale Dry

Goods Association of the United States, in St. Louis on April 24 when leading jobbers from all parts of the United States ratified the constitution which had been formulated by the organization and membership committees. Announcement of this was contained in advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which reported that complete organization plans for the establishment of the Institute as to successor to the Association were perfected on April 23 at a joint meeting of the executive organization and membership committees of the Association. The paper quoted said:

To Conduct Research.

The work of the institute will not be limited to the functions of the ordinary commercial associations, but will comprise research, ethics, practice and similar fundamental features. The scope of activities is indicated by article 2 of the constitution which specifies its purpose as follows: "The purpose of the institute shall be to foster the mutual interests of its members with due observance to the interests of the public; to encourage sentiment of friendliness among and between its members, and those with whom they transact business; to eradicate the evils of unfair practice and misrepresentation; to establish systematic business methods; to collect and circulate statistical information, so far as practicable and proper, in all matters which will aid in placing the wholesale dry goods business upon a stable and scientific foundation; and to undertake such other appropriate work as experience and the members of the institute may determine."

Headquarters will be in New York City and the organization plan, which is incorporated in the constitution, designates twelve territorial zones, each of which will elect a director to the board. The several zones are described as follows: (1) New England States, New York (except Buffalo), and Pennsylvania, except Pittsburgh; (2) Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Ohio, West Virginia, Cumberland, Md., Lexington, Ky., Ashland, Ky., Detroit, and Indiana, except Indianapolis; (3) Baltimore, District of Columbia, Virginia, and North Carolina; (4) Georgia, Florida, Alabama, east Tennessee, South Carolina; (5) Louisville, Paducah, Ky., Memphis, Nashville, Tenn., Cairo, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., Mississippi and Arkansas, except Fort Smith; (6) Fort Smith, Ark., Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico; (7) Chicago and St. Louis; (8) St. Joseph, Mo., Kansas City, Omaha, Wichita, Kas., Sioux City, Ia., and Missouri Valley, except St. Louis; (9) Des Moines, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Wisconsin; (10) Denver, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho; (11) California, Nevada, Arizona; (12) Washington and Oregon. Zones 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will elect six directors to serve for one year, and zones 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 six to serve for two years. The director of each zone will have an advisory council of four, with a secretary, to carry on district work.

S. M. Bond, president of the Root & McBride Co., Cleveland, was on April 25 elected president of the new Institute; Ernest W. Stix, president of the Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co., St. Louis, was elected First Vice-President, and W. J. D. Bell, President of the Quinn Marshall Co., Lynchburg, Va., Second Vice-President.

President Bond stated that Alvin E. Dodd of New York City would be the Director General who, with the executive committee, would manage the new organization.

J. R. Nutt of Union Trust Co., Cleveland, on Rubber and Tire Outlook—Abandonment of British Export Restrictions.

With the abandonment of the British export restrictions, crude rubber is standing upon its own feet in the world markets for the first time in five years, says J. R. Nutt, President of the Union Trust Company, Cleveland. Tire prices now are the lowest in history and leading manufacturers have expressed themselves as opposed to further immediate reduction because of present inventories of high priced rubber, says the banker. "The chief weakness of the Stevenson plan was that the Dutch growers gave it no co-operation," says Mr. Nutt in the bank's magazine "Trade Winds" for April. "Its chief defect was that the British attempted to maintain a price so high that the Dutch production of crude rubber and the use of reclaimed rubber in America were greatly stimulated." He adds in part:

"In addition to the collapse of prices of rubber, abandonment of the Stevenson plan may be expected to have four other results. The first of these is an increase of production in the British Colonial possessions in the Far East, in preparation for lifting of the export ban scheduled for November 1st. The second will be a slackening of plans for the development of new plantations. Third will be increased consumption of raw rubber due to lower price levels. The fourth result of the new condition is likely to be some eventual reduction in the price of tires and other rubber manufactures.

"Leading manufacturers have expressed themselves as opposed to any immediate price reduction because of large existing inventories involving higher priced rubber. Producers are compelled to purchase their crude rubber requirements long in advance because it takes three months for delivery from plantation in the Far East to the factory in America.

"While some uncertainty respecting the future price of tires prevails, it is clear that no reduction proportionate to the drastic decline of raw rubber is to be expected. The lower rubber goes in price the less important it becomes in affecting the cost of tires compared with labor and other materials.

"Under the workings of the Stevenson plan the percentage of British production to total world output of rubber declined from 70% to less than 50%. Meanwhile Dutch output increased from 20,000 tons annually to about 100,000 and the rise of reclaimed rubber in this country rose from 67,000 tons to 200,000 in 1927.

"With 23,000,000 automobiles in the country and an annual average output of 4,000,000 the replacement and original equipment demand for tires is expanding each year.

"Present indications are that 70,000,000 tires will be made and sold this year against 65,000,000 in 1927 and 60,000,000 in 1926. The ex-

material slump in March, when the total output amounted to 143,900,000 gallons. This represents a daily average of 4,640,000 gallons, a decrease from February of 110,000 gallons. The major portion of the decreased daily average output was reported in the Appalachian district, and in the Seminole field, the leading producing area in the Oklahoma-Kansas district, where the production of casinghead gas is on the decline.

Stocks of natural-gas gasoline at the plants again increased and amounted to 35,358,000 gallons on March 31 as compared with 34,600,000 gallons on hand the previous month. Blending at the plants showed a small increase but blending at refineries dropped off.

OUTPUT OF NATURAL-GAS GASOLINE (IN GALLONS-000 OMITTED).

Table showing output of natural-gas gasoline in gallons (000 omitted) for Mar. 1928, Feb. 1928, Jan.-Mar. 1927, Mar. 1927, Mar. 1928, and Feb. 1928, categorized by district.

Production and Shipments of Portland Cement in April Exceeds Previous Month, but Lower than Corresponding Month in 1927—Stocks Higher.

The Portland cement industry in April 1928 produced 13,468,000 barrels, shipped 13,307,000 barrels from the mills, and had in stock at the end of the month 27,605,000 barrels, according to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. The production of Portland cement in April 1928 showed a decrease of 4.1% and shipments a decrease of 7.3% as compared with April 1927. Portland cement stocks at the mills were 16.7% higher than a year ago. The total production from January to April 1928 inclusive amounts to 42,256,000 barrels, compared with 41,133,000 barrels in the same periods of 1927, and the total shipments from January to April 1928 inclusive amounts to 36,546,000 barrels, as compared with 38,149,000 barrels in the same period of 1927.

The output of finished cement by the 156 plants active at the close of April 1928 was equivalent to 70% of the estimated capacity, as compared to an output of 78.1% of capacity of the 143 plants at the close of April 1927. The Bureau also released the following statistics:

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY DISTRICTS, IN APRIL 1927 AND 1928 (IN BARRELS).

Table showing production, shipments, and stocks of finished Portland cement by districts in April 1927 and 1928.

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1927 AND 1928 (IN BBLs.).

Table showing production, shipments, and stocks of finished Portland cement by months in 1927 and 1928.

The above statistics are compiled from reports for April from all manufacturing plants except two, for which estimates have been included in lieu of actual returns. They include the output of another new plant, located in Maine, which began operating during the month.

Production of Slab Zinc in the United States Lower—Shipments Also Decrease.

Stocks of slab zinc on Apr. 30 totaled 44,759 short tons as compared with 41,529 short tons at the beginning of the month, an increase of 3,230 short tons, according to the American Zinc Institute, Inc. Production in April amounted to 53,493 short tons as compared with 55,881 short tons in the preceding month and 51,626 short tons in April 1927. Shipments last month totaled 50,263 short tons, of which 46,517 short tons went to domestic markets and 3,746 short tons were exported. Shipments in the month of March amounted to 55,642 short tons and in April 1927 totaled 46,697 short tons. Metal sold, not delivered, at the end of April 1928 amounted to 20,925 short tons; total retort capacity at Apr. 30 was 122,920 tons; the number of idle retorts available within 60 days, 45,336; the average number of retorts operating during Apr, 72,502; the number of retorts operating at the end of the month, 72,522. The monthly figures are as follows:

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS AND END OF PERIOD (FIGURES IN SHORT TONS).

Table showing production, shipments, and stocks and end of period (figures in short tons) from 1927 to 1928.

For production, &c., figures for the first half of March, see "Chronicle" of Mar. 31, page 1908.

Steel Output Reported for April Shows a Decrease.

The output of steel during April was 4,302,573 tons, by companies which made 94.68% of the output in 1927, according to the monthly report of the American Iron and Steel Institute. Of the total, 3,509,637 tons consisted of open-hearth steel and 564,039 tons of Bessemer. On this basis, the production of all companies was 4,302,573 tons for April, 4,507,520 tons for March, 40,045,304 tons for February and 3,991,332 tons for January. In April last year the product was 4,127,335 tons. The approximate daily output of all companies since the first of the year has been: April, with 25 working days, 172,103 tons; March, with 27 working days, 166,945 tons; February, with 25 working days, 161,812 tons, and January, with 26 working days, 153,513 tons. It will be seen that the daily product in April was the largest of the whole series. In the following we show the production by months back to January 1927.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JAN. 1927 TO APRIL 1928 (GROSS TONS).

Reported for 1927 and 1928 by companies which made 94.68% of the open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingot production in 1927.

Table showing monthly production of steel ingots from Jan. 1927 to April 1928, including gross tons, open-hearth, Bessemer, monthly output, calculated monthly output, no. of wks. of output, and percent of operation.

* Revised. x The figures of "per cent of operation" are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1926 of 57,230,350 gross tons, and as of Dec. 31 1927 of 58,627,910 gross tons for Bessemer and open-hearth steel ingots.

Actual Returns Show That April Pig Iron Output Gained Moderately.

Actual data of the April production of pig iron, reported by practically all companies, show that the estimates, made by the companies a week ago and published last week, were very close to the real output. The April production was 106,183 tons per day, according to the final returns, or only 153 tons more than the estimate of 106,030 tons published a week ago, says the "Iron Age" in its May 10 issue.

Table with 2 columns: Finished Steel and Pig Iron. Rows include weekly, monthly, and pre-war averages for various years (1923-1928).

April's steel ingot production record is water over the dam and no deterrent to the present mild downtrend in both demand and production...

Bookings in many finished steel lines have improved slightly in the past week, and May to date has developed more business than the comparable period of April...

In general, demand is relaxing moderately—a condition not yet reflected fully in consumption—and operating schedules of most steelmakers, while still approximating 80%, are a shade closer to incoming orders...

Between-quarters inertia is proving a heavy load for pig iron. Some third quarter iron has been sold, especially at Chicago, but in other districts melters are content to order out their second quarter contracts...

Specifications against second quarter steel bar contracts and spot sales at Chicago still keep pace with shipments. Miscellaneous orders for plates at Chicago defer deliveries, as in bars, four to six weeks...

Prospective structural shape projects are headed by 50,000 to 60,000 tons for the Merchandise Mart at Chicago, which may be several months in reaching mill books...

Competition for sheet business is sharper, though prices have given no more ground. As in heavy steel, the lower-priced markets to the east of Chicago are impairing the sheet price structure...

Considering all makers, hot and cold rolled strip business this month is ahead of April. On the wider sizes of hot rolled the tendency is toward the 1.75c, Pittsburgh, price which governed most of the first quarter...

With navigation on the Great Lakes under way, prospects are for a 55,000,000-ton iron ore season, compared with 52,300,000 tons in 1927 and 60,000,000 tons in 1926.

Cross-currents in the iron and steel trade promise to make 1928 a unique year. Already pig iron, scrap and finished steel are moving by water between Great Lakes ports...

April's ingot record is the more noteworthy because made following a March that just fell short of a new mark. Only four times since 1917, when monthly ingot figures were first compiled, has April's daily rate exceeded March...

The "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products advanced 1 cent this week as a result of minor adjustments, now being \$35.57.

Steel mills are reported operating at higher rates this week by the "Wall Street Journal" which notes on May 9 that the industry is running at 85 1/2% of capacity...

Ingot production of steel is placed this week at about 85 1/2%, an increase of 1/4% over the preceding week, when the rate was 85%.

The increase in the average is due entirely to a gain of 1% among independent companies, which are at approximately 81%, contrasted with a shade under 80% the previous week...

For U. S. Steel Corp. there has been no practical change during the week, the rate being around 90%. Two weeks ago the corporation was at 90 1/2%. Compared with a year ago operations are higher all around...

Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Again Increases—Coke Also Gains.

Further increases occurred in the production of coal during the week of April 28, the output of bituminous coal rising from 7,917,000 tons in the week of April 21 to 8,187,000 tons a week later...

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended April 28, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 8,187,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this is an increase of 270,000 tons, or 3.4%.

Table: Estimated United States Production of Bituminous Coal (Net Tons) Incl. Coal Coked. Columns: 1928 (Week, Cal. Year to Date), 1927 (Week, Cal. Year to Date).

The total production of bituminous coal during the present calendar year to April 28 (approximately 101 working days) amounts to 160,191,000 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 April 21 is estimated at 7,917,000 net tons.

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

Table: Estimated Weekly Production of Coal by States (Net Tons). Columns: State, April 21 1928, April 14 1928, April 23 1927, April 24 1926, April Average 1923.

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 Apr. 28 is estimated at 1,891,000 net tons. This is an increase of 286,000 tons, or 17.8% over that output in the preceding week.

Table: Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons). Columns: 1928 (Week, Cal. Year to Date), 1927 (Week, Cal. Year to Date).

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country as a whole during the week ended Apr. 28 is estimated at 92,000 net tons. This is in comparison with an output of 87,000 tons in the preceding week and 176,000 tons in the corresponding week of 1927.

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 643, 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 May 2:

Condition of Member Banks in Leading Cities.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 643 reporting member banks in leading cities as of May 2 shows increases for the week of \$229,000,000 in loans and discounts, of \$20,000,000 in investments, of \$204,000,000 in net demand deposits, of \$33,000,000 in time deposits, and of \$41,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government obligations, were \$142,000,000 above the Apr. 25 total at all reporting banks, increases of \$135,000,000 being shown for the New York district and of \$8,000,000 for the Boston district, and decreases of \$6,000,000 and \$5,000,000 respectively, for the Cleveland and Philadelphia districts. "All other" loans and discounts were \$86,000,000 above the amount reported a week ago, member banks in the New York district reporting an increase of \$36,000,000, those in the Chicago district \$33,000,000, in the Philadelphia district \$17,000,000, and in the Cleveland district \$11,000,000, while member banks in the San Francisco district showed a decline of \$6,000,000.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities increased \$22,000,000 at all reporting banks and \$15,000,000 and \$8,000,000, respectively, in the New York and Chicago districts, while holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities declined \$2,000,000 at all reporting banks and \$11,000,000 in the New York district.

Net demand deposits were \$149,000,000 above the Apr. 25 total in the New York district, \$28,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$10,000,000 each in the Boston and Atlanta districts, \$8,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, and \$204,000,000 at all reporting banks. Time deposits increased \$33,000,000, principally in the New York and Chicago districts.

The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks comprise increases of \$10,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$6,000,000 each in the Cleveland, Kansas City and San Francisco districts.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 643 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending May 2 1928, follows:

	May 2 1928.	—Increase or Decrease During Week.	Year.
Loans and investments—total	22,587,522,000	+249,126,000	+2,075,235,000
Loans and discounts—total	15,950,749,000	+228,736,000	+1,419,627,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	159,100,000	+20,437,000	+4,404,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	6,849,807,000	+122,081,000	+1,036,658,000
All other loans and discounts	8,941,842,000	+86,218,000	+378,565,000
Investments—total	6,636,773,000	+20,390,000	+655,608,000
U. S. Govt. securities	3,023,833,000	+21,992,000	+411,026,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,612,940,000	-1,602,000	+244,582,000
Reserve with Fed. Res. banks	1,816,018,000	+12,339,000	+92,720,000
Cash in vault	241,209,000	-2,180,000	-20,526,000
Net demand deposits	13,945,860,000	+203,551,000	+763,480,000
Time deposits	6,911,366,000	+33,419,000	+754,811,000
Government deposits	108,692,000	-8,408,000	-47,394,000
Due from banks	1,235,963,000	+104,017,000	+25,836,000
Due to banks	3,515,720,000	+211,645,000	+168,952,000
Borrowings from F. R. Banks—total	586,248,000	+41,241,000	+230,735,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligat'ns.	424,227,000	+38,088,000	+181,968,000
All other	162,021,000	+3,153,000	+48,767,000

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 (May 12) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

ARGENTINA.

Exports and imports throughout the week continued on a high level. The retail trade, and especially the demand for textiles, owing to the advent of cooler weather, was good. As compared with the corresponding quarter of the previous year, imports of the following commodities during the first quarter of this year have shown the following increases: Textiles, 31%; fuel and lubricants, 29%; iron and manufactures, 28%; tobacco, 28%; machinery and vehicles, 26%; chemical products, oil and paints, 15%; rubber and manufactures, 15%. Apr. liabilities in failures amounted to 17,000,000 paper pesos.

AUSTRALIA.

Australian trade and industry continues dull. Wool sales at Sydney have enjoyed a firm market. The basis wage scale has been reduced one shilling in industries covered by Federal awards. Sale of the Commonwealth Shipping Line has been confirmed, and the threatened strike protesting the same has failed to materialize. Australian sugar producers are encouraged by a recent British tariff decision which operates to their advantage. Rubber growers in Papua are asking for a bounty.

BRAZIL.

General business continues only fair, but the demand for imported textiles is good. The financial condition of the Federal Government is excellent according to the presidential message to Congress of May 3.

BRITISH MALAYA.

With the passing of time, trade circles of British Malaya are becoming adjusted to prevailing conditions in the country's most important market and a generally stabilizing attitude is developing. Business conditions, otherwise, are unchanged.

CANADA.

Wholesalers throughout Canada report sales in the week ended May 5 as fairly satisfactory and ahead of last week, although not up to expectations because of the inclement weather. Collections are fair except in Quebec and Saskatchewan where they are slow. Few price changes have been noted.

Alberta coal is being offered in Ottawa at \$13.50 a ton. Wheat sowing is proceeding actively in the Prairie Provinces and an increased acreage is anticipated over 1927. Indications point to a 10% reduction in the acreage planted to onions in Ontario and British Columbia. Announcement has been made of the acquirement by T. Easton Co. of the 21 stores formerly operated by Canadian Department Stores, principally in Ontario and Quebec. Bank clearings and check debits continue to reflect the increased financial turnover due to the expansion of speculative activity on Canadian and United States exchanges.

CUBA.

The 1928 sugar campaign in Cuba is practically completed and on May 3, 150 mills had finished grinding, leaving but 22 still operating. Production to Apr. 30 amounted to 3,927,000 tons, according to figures of the Cuba Sugar Club, and only a very small amount remains to be produced to reach the allotted output of 4,000,000 tons. The sucrose content of the cane has averaged about one-half of 1% higher than in 1927. With the early termination of the grinding, the unemployment situation has been aggravated and the normal between crop dull season for business will be extended this year. There is some prospect of an acceleration of the government's program of public works construction and, if this materializes, it will have a favorable effect on business through increased employment and the distribution of governmental funds. The trend of United States trade with Cuba during the present year has been steadily downward.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Czechoslovak industry continues to maintain a satisfactory degree of activity except for a slight slackening in cotton spinning and weaving. Capacity production is reported in the steel, machinery, wool, and automobile industries while favorable conditions prevail in the leather, glass and lumber lines. Crops are generally good and the winter wheat which was damaged by unseasonable cold is expected to recover. It is expected that the legislation providing for duty rebates on machinery not manufactured domestically will be extended to the end of next year. There has been no change in the unemployment situation and the labor situation is quiet apart from two minor strikes in a small arms factory and a textile mill in Brunn. The volume of Czechoslovak foreign trade for March shows a considerable increase over the previous month and continues the trend of the quarter, as a whole, wherein both exports of finished goods and foodstuffs (sugar), and imports of raw materials and foodstuffs increased.

EGYPT.

Preliminary returns on foreign trade for March show exports of £E4,367,720 and imports of £E3,884,990, as compared with £E4,898,170 and £E3,702,770, respectively, in March 1927. Cotton exports declined approximately £E416,000 from the corresponding month of 1927. Total exports for the first three months of 1928 were valued at £E13,266,900 and imports at £E11,943,980, as against £E12,041,890 and £E10,669,630 for the same period of 1927. Cotton exports during this period were valued at £E10,737,700 as against £E10,670,000 in the first three months of 1927. The decline in cotton exports during March was offset by larger shipments in the preceding two months. (£E equals approx. \$.)

FINLAND.

Conditions in Finland during April were generally unchanged with the exception of an increased stringency in the money market. Active imports and marked forest activity occasioned large demands for credit during the early months and at the beginning of April credit requirements to finance exports were heavy. These demands have been met without great difficulty. Foreign exchange holdings have been on a decline while the note circulation and State bank loans have steadily increased. Operations at the commercial banks were generally active during the first quarter. Loans and discounts advanced by nearly 700,000,000 marks and deposits have also increased by over 500,000,000 marks. With the approach of Spring a slight revival in industrial activity is gradually becoming noticeable. Forest operations have been practically completed and the floating of timber to the mills is commencing. The timber market has assumed a more normal tone as continental buying has improved. Approximately one half of the output for 1928 was placed at the middle of April. The labor market is very satisfactory, no disputes exist or are impending and unemployment is on the decline. Shipping conditions are in general somewhat easier as a result of the Spring thaws. The cost of living advanced slightly during March following several marked declines since Jan. 1. Finland's foreign trade was fairly active during the first quarter although imports have been unusually large, stimulated largely by certain tariff reductions. The import surplus for the first quarter totaled nearly 950,000,000 marks which was nearly double the similar balance for the same period of last year.

FRANCE.

Much interest attended the opening on May 7 of subscriptions to the new loan for the partial conversion of the floating and short term debt into 5% bonds amortizable in 75 years. No limit has been placed on the amount of the loans which competent authorities believe may reach 15,000,000,000 francs. The fixing of the issue price to yield 5.48% indicates a strengthening of Government credit, since the last loan was placed. Payment will be accepted in cash or in National Defense bonds issued before Apr. 21 1928 and in certain other outstanding securities of early maturity. After providing for such redemption, the balance of the cash subscriptions will be applied to reimbursement of advances by the Bank of France to the State. In addition, the Autonomous Office for debt amortization will discount for the Treasury National Defense bonds received up to an amount to be determined at the close of subscriptions and the Treasury will use the proceeds for further reimbursement to the Bank of France. The Bank of France statement of May 3 showed an increase of 859,000,000 francs in advances to the State, of 813,000,000 francs in the portfolio, and of 923,000,000 francs in note circulation. The increase was due primarily to the end of the month requirements. Purchases of foreign exchange continue heavy.

GERMANY.

According to official figures which have recently been made public, the German Government receipts from taxes, customs, and other sources or the fiscal year which terminated on Mar. 31 1928, amounted to 8,490,394,000 marks, as compared with an estimate of 8,460,500,000 marks. The income tax brought in 2,784,300,000 marks, as against an estimate of 2,775,000,000, while the turnover tax amounting to 877,600,000 marks was slightly below the estimated figure of 890,000,000. Similarly, customs returns were slightly below the estimates, aggregating 1,250,900,000 marks as against 1,255,000,000 marks.

JAPAN.

Improved trade in Japan is resulting in some agitation for lifting production restriction adopted by the larger producers on flour and cement. The Fifteenth (Peers') Bank was reopened on Apr. 28. Withdrawals of deposits were much smaller than was anticipated. The electric light and power companies, Toho Denryoku K. K., Daido Denryoku K. K., and Ujigawa Denki Kaisha are declaring dividends of 10%. First forecasts

of the 1928 silkworm egg cards indicate it is said, an increase of 7½% over 1927 cards.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Java importers anticipate active native buying of textiles, foodstuffs and bazaar specialties, following the present bumper rice crop. Figures for March rubber exports from the Netherlands East Indies show a total of 19,515 long tons, with 3,999 tons from Java, 5,826 from the Sumatra East Coast, and 9,690 tons from all other sections.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Retail business of the past week was slower, as the result of the seasonal exodus from Manila to Baguio prior to the severely hot period in May and June. The copra market remains firm and arrivals are light. Three oil mills continue operations intermittently. Prices are unchanged at 13.50 pesos per picul for resecado (dried copra) delivered at Manila; Hondagua, 13 pesos; and Cebu, 13.75. (One peso equals \$0.50) The undertone of the abaca market is somewhat firmer, although trade continues quiet. There has been no diminution in heavy production. Prices, which continue speculative, are slightly higher than last week for grades F and I, at 26.50 and 23.50 pesos per picul respectively. Other selected grades remain unchanged at 22 pesos for JUS; 18.50 for JUK; and 14.50 for grade L. In keeping with the tone of foreign markets, however, regular exporters are offering abaca at about 50 centavos (25 cents) less per picul.

POLAND.

Polish imports reached in March a record high of 370,000,000 zlotys, equivalent to \$41,570,000 (par value 8.90 zlotys to the dollar), against 208,000,000 zlotys or \$23,370,000 of exports, thus resulting in an adverse balance of 162,000,000 zlotys or \$18,200,000, also a record figure.

The adverse trade balance in 1928 is more than covered by the sharp increase in imports, chiefly of raw and semi-manufactured materials and machinery for agricultural and industrial productive purposes, as a result of the financial stabilization and general improvement in the economic condition of the country.

PORTO RICO.

The general situation in Porto Rico remains unchanged with the drought still affecting agriculture and causing large losses to the fruit growers as well as threatening to retard the movement of the grapefruit crop by its unfavorable effect at this time of the year. Custom receipts during April 1928 amounted to \$216,000 and bank clearings were \$21,644,000 as compared with \$189,000 and \$24,026,000 in the same month of 1927. The registration of automobiles during the past month totaled 280, or 8 less than in April 1927. Shipments from Porto Rico to the United States in April amounted to \$12,149,000 as compared with \$10,928,000 in April 1927. The increase in shipments to the United States during April is encouraging in view of the fact that shipments for the first quarter of 1928 were running below those of the same quarter of 1927.

SWEDEN.

After 4 months of unusually low rates the Bank of Sweden on May 1 increased its discount rate from 3½% to 4%, and the rediscount rate from 3% to 3½%. The rates at the private banks were increased correspondingly. The Swedish Match Trusts declared dividend rate for 1927 the same as for 1926 although the company's report reveals a record profit and expansion during the year. The status of conflict in the iron mine is unchanged but the difficulties in the sugar mills will probably soon be settled.

UNITED KINGDOM.

A general condition of stability continues in British business, although there have been slight trade recessions which were partly due to the Easter holidays and to uncertainty respecting the provisions of the new budget prior to the Chancellor's announcement on Apr. 24. Statistics of banking, prices, trade, and employment show few changes not related to usual seasonal movements, therefore no unusual change in business activity is anticipated. There have been recent declines in employment in the steel, linen, and ship-building trades, but the building, pottery, automotive, tinplate, and woolen industries' employment totals have increased. Despite apparent weak spots in the trade situation, the outlook is considered to be fairly good. The new budget aims to relieve productive industry of oppressive local taxation, although definite improvement from that cause may be as yet only in anticipation of the time such relief becomes effective. The rise in security and commodity prices, the expansion in bank deposits, advances, and the slight decline in discount rates indicate easier trade conditions and confidence in industrial progress. Production of iron and steel has shown a seasonal increase, statistics indicating that the March output was the highest for any month since May of last year. The present demand is not sufficient to absorb the output and business is dull although prices are generally firm. Coal markets were unsettled in April due to uncertainty arising from the operation of the new marketing schemes. Restriction in output was offset by a seasonal decline in consumption, thus causing prices to remain at low levels. Engineering trades are moderately active.

The chemical trade remains at about the average volume. Demand in most lines is steady but not in large quantities. Petroleum imports in April were above the March volume, the difference being especially pronounced in gasoline and crude oil. Despite adverse weather conditions, all sections of the automotive industry showed improvement during April. Raw wool has continued to hold a strong position. The leather market is strong and prices are hardening as a result of recent advances in the raw hide market. Shoe manufacturers are operating part-time due to lack of orders. The general consumption of lumber continues to improve.

Prof. Cassel of Sweden, in Lecture at Columbia University Says Growing Scarcity of Gold Calls for Restriction of Demand for Metal if We Would Prevent Fall in Prices.

Discussing "The Post-War Monetary Situation" at Columbia University on May 4, Gustav Cassel, Professor of Economics in the University of Stockholm, Sweden, declared that "the great problem before us is how to meet the growing scarcity of gold which threatens the world both from increased demand and diminished supply." He went on to say "we must solve this problem by a systematic restriction of the monetary demand for gold." Prof. Cassel added:

"Only if we succeed in doing this can we hope to prevent a permanent fall of the general price level and a prolonged and world-wide depression which would inevitably be connected with such a fall in prices. We must devote great attention to the investigation of the general growth of the demand for gold and of the increase in the supply which is necessary to meet this growing demand."

According to the "Journal of Commerce," Prof. Cassel, in noting that fresh gold supplies are falling behind the world's needs, said that the South African mines are beginning to get exhausted, and no permanent relief from shortage is in sight. "The deficiency," he added, "is already so great that even the discovery of a new gold field of the importance of Witwatersrand would hardly do anything more than fill up the gap for the moment, and would be insufficient to counteract the shortage that must follow the exhaustion of the present mines." The following further account of his comments on May 4 is from the "Times":

"When the world's total stock of gold, say in fifteen years, will have grown to 100,000,000,000 marks, normal progress will require an annual production of 3,000,000 marks. With the resources now known, we shall not be able to cover much more than half of this need.

Would Restrict Demand.

"The great problem before us is how to meet the growing scarcity of gold resulting from increased demand and diminished supply. We must solve this problem by a systematic restriction of the monetary demand for gold. Only in doing this can we hope to prevent a permanent fall of the general price level and a prolonged and worldwide depression. We must, therefore, try to find out how great the normal or average increase is during a long period and in this way come to some estimate of the annual additions to our accumulated gold stock which are likely on an average to be required in the future.

"After the destruction caused by the Great War the need for progress seems all the greater, and there is no technical reason why progress, at least the pre-war rate, should not continue for any period worth our taking into consideration.

"As far as we can see now it is therefore necessary for the future to reckon with an annual need of fresh gold amounting to 3% of the total gold stock accumulated at the beginning of every year. It is true that the value of gold is now quite different from what it used to be before the war. But things being as they are, and assuming that no new alterations of this kind are going to take place, the stability of the present value of gold will depend on a growth of the accumulated stock of gold corresponding to the world's general economic progress.

Estimating Annual Need.

"The question we now have to answer is this: How far is the need by the production of fresh gold? In 1910 the world's stock of gold amounted to 52,000,000,000 gold marks. At the end of 1925 this gold stock had risen to 75,500,000,000 gold marks, and at the end of 1927 it will probably be found to have exceeded 78,000,000,000 gold marks.

"The annual production required would then be 2,340,000,000 gold marks. The annual production of the last few years has, however, only amounted to about 1,600,000,000 or 1,700,000,000 gold marks. There is therefore already a very considerable deficit. Assuming the gold production to remain constant, the ratio of the annual gold production to the stock of gold will soon come down to 2%, and the production will thus cover only two-thirds of the need.

"Some persons reject the idea of a deliberate regulation of the value of gold as involving an unwarranted State interference in our economic life. On this ground they combat all schemes for what they call a 'managed currency.' Such apostles of economic freedom would, however, do better to expend their energy on combating traffics and other forms of unnecessary Government control of trade.

"To provide a country with a reliable monetary system is under all circumstances an essential function of the State. In some form or other our currency has to be managed, and whether well or badly managed is the only question we have to decide. The gold standard cannot be any longer relied upon as an objective standard, automatically guaranteeing the stability of our money. Governments and central banks do unavoidably influence the value of gold, and very materially so. What we urge them to do is merely to subject this influence to rational principles and to cooperate in procuring for the common gold standard of the world the highest possible stability."

Prof. Cassel's opening lecture was delivered at Columbia on May 3, at which time he observed that a revolution has taken place as a result of the World War. The "Times" indicated as follows what Prof. Cassel had to say on the 3rd:

After touching on the inflationary tendencies of the period, Dr. Cassel proceeded to review the current ideas on currency and the paper tokens of currency. False conceptions were at the bottom of the attempt to withdraw gold from circulation and stimulate the payment by notes and checks, he said.

"The only thing that has real importance for the value of a currency," he added, "is the total supply of means of payment. Any arbitrary increase of this supply must lead to a deterioration of the monetary unit."

The steps taken in post-war stabilization were also reviewed. The lecturer said:

"The different cases may be classified in two main groups: those in which the value to which the currency had been forced down by the previous inflation was recognized as definite and taken as a basis for stabilization, and those in which it was first attempted to raise the currency to a higher value by aid of a process of deflation. To these groups may be added a third, best illustrated by the case of Germany, where the old currency had actually been wiped out by the inflation so that an entirely fresh currency had to be constructed."

The restoration of the gold standard by Great Britain in April, 1925, was considered by Dr. Cassel a step which immediately proved to be a great help for the stabilization of the world's currencies at large.

Dr. Cassel discussed at length his own "purchasing power parity" theory of exchanges. Purchasing power parity, he said, stands out as the only essential and permanent factor determining the rate of exchange, all other factors being reduced to the range of temporary disturbances. The fundamental of this theory is "the regulation of the purchasing power of each currency so as to correspond to that of gold."

The same paper in referring to what Prof. Cassel had to say on May 7, in further discussing the subject, stated:

It must always be kept in mind that New York is necessarily one of the world's great gold centres and that it is therefore natural for the Federal Reserve System to keep a comparatively larger gold reserve than

other countries require, Professor Cassel said in discussing "The New Gold Standard."

"An international concentration of gold reserves in the great gold centres, New York and London," he declared, "obviously requires a co-operation between all gold standard countries and particularly between England and the United States. The aim of this co-operation should be to enforce such economy in the monetary use of gold as is necessary in order to maintain gold at an invariable value."

"This stabilization of the value of gold is of fundamental importance for the well-being of the whole world. To represent a necessary co-operation between the leading gold centres as a sacrificing of American interests to British and European interests—as is constantly done in certain American quarters—is to give an absolutely false interpretation of the international relations here in question."

"Evidently a successful international co-operation for the stabilization of the gold standard would be very much hampered if the central authority of the Federal Reserve Board were to be sacrificed to the greater independence of the several Federal Reserve banks."

"Thus gold exports need not cause a fall in the American price level, nor need gold imports cause it to rise. Under such circumstances the United States is in a position to exercise an independent control over the value of its currency. The value of the dollar is simply the result of the way in which the monetary authorities of the United States choose to regulate the general supply of means of payment in the country."

"As the United States is always able to buy and sell gold at fixed prices in the dollar so determined, the value of gold is bound to adjust itself to that of the dollar."

"The result is that the United States' monetary policy determines the value of the currency of every other gold standard country. The Federal Reserve authorities therefore control not only the general level of prices in the United States but also the price levels of all other gold standard countries in the world."

On May 9, in an address at the Yale Club, Prof. Cassel, advocating lower tariff walls, said:

"Sweden has not once increased her tariff since the war. Prices have come up, but the value of money is much less. Sweden today is much more a free trade country than before the war. I think that by not raising our tariff walls any higher we have facilitated international trade. Last year at the League of Nations meeting in Geneva my country joined with England to work for free trade. I don't, however, advocate complete free trade everywhere."

Great Britain's Plans for Amalgamation of Note Issues —New Treatment of Savings Certificates.

According to copyright advices from London, May 6, to the "Herald-Tribune" a new clash between financial and industrial viewpoints in Great Britain corresponding with that which attended the government's decision to revert to the gold standard has arisen. The account goes on to say:

It hinges on the text of Chancellor Churchill's currency and banknotes bill speech providing for amalgamation of government currency notes in denomination of the pound and 10 shillings, which were issued on the outbreak of the war in order to economize gold supplies, both Bank of England notes hitherto not issued in denominations of less than £5.

The controversy centered around the clause fixing fiduciary notes circulation combined with currency and banknote issues. The actual figure laid down in bills was £260,000,000, and this amount should provide not only for present currency needs in the country but also for increased requirements which may very possibly accompany expanding trade, upon which discussion of the bill turns. The present actual fiduciary issues in circulation amount to about £233,452,000, but at this season the public demand for currency is far from the peak. It is pointed out that on December 22 last, when the demand for currency was at its height, fiduciary circulation was just over £263,000,000, or £3,000,000 more than is now proposed as maximum.

A provision in the bill would enable the Treasury to authorize the bank increase in fiduciary issues, but since it may be supposed that the bank will show itself reluctant to ask for such authority, and, in any case, such an excess issue must be withdrawn within six months, it is contended by opponents of the bill that there is no provision for any permanent expansion in the country's currency requirements. Any increase in these requirements would thus have to be met with an increase in gold holdings, which, it is plain, would mean that the country would be driven into an undesirable competition with other countries for an available supply.

The measure is most strongly opposed by the labor party, on the ground that the inevitable result would be a lack of elasticity in the supply of currency necessary for commercial and industrial wellbeing and that the community will be forced to put a disastrous check on any trade revival by forcing down the general level of prices. A similar viewpoint is taken by industrial leaders, headed by Sir Alfred Mond, while the Federation of British Industries is expected to adopt the same stand, thus lining up industrial capital with labor in putting up a strong fight for greater elasticity in fiduciary issues than is contemplated in Churchill's bill.

Since our reference to the Chancellor's budget speech in our issue of April 28, page 2577, in which it was noted that the British note issues would be amalgamated this year, the London "Financial News," giving the speech in detail, has come to us. From that account we quote the following

Debt Reduction.

"We have done very well this year in reduction of debt. The new sinking fund was raised to the unprecedented figure of £65,000,000. In addition, the budget has borne the payment of more than £15,000,000 for accrued interest upon savings certificates. This total of £80,000,000 is strictly comparable with the £53,000,000 provided under both heads by my predecessor in office in the budget of 1924."

"The result, however, of the exertions needed to provide the additional sum of £28,000,000 appears somewhat disappointing."

Mr. Churchill said that the nominal deadweight debt which on April 1 was £7,527,000,000 showed a diminution of only £27,000,000 on the year in spite of the operation of £65,000,000 sinking fund, due to a great quantity of 3½% War Loan having to be raised at the beginning of the year to the higher interest rates now ruling. This raised interest charges by upwards of £1,000,000.

The external debt had been reduced by £6,250,000, and now stood at £1,095,000,000.

Floating debt had been reduced by nearly £27,000,000 and is now £688,750,000. This time last year they were faced with some £555,000,000 of

National War bonds maturing before March 31 1929. These had been reduced to £193,000,000, towards which there was £60,000,000 in hand from the issue of the 5% Treasury bonds last December.

"I am glad to say," said Mr. Churchill, "that the worst is now over, and that our position for dealing in future conversions has been greatly improved."

Savings Certificates.

The time had come when the problem of savings certificates must receive new and radical treatment. It was calculated that the interest liabilities involved by their annual sale would have been fairly equated by a provision beginning in early years of a cumulative interest payment of £20,000,000. The difference between this sum and that actually provided had always constituted a direct diminution of the sinking fund.

"I cannot pretend," said the Chancellor, "that this story constitutes the strongest feature of our post-war finance. But I took it as I found it, and if I erred with the Snowdens and the Hornes and with the hereditary virtue of the whole house of Chamberlain."

Mr. Churchill said they had been making larger sinking fund repayments of debt than had generally been realized, consisting of the repayment by the Dominions of loans made to them during the war, and the interest on the Victory bonds held by the National Debt Office, amounting together to £6,400,000.

"On the subject of the treatment of the National Debt," he went on, "I have noticed a good deal of anxiety and loose speaking: I have heard it said that we are making no headway in paying off our National Debt, and it has been suggested that there should be drastic taxation like the surtax and a capital levy. Of course, these supposed remedies are equally futile. We have only got to go on paying the same sort of sums as we are paying now steadily and punctually, and the debt will be extinguished within the lifetime of some of those who are now listening."

Return to Disraeli's Policy.

"I propose to recur to the policy instituted in Mr. Disraeli's Government by Sir Stafford Northcote in 1875, with the full support of Mr. Gladstone, and to establish a fixed debt charge for the interest for all the services of debt and for the sinking fund, so that as the interest charge falls through the working of the sinking fund the process of amortizing the debt will grow greater and more rapid."

"I propose to establish a new fixed debt charge, and I propose to put the figure at £355,000,000 a year, compared with Sir Stafford Northcote's sum of 28 millions. This sum provides for the 51 millions required to meet the specific sinking fund on certain Government stock, and it will also provide an average of 20 millions a year for the service of the savings certificates. The interest saved by the annual repayment of debt and in economies effected in administration will each year be automatically added to the effective sinking fund."

"I propose that the income-tax payer shall look forward to any relief which may be yielded by any great conversion of debt to a lower rate of interest. He has that hope for the future. The rest of this annual sum will continue to roll up until or unless the day dawns when some unholy hand is laid upon it."

"The payment of 355 millions a year, if steadily maintained, even if the rate of interest falls not lower than 4½%, will extinguish our entire debt—internal and external, and including our debt to the United States—without any addition to present taxation in a period of exactly fifty years."

Note Amalgamation.

Referring to the restoration of the gold standard, the Chancellor said:—"The time has now come to take a subsidiary step."

The amalgamation of the currency notes with the Bank of England note issue will take place in the present financial year.

A bill for this purpose will be introduced at the earliest convenient opportunity. The Bank of England will take charge of the present note issue, and of the assets held against them. The profits of the issue, less expenses, will remain secured to the State.

"The assets will be taken by the bank at their present value, and we shall not, of course, hand over the reserves accumulated by the Treasury against the possibility of future depreciations. The amount of these reserves is £13,200,000. I shall use them as a special means of strengthening the sinking fund this year and of inaugurating the new debt redemption scheme, to which I shall add £800,000 from the general resources of the budget, which, added to the 51 millions, will carry the sinking fund again this year to the record figure of 65 millions."

Giving a six-year forecast of the operation of the fixed debt charge of 355 millions, Mr. Churchill said the provision for the new sinking fund and for savings certificates combined would be 78½ millions in 1928, 66½ millions in 1929, 69 millions in 1930, 72 millions in 1931, 73½ millions in 1932, and 71 millions in 1933.

A Government actuary had certified that the full annual provision on the average of the next six years required to meet the interest accruing on the savings certificates was 20¼ millions. Thus a fixed debt charge provision of 355 millions, fortified this year by the addition of 14 millions would during the next six years not only meet the statutory and fiduciary requirements of the new sinking fund, but would cover the whole provision actuarially required for the savings certificates with a free margin of 1¼ millions a year.

Mr. Churchill said that he estimated the Consolidated Fund services as follows:—

Debt: The provision of 355 millions setting aside the special addition of 14 millions from the sinking fund.

Road Fund: 21½ millions, an increase of 2 millions over last year.

Local taxation account: £14,200,000.

Northern Ireland Residuary share: £5,400,000.

Other Consolidated Fund Services: £2,600,000.

"That makes a total Consolidated Fund Services of £398,700,000," he went on.

£806,195,000 Expenditure.

"The figures for the Supply Services have already been laid before the House at a total of £407,495,000. Thus the total estimated expenditure of 1928 on the above basis becomes £806,195,000, a reduction of £27,000,000 from the estimated and £32,000,000 from the realized expenditure of last year."

"To present a clearer picture, I have this year adopted a new form of presentation of our accounts. In the first place, I have presented the net instead of gross."

"The total estimated expenditure for 1927 was £833,390,000. But had the change just mentioned been in force that year the figure would have been £826,326,000 net. The corresponding total for 1928 is the figure that I have already given, namely, £806,195,000. Therefore, the reduction, comparing like with like, is £20,000,000, and that is due to economy on the Supply Services and to the revision of debt arrangements."

Restated in its altered form the expenditure of 1928 is as follows:—

Supply Services, exclusive of Post Office, £350,000,000.

Consolidated Fund Services, excluding Road Fund Grant and sinking fund: £326,500,000.

"Total expenditure: £676,500,000."

British Gold Reserves After "Amalgamation"—London Bank Explains Problem Underlying Fusion of the Note Issues.

The following is from the New York "Times" of April 29:

The monthly review of Barclay Bank, London, for April, expresses the belief that the recent increase in the reserve ratio at the Bank of England "foreshadows an early merger of the currency note issue with that of the Bank of England." The bank's review continues: "The country's present stock of gold, as represented by the holdings of the Bank of England, is very little different in amount from the total gold supplies of the country prior to the war, and as meanwhile the legal tender notes outstanding have increased from £57 millions to £409 millions, the fiduciary portion of the Bank of England issue, limited at present by law to £19,750,000, will when the merger of the two issues takes place, have to be substantially increased.

"The Cunliffe Committee and the Committee on the Currency and Bank of England Note Issues both expressed themselves in favor of a fixed fiduciary issue, beyond which notes should be covered pound for pound, and one of the problems associated with the amalgamation of the two issues is that of fixing the future level of the single fiduciary issue. The larger the fiduciary portion of the issue is, the smaller is the amount covered by gold, and vice versa. It follows, therefore, that the future volume of the gold supplies of this country will be influenced to a considerable extent by the decisions reached in regard to the size of the fiduciary issue."

Proposed Tax by Great Britain on Kerosene Dropped from Chancellor Churchill's Budget.

Noting that Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, having already withdrawn one tax from his new budget, namely, that on kerosene, London advices to the New York "Times" stated that his deputy, A. M. Samuel, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, proposed, May 2, to reduce another, that on home-produced cigarette lighters. The advices added in part:

Thereby Mr. Samuel's gave rise to an extraordinary scene in the House of Commons.

When a Conservative back-bencher moved to reduce the tax Mr. Samuel at first demurred, but after Colonel L. S. Amery, Secretary of the State for Dominion Affairs and leader of the Protectionist Party in the Government, had whispered to him, Mr. Samuel gave way.

Opposition members immediately began to taunt him with trying to introduce protection by a back door and betraying the cause of his chief. Mr. Churchill, was absent through illness.

Mr. Churchill is suffering from influenza and running a high temperature. He became ill following his strenuous budget speech and the parliamentary debates which it aroused. He will not be able to attend the budget debates in the House of Commons for at least a week.

The presentation of the budget proposes to the House by Chancellor Churchill on April 24, was referred to in our issue of April 28, page 2577. Opposition to the Kerosene tax was registered by members of the Conservative Party.

Subscriptions Received Here to New French Internal Loan.

The New York banking houses of A. Iselin & Co. and Brown Bros. & Co., announced on May 7 that they would receive subscriptions to the new Government of the French Republic 75-year 5% Internal Loan of 1928. This loan follows the recently announced plan of the French Government to pay off advances received from the Bank of France, to retire short term obligations of the Government, and to provide a means for withdrawing from circulation a large amount of paper francs which are currently quoted at about 25 to the dollar. The new loan is offered in unlimited amount, and is primarily an internal operation of the Government of France following a long struggle to effect certain fiscal changes in financial administration. The bonds will be paid principal and interest in francs, free of all French taxes. A sinking fund is provided to retire them by purchase at par or less in the open market or by semi-annual drawings at par.

The bonds are direct obligations of the Government of the French Republic and are dated May 10 1928, and due May 10 2003. They are priced at 910 francs for each 1,000 Franc bond on which basis the bonds will yield 5.50%. Subscriptions will be received in the United States at the issue price, namely, 91% at the current exchange rate. Payment may be made either in cash or in terms of bonds specifically named by the French Government for retirement. These bonds will be received at prices to be set by the French Government. Principal among these are the two series of 6% Treasury bonds issued in 1923 and due in 1932-1933 which total 9,682,000,000 francs and the 5% Series of National Defense bonds issued in 1919 and due in 1929 which are expected to be called for redemption. The total amount of these bonds outstanding has not been divulged. Other bonds acceptable in payment include National Defense bonds issued by the Government prior to April 21 1928 and also the 6% bonds of Credit National Issue of 1922. In its announcement, the Bankers Trust Co. states that it will make no cable charges on transmission of subscriptions to the Banque de France of Paris, acting for the French Republic.

The New York Trust Co. on May 9 issued the following announcement:

The New York Trust Co. announces that it has been invited by the Banque de France to receive subscriptions to the new 5% Internal loan of the Government of the French Republic. The bonds are dated May 10 1928 and are due May 10 2003. Subscriptions are accepted at the official issue price of francs 910 for each francs 1,000 bond to yield 5½% per annum.

Applications are transmitted to Paris without deduction of cable costs and are received at the bank's Head Office at 100 Broadway, at its Madison Avenue Office (corner of Madison Ave. and Fortieth St.) and at its Fifth Ave. Office (corner of Fifth Ave. and Fifty-Seventh St.).

Under date of May 5 it was announced that, according to advices received by Bankers Trust Co. of New York from its French information service, the well-informed "Agence Economique" stated that the public loan would be a large consolidation operation destined to reimburse the advances of the Bank of France to the State now amounting to 23,800,000,000 francs. The Bankers Trust added in part:

Although the advances to the State figure at approximately 24,000,000,000 francs, under the agreement of the bank with the Government in regard to exchange transactions made on behalf of the Government, this amount will be cut down very considerably if legal stabilization is effected at the current rate. The "Agence Economique" figures that in order to wipe out the advances to the State, properly speaking, not more than 4,000,000,000 francs will have to be raised by the loan. If, however, the Treasury bonds discounted on State advances to foreign governments are included, the total sum necessary to repay the bank will be about 10,000,000,000 francs.

Already it is predicted that this new consolidation loan will be a great popular success, and because of the plenitude of money will attract a good deal of fresh money that has heretofore been hoarded.

Reference to the new French consolidation loan appeared in our issue of May 5, page 2728.

How France Plans to Pay State Bank—State to Use Proceeds of New Loan, in Addition to "Gold Revaluation" Credit—Note Circulation to Stand.

Under date of May 4 the New York "Times" reported the following from Paris:

Although the legal revaluation of the franc will be accompanied by cancellation of the greater part of the bank's advances to the State, it is not expected that repayment of these advances will cause much diminution in the bank's note circulation. There will be practically no necessity for cash repayment after operations based on the new Treasury loan have been completed.

That part of the new loan which will not be covered by conversion of outstanding obligations will be subscribed in cash or with defense bonds. The Caisse d'Amortissement will also discount such defense bonds with funds available at the bank; theretofore subscriptions made in the form of such bonds will practically amount to cash subscriptions, so far as concerns the Treasury's position.

With this money the Treasury will reimburse the bank. It is impossible to foretell exactly how much will be repaid in that way, but it is accepted as certain that the State's total debt to the bank remaining after the loan operation is completed, and after taking into consideration the revaluation of the bank's gold reserves, will be small enough to prevent its being any obstacle to immediate stabilization.

French Bank Again Buyer of Exchange—Holdings Now Estimated at \$1,500,000,000, Exclusive of French Treasury's Reserve—Bourse Boom Continues.

From the "Times" we quote the following from Paris, May 4:

The noteworthy influence on all the French markets is still a superabundance of money. During the past week the Bank of France again bought considerable quantities of foreign exchange. The foreign bills offered do not at present represent French capital returning from abroad, but were tendered by foreigners who have been buying immense quantities of French securities on the Paris Bourse and who require francs to make payment. This created a large demand for francs at the month-end settlement which the bank had to meet.

Notwithstanding the known magnitude of the bank's foreign exchange purchases, the sundry assets account, in which such purchases are entered, increased only by the small amount of 159 million francs during the week. This was because the bank was able to lend out to other institutions most of the foreign currency purchased.

Bank's Holdings of Foreign Bills.

Nevertheless, although the Bank of France thereby postponed actual payment for such purchases of foreign bills, it still remains the owner of the purchased exchange. The stock of foreign bills held by the bank is now estimated at more than \$1,500,000,000. This includes the foreign exchange temporarily loaned out, but excludes private reserves of foreign bills held by the Treasury, concerning which no precise figure is available.

The boom on the Bourse continues, notwithstanding counsel of caution by the banks. The truth is, however, that the rise has been chiefly engineered from abroad—particularly from America, which has been sending in buying orders in an amount often exceeding the market's possibilities. These purchases seem to be made without regard to price.

Theories of the Stock Market.

The frankly expressed judgment of the banks is that purchase even of high-grade securities at present prices is a mistake. The theory that stocks should be worth five times more after stabilization than they were when the franc stood at the old par is regarded as radically wrong in authoritative financial circles. Their ground of objection to the theory is that the value of a stock is merely capitalization of the yield it gives, and that dividends will certainly not be multiplied by five.

But theory and argument have counted for little in the present market; people now seem to be buying securities merely because prices are rising and without any serious reasoning. All of the sober financial community is convinced that sooner or later there will be a serious reaction on the Bourse.

Reichsbank Ends Its Gold Purchases—Country's Paper-Money Issues 649,000,000 Marks Above Year Ago, Loans Up 401,000,000.

Under the above head the New York "Times" prints the following from Berlin, May 4:

So far as is known, the Reichsbank has not purchased any more foreign gold, but statements made by the Ekonomitsheskaya Zhizn of Moscow imply that Russia expects to make further gold exports, possibly to Berlin. The total note circulation of all banks of issue, as now reported for the end of March, shows 6,222 million marks, as against 5,573 millions at the end of March, 1927, while total discounts and advances of the same banks had increased in the same 12 months from 2,515 millions to 2,916 millions. Considering the great business expansion of the period, however, these increases are considered moderate.

The activity in the home loan market during April is shown by the compilation of such issues for the month, which aggregate 186 million marks, consisting largely of municipal loans and Treasury bills. A great part of these, however, were subscribed by foreign capital. Foreign loans placed during the month amounted to 70 million marks, contrasting with 180 millions in March; but the total foreign borrowing in the first four months of the present year has been 445 million marks, whereas it amounted in the same months of 1927 to only 91 million. In the period last year, however, official sanctioning of foreign borrowing had been suspended.

Reich Must Watch Loan Policy, Says German Finance Minister.

The following copyright cablegram from Berlin, May 7, is from the "Herald-Tribune":

The most careful loan policies are essential for German finances, Dr. Heinrich Koehler, Minister of Finance, declared last night in an electioneering speech at Baden. Pointing out that foreign loans still are necessary for Germany, the minister emphasized that the Reich's financial situation, for several reasons, demands that the foreign indebtedness be kept down as much as possible.

Sound economics as to expenditures of public bodies must be the principle and essential feature of an administrative reform, the minister said, adding that to this end it is absolutely necessary to continue the road of the strictest economics.

Examination of the loan requirements of German communities and municipalities, which have almost been concluded by the advisory office for foreign loans, have been handled very carefully and only the most urgent ones have been sanctioned, he said.

Rising Exports May Curtail Germany's Foreign Borrowing.

The "Times" reports the following by wireless from Berlin, May 4:

The Disconto Bank's bulletin predicts that long-term German borrowing will not in the immediate future be of large dimensions. It describes the country's export outlook as excellent and declares that the former "psychological obstacles" against buying German goods has been entirely overcome.

The Official Institute for the Study of Trade Fluctuations also expresses itself optimistically concerning exports which it considers will play a big role in compensating for the weakening of the home market. One favorable indication is that, while industries producing goods for consumption has slackened, trades producing other instruments of production are very well occupied. The only fear which seems to be entertained is that the decision to raise coal prices by an average of 2 marks per ton may induce a fresh general advance in selling prices. Thus far, the iron and steel industries have decided not to raise their prices.

German Coal Prices Rise—Federal Commission Allows Owners to Meet Wage Increases.

A message from Berlin, May 2, to the New York "Times" states:

German coal prices will advance one or two marks per ton as a result of a wage increase recently granted to the Ruhr miners through an arbitrator's decision which was made mandatory by the Labor Minister.

The Federal Coal Commission today decided to grant the request of Rhenish and Westphalian mine owners for at least partial reimbursement. The commission permits an average rise of one mark per ton, but the question of which grades will benefit is left open. Some minor grades probably will remain at the old prices, but there is no doubt that the standard qualities will go up two marks. Briquets and coke will not become more expensive for the present.

Baron Krupp Stresses Need to Fix Dawes Total—Decision on Reparations Is Important Step to Industrial Germany, He Tells Reichsbank.

Any step tending to alter the Dawes plan with a view to fixing the total sum which Germany must pay as reparations must be regarded by the Reich as a very important step toward a solution of a troublesome problem, according to Baron Krupp von Bohlen-Halbach, President of the Krupp Works, who expressed this opinion on April 28 at a general assembly of the directors of the Reichsbank, held to consider German industrial obligations. In a review of the economic condition of the Reich, the Baron gave his view of what the future will be like, says the New York "Times" Berlin advices, which add:

The critical point at which Germany now finds herself with regard to the entire reparations question makes it doubly imperative that the Reich move with greatest care, the Baron said. The matter of borrowing foreign capital must be seriously considered since a wrong move might hurt the confidence in Germany which is now held and with justification, by her creditors, Krupp continued.

A solution, under the Dawes plan, however, depends on a further development of industry in the Reich, which has shown marked advances during the past few years. It was for this purpose, he added, that the borrowed money has been expended.

Steps which S. Parker Gilbert has taken in the direction of fixing a limit to the sum required is hailed by Krupp with satisfaction, though he anticipates that the Agent-General will go forward with the greatest caution, and for the present will give only a vague outline of the nature of the changed plan.

"Even though important details are left open in the present program," he said, "and though these proposals form a mere skeleton of the probable final solution, this move must be looked upon as important, all the more so because it is made near the end of a test year of the Dawes plan and comes from a source which is backed by experience and competence."

Germany World's Largest Exporter of Electrical Products—1927 Shipments to Foreign Markets Reach Value of \$120,000,000.

Germany has now become the world's foremost exporter of electrical equipment, outdistancing both the United States and Great Britain, a trade bulletin just issued by the Commerce Department reveals. In its advices to this effect May 8, the Department says:

Up until last year the electrical manufacturers of these three countries were running a neck and neck race for the leadership in the exporting field with the United States having a slight advantage. During 1927, however, the German industry forged to the front, total shipments to foreign markets reaching a value of \$120,000,000 as compared with \$102,000,000 for the United States and approximately \$80,000,000 for Great Britain.

The basis of Germany's advance in electrical exporting, according to the bulletin, rests on the price factor. In the matter of such appliances as lighting fixtures, switches, &c., the German producers do not attempt to turn out a finished product such as is the practice in the United States and the material is as a rule much lighter. The larger items, such as turbines, generators and motors are of excellent manufacture, but because of much lower labor costs these can also be sold at prices under American quotations.

Germany's electrical products, the report discloses, are shipped to every part of the world, although its best customers are in Europe. In this area German manufacturers have a decided advantage over their chief competitors because of proximity of markets and ease of transportation. The Netherlands is Germany's largest customer for electrical lines, followed by Great Britain, Russia, Argentina, Sweden and Italy. In 1927 shipments of German electrical items to the United States were valued at about \$2,000,000, about 2% of Germany's total exports.

The German electrical industry, according to the report, is apparently in a very prosperous condition. It is strongly entrenched in the foreign field and that its position there will be consolidated or, at least, that an effort will be made in that direction, is evidenced by the fact that there is a decided tendency to pool forces among German manufacturers.

Spanish Government Issues Debt Conversion Plan.

The following is from the "Journal of Commerce" of April 24:

The voluntary conversion of 1,000,000,000 pesetas, or more if presented of the existing 1,656,000,000 pesetas of "Deuda Perpetua 4 for Ciento Interior," is provided for by the Royal Decree Lay 535, according to a report to the Department of Commerce from Assistant Commercial Attache Evett D. Hester, Madrid.

Holders of the present issue desiring to present their bonds for conversion will be allowed option of two new issues: Amortizable 3 per cents, or amortizable 4 per cents. The amortizable 3s will be issued at 100 pesetas for each 100 pesetas nominal value of the old, while the amortizable 4s will be issued at 80 pesetas for each 100 pesetas nominal value of the old issue. Both new issues are to be amortized over 70 years, beginning Jan. 1 1929, retired by quarterly drawings, and are exempt from the utility (income) taxes on movable property. Loans guaranteed with bonds of the new issues will be exempt from stamp tax until Dec. 31 1936, this same benefit being accorded temporarily to bonds which are declared by their holders subject to conversion on or before April 13 1928.

The Bank of Spain agrees to accept bonds of the new issue for discount at 90% of their nominal value and, further, until Dec. 31 1936, this same benefit being accorded temporarily to bonds which are declared by their holders subject to conversion on or before April 13 1928. The Bank of Spain agrees to accept bonds of the new issue for discount at 90% of their nominal value and, further, until Dec. 31 1936, will grant a reduction of 1/2% in interest in loans guaranteed by the new securities when such interest would normally exceed 4%.

Spain Admits Foreign Wheat in Effort to Regulate Prices.

Special cablegram to "The New York Times" from Madrid April 28 said:

The Spanish Government has granted permission for the importation of foreign wheat with a view to regulating prices throughout the country.

Heretofore only temporary permission has been granted from time to time when high prices due to shortages made a further supply essential.

A duty of \$2.68 a hundred kilograms will be charged. Wheat is now selling at \$8.66 a hundred kilograms.

Visit to United States of Alfred Loewenstein, Belgian Banker—Brazilian Traction Affairs.

Alfred Loewenstein, the Belgian banker, who arrived in New York on April 25 on the French steamer "Ile de France," indicated in an interview on April 30 at Montreal that his visit has a two-fold object. This is learned from advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which state:

The chief object is to repair "an injustice" done to bondholders of the securities of a subsidiary of Brazilian Traction, he declared, and the

second is to try to get representation on the directorate of Brazilian Traction for the Belgian interests, who have some \$78,000,000 invested in the South American utility enterprise.

With regard to what Mr. Lowenstein termed the "injustice," he explained that he had reference to a bond issue of 1908 made by a subsidiary of Brazilian Traction, the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light & Power Co., Ltd. He declared that the money saved Brazilian Traction from a very bad position. His object here is to try to get the directors to agree to repay these bonds in gold Belgian francs, rather than in paper francs, which, as is well known, have depreciated considerably, and at the time of the establishment of the present Belgian gold currency (the belga) were worth about 3c., as compared with the gold or par value of 19.3c. He hopes that the Toronto directors of Brazilian Traction will agree to his proposal in this respect.

Throughout the morning Mr. Lowenstein was engaged in conference with local financiers, with whom he went over in some detail the silk and utility enterprises with which he is associated. He leaves for Toronto to-morrow evening.

Explaining his purpose in coming to Canada, he said: "I will show you the proof. I am a man of facts and figures only." He produced a photograph showing the Belgian bondholders assembled at the Place de la Madeleine in Brussels, where he received authority to act for them. "Our people have suffered an injustice in respect to this company," he said. "In 1905 our burghers came to the financial rescue of the company; now they are not represented on the board. There is a court action going on now in connection with the company and I am going to Toronto where I am sure that the good people of that city will treat me well."

"I have been interested in your great country," he said, "since 1905 and it has been of great benefit to me personally, not because of myself, but because of the good Canadian people. As you know, I am Chairman of the International Holding Co., Ltd., and also of the Canadian Hydro-Electric Power Co., so in part I may be said to be a Canadian."

Cuba Asks Bids of Banks—Proposals for \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 Loan to Finance Public Works Sought by Treasury.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of May 3 we take the following Havana advices:

Secretary of the Treasury has called upon the banks of standing, local and foreign for proposals to finance Cuba's public works plan for \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 to carry out the highway construction contract granted to Warren Brothers and Cuban Contracting Co.

Banks included are National City Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Bank of Commerce, First National Bank of Boston, Banco del Comercio, Banco Commercial, Chase National Bank, Zaldo & Co., and Mendoza & Co.

Proposal is to make bids on the line of the \$10,000,000 loan made by Chase National Bank, which is supposed not to have received Washington's approval. That money has been exhausted, and revenues are not coming up to the public works requirements.

Bids will be opened May 12 by the Secretary of Public Works and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Plan may be proposed to fund the entire bonded debt along with the public works loan. Falling off in revenues caused the decision on the financing plan.

Offering of \$50,000,000 4½% Bonds of Commonwealth of Australia—Books Closed.

A syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., including the National City Co.; First National Bank; Guaranty Co. of New York; Bankers Trust Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Brown Bros.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; and Lee, Higginson Co. offered on May 8 a new issue of \$50,000,000 4½% gold bonds, external loan of 1928, of the Commonwealth of Australia. The bonds were offered at 92½% and accrued interest, to yield 5% to maturity. The books were closed May 8. This loan is issued, in accordance with a decision of the Australian Loan Council, by the Commonwealth of Australia as a central borrower on behalf of itself and the States of New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. The proceeds of the loan will be used for developmental and productive public works. This is the first 4½% Australian dollar bonds offered in this market. Two previous issues floated in the New York market carried 5% coupons. One of these, \$75,000,000 was marketed in July 1925, and the other, \$40,000,000 in August 1927. An offering of £8,000,000 Australian government 5% bonds was recently made in London. These bonds are now selling at 1% premium. The new \$50,000,000 issue will be dated May 1 1928 and will mature May 1 1956. It will be redeemable, at the option of the Commonwealth, as a whole or in part, upon 60 days' notice, on any interest-payment date, at 100% and accrued interest. The bonds will be in coupon form in denomination of \$1,000. Prin. and int. (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable in N. Y. City, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., or at the principal office of The National City Bank of New York, or at the office of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in the City of New York, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Australian taxes, present or future. A statement made on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by Sir Granville de Laune Ryrie, K. C. M. G., C. B., the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia in London, says:

Commonwealth Sinking Fund.

In respect of this loan, sinking fund contributions will be paid into the National Debt Sinking Fund in accordance with Sec. 9 of the National

Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1925. This Act provides, among other things, that, during a 50-year period beginning in 1923, payments from revenue to the sinking fund must be made at the rate of not less than ¼% per annum of the amount of the Commonwealth loans outstanding in 1923 and loans subsequently issued except those raised for the purpose of making local advances which are to be repaid to the Commonwealth and credited to the Sinking Fund. The Sinking Fund payments at the minimum rate of ¼% per annum, when applied as required by the Act, would amortize the present Commonwealth debt within 50 years from the present time and all future loans within a similar period from the time of their issuance. In certain cases, contributions to the Sinking Fund must be made in excess of this minimum rate and are designed to reduce appreciably the period of amortization.

Government Debt.

The total gross debt of the Commonwealth as of Dec. 31 1927, amounted to \$2,334,256,708, consisting of \$509,119,814 external debt in the hands of the public; \$413,177,480 debt to the British Government (to be amortized by 1956 under a funding agreement of 1921); and \$1,411,959,414 internal debt.

At a conference of Premiers held in June, 1927, an agreement (formally executed under date of Dec. 12 1927) was entered into for adjusting the financial relationships between the Commonwealth and the States of Australia. This Agreement is subject to approval by the Parliaments of the Commonwealth and of the States. The Agreement is to operate for two years from July 1 1927, before the end of which period the people will be asked by referendum to alter the Constitution of the Commonwealth in order to give constitutional sanction to the permanent provisions of the agreement.

The agreement contemplates that (upon such alteration of the Constitution) the Commonwealth shall take over the debts of the States and apply for a period of 58 years from July 1 1927, towards the interest on those debts, a sum equal to the total of the per capita payments made by the Commonwealth to the States in the year ended June 30 1927, the States to provide the balance of the interest requirements. There is a further provision that the Commonwealth and the States, out of their respective revenues, shall make annual contributions to a sinking fund, designed to extinguish the present debts of the States in a period of between fifty and sixty years from the present time and all future loans within a similar period from the time of their issuance. Under the terms of the agreement, all future borrowing for the purposes of the Commonwealth and the States is to be arranged by the Commonwealth, in accordance with decisions of the loan council, which is representative of the Commonwealth and of the States.

Revenues and Expenditures.

The ordinary revenues of the Commonwealth in the fiscal year ended June 30 1927, amounted to \$380,405,716, and its ordinary expenditures to \$367,579,583, resulting in a surplus of \$12,826,133. The expenditures include \$16,110,188 applied from revenue to the redemption of debt. These figures do not include expenditures for Commonwealth public works or for loan moneys made available to the States for public works, together amounting to \$95,632,044.

Monetary System.

The monetary system unit of Australia is the pound sterling. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia has the sole power of note-issue and holds a gold reserve to over 49% against its outstanding notes.

According to a "Central News" cablegram from London Apr. 21 to the New York News Bureau H. T. Armitage, Deputy Governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, addressing the Sydney Economic Society, defended Australian borrowing in New York. He denied that borrowing in America was a disadvantage to London, as it does not mean that the money so borrowed is spent in America. Money so raised is transferred to London within 24 hours and is actually equivalent to a shipment of gold.

Offering of \$3,500,000 Pomerania Electric Co. (Germany) Bonds.

An issue of \$3,500,000 sinking fund mortgage bonds, 6% series, due 1953, of the Pomerania Electric Co. of Germany was offered May 8 by Harris, Forbes & Co., New York. The bonds, dated May 1 1928, were offered at 92½% and interest, yielding over 6.60%. Pomerania Electric Co. supplies directly or indirectly practically the entire Prussian Province of Pomerania outside the City of Stettin, as well as portions of the adjoining provinces of Brandenburg and Grenzmark and a portion of the State of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The territory thus served has an area as large as the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut combined and a population estimated at 1,900,000.

Upon completion of this financing these bonds will be secured by a direct mortgage (Grundschuld) in terms of goldmarks or fine gold in favor of the trustee on substantially all the fixed properties of the company subject only to revalorized mortgages on certain properties and to charges under the Dawes plan. The total amount of bonds to be at any one time outstanding will be limited to \$15,000,000 (or equivalent in other currencies). These bonds will be followed by \$785,054 unsecured debt, due 1929 and 1931 and \$17,235,065 capital stock. Further data in connection with the offering are given in our "Investment News Department" or on subsequent page of this issue.

Santa Catharina (Brazil) Modifies Plan of Payment to Holders of 8% External Sinking Fund Bonds—Arrears of Interest to Be Liquidated in 1933.

Under date of May 1 Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., issued the following notice to the holders of the State of Santa Catharina (Brazil) 8% external sinking fund gold bonds,

\$5,000,000 of which were floated in June 1922, reference thereto having appeared in our issue of June 24 1922, p. 2775:

The State of Santa Catharina has advised us, as fiscal agents of the State of Santa Catharina 8% external sinking fund gold bonds, that it will be impossible for the State to continue to make payments in accordance with the plan submitted to bondholders under date of October 30 1925. The State therefore desires to modify the terms of the above plan and has informed us that it will remit in each year the amounts specified below, and that monthly remittances will be made of all funds available for each semi-annual installment: 1928, \$400,000; 1929, \$450,000; 1930, \$500,000; 1931, \$500,000; 1932, \$500,000; 1933, \$500,000.

By the above schedule of payments, arrears of interest are to be liquidated in August 1933.

The State has also advised that commencing in 1934 the normal sinking fund service of the loan will be met.

No interest on interest in arrears is to be paid.

We have received from the State the first installment of \$200,000 for the year 1928, of which \$150,000 is available for the payment of Coupon No. 10 and \$50,000 has been applied to the liquidation of certain indebtedness of the State for arrears in interest. It is expected that sufficient funds will be received to make full payment of Coupon No. 10 on August 1 next and that in accordance with the schedule of payments above, coupons will be paid regularly thereafter.

We feel that the State is in a position to meet punctually the payments above outlined, which will assure the continued payment of interest.

J. & W. Seligman Retire \$65,500 Costa Rica Bonds.

\$65,500 principal amount Republic of Costa Rica external secured sinking fund 7% gold bonds due Nov. 1 1951 have been retired for the sinking fund through purchases made in the open market, according to an announcement by J. & W. Seligman & Co., Fiscal Agents for the issue. The principal amount of these bonds now outstanding is \$7,810,500.

Portion of Republic of Columbia 7% Gold Bonds Retired.

Hallgarten & Co. have retired for the sinking fund \$33,000 principal amount of Municipality of Medellin, Republic of Columbia, twenty-five year external 7% secured gold bonds of 1926, due 1951, out of money received from the Municipality, leaving outstanding \$2,902,000 principal amount of bonds.

Bonds of Municipality of Porto Alegre Drawn For Redemption.

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., fiscal agents for the Municipality of Porto Alegre have drawn \$10,000 principal amount of City of Porto Alegre forty-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds, external loan of 1921, for redemption on June 1 1928, 1928, at 105% and accrued interest.

Part of Department of Cundinamarca Bond Issue Retired.

Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., and Hallgarten & Co., have retired for the sinking fund \$41,000 principal amount of Department of Cundinamarca, twenty-year external 7% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due 1946, out of money received from the Department, leaving outstanding \$2,878,000 principal amount of bonds.

Guaranty Trust Co. Appointed Paying Agent For Kingdom of Denmark Bonds.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed paying agent under contract dated April 4 1928, providing for the issuance of \$55,000,000 principal amount Kingdom of Denmark 34-Year 4½% External Loan Gold Bonds, due April 15 1962.

Consolidation of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Los Angeles and Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco.

A consolidation has been arranged of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank through the purchase by the latter of the assets of and the assumption of the indebtedness of the Los Angeles institution. The latter will be placed in voluntary liquidation. With stock ownership, nature of business transacted and principal territory served being practically identical, the notice of the plans states it is practicable to operate the combined business from one principal place of business, and that substantial economies will result from a consolidation of the banks. It is stated that there will be no change in management. The Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Los Angeles is under the presidency of J. F. Sartori and Chas. Parker is secretary. The President and secretary of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco are John S. Drum, Edward Johnson, respectively.

Bill Permitting Massachusetts Trust Companies to Maintain Branches Signed by Gov. Fuller.

Governor Fuller on May 4 signed the general branch trust company bill, according to the Boston "Transcript" which says:

Under the measure, subject to approval of the State Board of Bank Incorporation, a trust company in the municipality where its main office is located may establish one branch if the population is less than 50,000; two branches in cities of 50,000 to 100,000; with no limit on the number in cities of more than 100,000 population.

This bill places the trust companies on an equal footing with national banks with regard to branches and has been the subject of a long controversy in the Legislature.

Committee Named by Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to Investigate Operation of Investment Trusts—Rules of California Corporation Commission Effective April 17.

Frank C. Mortimer, Vice-President of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank, of Los Angeles, has been appointed Chairman of a committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to investigate the operation of investment trusts. Other members of the committee are Orra E. Monnette, Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association; J. A. Benell, industrial engineer, and W. L. Brent, President, East Side Organization. In commenting on the subject Mr. Mortimer said:

Investment trusts are fairly new in this country, although they have been in operation in Great Britain and some other countries for many years. The frequency with which they are being organized and the various plans employed, carry a certain freedom of action. This calls for a careful survey of the situation, in the opinion of the executives of the Chamber of Commerce. The State Corporation Commission has recently issued regulations covering the conduct of investment trusts in this State, and other States are considering regulation by legislation.

These investment trusts are taking various forms—some are highly organized and highly efficient in carrying out their purposes, but others are being fostered by men of limited financial experience and it is the purpose of our committee to inquire into the whole situation and make such recommendations as may be fitting.

New rules governing trusts operating in California, superseding the original rules that became effective on March 13 1928, were authorized by J. M. Friedlander, Commissioner of Corporations, effective April 17.

The new rules, according to Assistant Commissioner H. A. I. Wolch, constitute the first constructive regulations to be promulgated by any State in the Union, the California Commission having regulatory powers sufficient for the purpose without any necessity for encountering legislative delays that have held back similar efforts elsewhere. In discussing the new rules, Mr. Wolch said: "If we are unreasonably convinced, after a fair trial, that these rules prove impracticable and fail to meet the ends of legitimate business in California the Department will immediately revise and modify them." The new rules, effective April 17, follow:

1—Qualification as to Character.

A reasonable showing consisting of satisfactory evidence that the men proposing to engage in the investment trust business, or in any way connected therewith in a discretionary capacity, shall be made to the effect that they are persons of integrity, of good character and reputation, and of sound financial responsibility.

In the event of any change in the directorate, official and managerial or discretionary personnel, a similar showing shall be made to the Department concerning their successors in office.

2—Qualification as to Competency.

A detailed history of the antecedents, education, training and experience of the promoters, officers, directors, managers and those others who have direction, charge, control and supervision of the trust and (or) business, which would reasonably warrant the findings of a careful and prudent person that the individuals contemplating engaging in the investment trust business, or those connected with the management thereof in any discretionary capacity, are sufficiently competent and qualified to engage therein.

Should any change, substitution, addition or elimination of the officers, directors, managers or other persons herein contemplated be made, all successors in office and in interest shall qualify in the same manner and to the same extent as their predecessors in the first instance.

3—Description of Method of Operation.

A full, complete and detailed statement of the plan, scheme or method proposed to be resorted to in connection with the operation of the investment trust business shall be submitted to the Department. This statement shall describe the manner and basis upon which the management will determine to buy and (or) sell, or to invest and (or) reinvest its capital.

If the management relies upon a financial agency or research bureau other than that maintained, directed and supervised by its own organization for the purpose of furnishing it with such data and information upon which to base an opinion to buy and (or) sell and invest and (or) reinvest, then it shall provide the Corporation Department with sufficient evidence to show that such agency furnishing such data and information is properly qualified and equipped so to do, both from the standpoint of integrity and competency.

Should such agency be changed at any time, its successor shall qualify with the State Corporation Department in the same manner as its predecessor.

4—Scope of Business.

The scope of business of an investment trust shall be unlimited and unrestricted to as large a diversification as possible, and spread over the greatest number of securities of sound, stable and standard marketability.

An investment trust shall by express provision be precluded from engaging in promoting any enterprise or engaging in any brokerage business, but shall confine itself to the primary object of the business.

5—*Kind of Securities Dealt In.*

The funds of an investment trust shall be confined exclusively to the investing and (or) reinvesting in such sound and seasoned securities that are at all times marketable or of such marketability so that they will continue to be liquid at all times during the period of the business of the investment trust.

6—*Prohibition of Officers Dealing with Trust.*

The officers, directors, trustees and (or) manager of an investment trust shall not deal with themselves or companies in which they are principals, in the investment of its funds, nor shall they profit, directly or indirectly, by virtue of dealing with the trust.

7—*Amount of Paid Up Capital Necessary.*

A good and sufficient showing shall be made that those who are initiating the business of an investment trust shall have subscribed and paid in an aggregate amount equal to not less than 20% of the initial paid in capital. Further, it shall appear that the trust is in an amount of sufficient magnitude, all things being equal, that would warrant a reasonable finding that it will not operate at a loss.

8—*No Promotion.*

No stock or other securities shall be issued or allowed, or money paid as compensation for promotion or for property of intangible or uncertain or doubtful or speculative character or value.

9—*Salaries.*

Any and all salaries paid to officers, directors or managers shall be reasonable in amount and commensurate with their duties and responsibilities in connection with the investment trust business.

10—*Limitation of Commission.*

No commission or discount for the sale of stock in an investment trust or for the sale of certificates evidencing the beneficial interests in an investment trust shall be in excess of 10%.

Any expense, commission or discount incurred in the sale of such securities shall be written off the books out of the profits over such reasonable period of time as is consistent with sound accounting practice and as recommended by a certified public accountant of approved standing.

11—*Five Per Cent Diversification.*

None of the funds of an investment trust in excess of 5% thereof shall be invested in the securities of any one corporation or in a single business enterprise.

12—*Securities Dealt in Must Have Earning Record.*

The funds of an investment trust should not be invested in the securities of any corporation unless the business carried on by the corporation has been in successful operation for at least three years, save and except, however, where and when good cause exists that the application of this provision will prove injurious to the operation of the investment trust, then only to the extent of not more than 20% of its resources the investment trust may invest in securities of more recently organized companies.

13—*Limit on Unsecured Indebtedness.*

An investment trust shall not create any temporary indebtedness in excess of 50% of its current assets, inclusive of the free and unpledged securities carried at their fair market value, nor shall any such indebtedness, inclusive of any extension, be made for a longer period than is consistent with good business.

14—*Financial Statement.*

A company engaged in business as an investment trust shall submit to this Department semi-annually, certified financial reports showing the assets and liabilities, including therein all contingent liabilities, and a detailed profit and loss statement for the period.

Such financial report shall be compiled by an independent certified public accountant in public practice and a copy sent to the share or certificate holders of the trust. The said financial statement shall also show whether the securities owned are carried at cost or market price.

15—*Dissemination of List.*

Every trust or company engaged in the business of an investment trust shall semi-annually transmit and submit to its stockholders or holders of certificates of beneficial interest, a list of all the securities owned and dealt in by it during that period, a copy thereof to be filed with this Department.

16—*Literature.*

Literature of all kinds and descriptions circulated and disseminated by those engaged in the investment trust business shall clearly and accurately describe the character and nature of the business and the securities offered.

17—*Market Manipulation.*

Those engaged in an investment trust business shall not buy on margin or sell short or participate in any manner in blind pools and unfair market manipulations.

18—*Surplus—Reserve.*

The trust, or those engaged in the business of an investment trust, shall be required to maintain an accumulated surplus or reserve before declaring any dividends. The trust, or those engaged in the business, shall set aside, before declaring a dividend, 10% of the profits of the period covered by the dividends, or a reserve for contingencies until such reserve shall amount to 25% of the paid up capital stock or in the case of common-law trusts, 25% of the trust, unless the accumulation of such surplus, by the express provision of law, would cause to invoke a penalty.

Lewis E. Pierson Before United States Chamber of Commerce Urges Adequate Control of Increasing Production.

Adequate control of the economic thunderbolt of increasing production unloosed by industry was put forward by Lewis E. Pierson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, as the overshadowing problem of business, in an address at the annual dinner of the organization in Washington, May 10. "The Nation," he said, "which has won its way to industrial leadership by the stimulation of production and which has enlisted the aid of science and invention to perfect the efficiency of its industrial processes, has a new task before it. It must prove that production is its servant and not its master. It must de-

monstrate that it has the will and the skill to control the machine it has created."

Closer cooperation on the part of business, labor, agriculture and finance to accomplish this purpose was predicted by Mr. Pierson. He added:

The day, I think, is not far distant when organized business, organized labor and a comprehending government will unite for intelligent teamwork that alone can solve our newer problems. Teamwork that will lift the fear of unemployment and suffering from the minds of those who toil. Teamwork that will permit the wheels of industry to turn with increasing effectiveness, to bring more and more of the comforts and even the luxuries of life to all who contribute to the productive power of America. Teamwork that will remove the threat of an unused surplus from the nation that has staked its economic life on the doctrine of increasing production.

No nation since the world began has altered its social and economic structure so completely and rapidly as the United States during the past quarter century. We have changed from a nation that was preponderantly agricultural to a nation whose major attention is now directed to industry. We have changed from a debtor to a creditor nation. We have changed from a nation intent upon internal development to a nation that finds itself concerned with the progress of the world at large.

We know that we are headed in the right direction. Yet all of us, I think, are conscious that this new alignment of the forces of industry creates new problems and imposes new responsibilities which must be met and solved by those who have been called to business leadership.

Touching upon the problem of unemployment and the difficulties of agriculture, Mr. Pierson continued:

The more we consider the growing productiveness of the United States, the more we reflect upon the problems that have arisen in our industries—and on our farms as well—the more definitely we become convinced that our difficulties come not so much from the growth of our productive capacity, as from our failure to provide proper teamwork among the forces of production.

Industry and agriculture have both reached the point in their development where the individual must think in terms of his relationship to the broad sweep of world competition. No man and no organization is strong enough to go blindly forward without regard to what the rest of the world is doing.

Appellate Division of Supreme Court Holds Charles A. Stoneham Liable in Brokerage Losses.

Charles A. Stoneham, principal owner of the New York National League Baseball Club (New York "Giants"), and his partner and brother-in-law, Ross F. Robertson, in the former brokerage firm of C. A. Stoneham & Co. of this city, must pay judgments for \$4,960 and \$3,206 obtained by former clients of the firm for the conversion of their securities, under a decision by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court handed down on April 27, according to the New York "Times" of April 28, which, continuing, said:

The suits were based on the transfer by the Stoneham firm of accounts containing the securities of customers to the firm of E. H. Clarke & Co., which later became insolvent and caused losses to the former Stoneham customers. The suits before the Appellate Division were brought by Dr. John Duncan, a physician, and Robert Harford, an upholsterer, both of Toronto, who had dealt with the Toronto branch of the Stoneham firm. The larger judgment was in favor of Dr. Duncan.

Francis L. Kohlmann of Kohlmann & Austrian, attorneys for many of the Stoneham customers whose accounts were transferred without their consent to E. H. Clarke & Co., said last night that under the principle of liability laid down by the Appellate Division, Stoneham and Robertson may be held responsible for as much as \$1,100,000.

An opinion by the entire Court affirming the Harford judgment said: "While there are undoubtedly errors in the record they are not sufficiently substantial to affect the result and therefore must be disregarded under the Civil Practice act, Section 106, especially when considered in connection with the whole record, which shows clearly a bold and deliberate conspiracy fraudulently to convert on a large scale. A new trial would, in our opinion, reach the same result."

The opinion in the Duncan case read: "When this action is viewed in the light of a conspiracy to defraud (of which there was ample evidence to sustain the finding of the jury), resulting in transferring the obligation to the bankrupt, and leaving the assets with the appellant (C. A. Stoneham & Co.), the alleged errors largely disappear."

The other customers' suits will be tried in due time unless a settlement is made by the defendants.

M. Boyd Zinman, Suspended a Year Ago from New York Stock Exchange, Reinstated.

M. Boyd Zinman, who on April 28 1927 was suspended from membership in the New York Stock Exchange for a period of one year, has again resumed his duties on the floor of the Exchange, according to the New York "Times" of May 1. Reinstatement under such circumstances is automatic, it was said. Mr. Zinman's suspension from the Exchange was reported in the "Chronicle" of April 30 1927, page 2535.

First Veterans' State Bank to Be Formed in Minnesota to Make Loans to World War Veterans.

The Minneapolis "Journal" announced on April 26 that a charter has been granted for the organization of the First Veterans State Bank, first of its kind in the United States. The incorporators are five officers of the Merchants National Bank and the Merchants Trust Company of St. Paul. The item in the paper quoted says:

The bank, which is capitalized at \$80,000 with a \$20,000 surplus, will accommodate World War veterans holding adjusted compensation certificates. The Merchants National Bank has already lent more than \$10,500,000 on adjusted certificates since January 1927.

"The loan value of the adjusted service certificate increases 33 1-3% every year, and to handle these loans in the future we are organizing the new bank," George H. Price, Chairman of the Merchants National, said to-day.

"It is not the intention that this bank shall do general banking business or take deposits, but it will sell its certificates of deposit secured by loans on the adjusted certificates."

American Rice Export Corporation Seeks Incorporation Under Webb Act.

The American Rice Export Corporation has filed papers under the Export Trade Act (Webb-Pomerene law) with the Federal Trade Commission, for exporting rice and rice by-products. The company will maintain offices at Crowley and Lake Charles, La., according to an announcement by the commission on May 5, which stated:

Officers of the association are: A. Kaplan, President; L. M. Simon, Vice-President and General Manager; E. R. Kaufman, A. H. Boyt and D. C. Ritchie, Vice-Presidents; H. G. Chalkely, Treasurer; R. Leake, Assistant Treasurer; Jas. W. Gardiner, Secretary; and Edgar Miller, Assistant Secretary. Members are: A. Kaplan, Crowley, La.; Prairie Land and Canal Co., Inc., Lake Charles, La.; Gardiner Plantation Co., Inc., Lake Charles, La.; Southwest Louisiana Farm Mortgage Co., Inc., Lake Charles, La.; Sweetlake Land and Oil Co., Inc., Lake Charles, La.; Farmers Land and Canal Co., Inc., Lake Charles, La.; Sabine Canal Co., Lake Charles, La.; M. P. Erwin, Lake Charles, La.; Geo. M. King, Lake Charles, La.; Louisiana Irrigation and Mill Co., Crowley, La.; Houston River Canal Co., Lake Charles, La.; A. Hollins, Lake Charles, La.; Lacassine Irrigation Co., Jennings, La.; O. J. Todd, Beaumont, Tex.; and A. H. Boyt, Beaumont, Tex.

The Export Trade Act grants exemption from the anti-trust laws to an association entered into and solely engaged in export trade, with the provision that there be no restraint of trade within the United States, or restraint of the export trade of any domestic competitor, and with the further prohibition of any agreement, understanding, conspiracy or act which shall enhance or depress prices or substantially lessen competition within the United States or otherwise restrain trade therein.

American Soft Wheat Millers Export Corporation Formed Under Webb Law.

The American Soft Wheat Millers Export Corporation some months ago filed papers under the Export Trade Act (Webb-Pomerene law) with the Federal Trade Commission, for the purpose of exporting flour. It was stated that the corporation would maintain offices at 3261 K Street, Washington, D. C., in Hagerstown, Md., and in New York City. The officers of the association are: Samuel H. Rogers, President; S. F. Sensenig, Vice-President; E. H. Libbey, Secretary; and Augustus R. Selby, Treasurer. Members at the time of the filing of the incorporation were announced as follows:

Wilkins-Rogers Milling Co., Washington, D. C.
 Wm. D. Barnitz, Carlisle, Pa.
 W. B. Beam, Camp Hill, Pa.
 City Flouring Mills, Muncy, Pa.
 Felix & Lindsay, Newville, Pa.
 Franklin Milling Co., Middleburg, Pa.
 Frey Brothers, Salunga, Pa.
 Hefty Milling Co., Watsonstown, Pa.
 B. F. Heishman, Carlisle, Pa.
 S. W. Hershey Flouring Mills, York, Pa.
 A. S. Hess & Son, Kinzers, Pa.
 W. A. Hoffman, Chadds Ford, Pa.
 H. S. Hunsecker, Willow Street, Pa.
 Huntington Milling Co., Huntington, Pa.
 Lakeview Milling Co., Chambersburg, Pa.
 Lancaster Milling Co., Lancaster, Pa.
 J. L. Pennock & Co., Avondale, Pa.
 Pottstown Roller Mills, Pottstown, Pa.
 Ross H. Rohrer, Quarryville, Pa.
 Sees Milling Co., Williamsport, Pa.
 Tyrone Milling Co., Tyrone, Pa.
 H. R. Wentzel, Landisburg, Pa.
 Bowman Brothers, Gaithersburg, Md.
 The Derwood Mill, Derwood, Md.
 A. W. Ecker & Son, Thurmont, Md.
 Felton & Kelly, Frederick, Md.
 Hickerson Brothers, Rockville, Md.
 Kline Brothers, Boonsboro, Md.
 Liberty Milling Co., Germantown, Md.
 C. E. Routzahn, Brethedsville, Md.
 Summit Milling Co., Gaithersburg, Md.
 Round Hill Milling Co., Round Hill, Va.
 Jefferson Milling Co., Charles Town, W. Va.

Northwest Dried Fruit Export Association Formed Under Webb Act.

The Northwest Dried Fruit Export Association, 400 Security Building, Portland, Ore., filed papers under the Export Trade Act (Webb-Pomerene law) with the Federal Trade Commission, for the purpose of exporting dried fruits. The Commission, in its announcement, stated that the officers of the association are: W. T. Jenks, President; R. C. Paulus, Vice-President; and F. W. Ariss, Secretary and Treasurer.

E. V. D. Cox Resigns as Secretary of New York Stock Exchange—Ashbel Green Named as His Successor.

Ashbel Green, for many years Vice-President and Director of the New York Quotation Co. and an Assistant Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, has been appointed Secretary of the Exchange to succeed E. V. D. Cox, who has retired after nine years of continuous service. The appointment was made May 9 by the Governing Committee. Mr. Green, who is but the ninth man to be selected for the secretaryship in the 111 years that the Stock Exchange has been an indoors securities market, has for several years been in charge of the ticker and quotation service of the Exchange and was one of the leading figures a few years ago in the fight which resulted in the destruction of large chains of bucketshops in New York State and Pennsylvania. The new secretary has been connected with the New York Stock Exchange for fifteen years. In 1913 the Exchange was making an investigation of the bucketshop evil and Mr. Green, who was familiar with the ways of the bucketshops as a result of his several years as manager of the private leased wire service of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., was engaged to make a survey of the situation in Buffalo. He was successful in cleaning up the ring in that city and subsequently secured evidence which routed the same evil from Pittsburgh. After graduating from Yale in 1891, Mr. Green was employed for three years in the operating department of the West Shore RR., from which post he resigned to take charge of the leased wire service of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. A few years later he became a partner in the export house of Motley, Green & Co. The new secretary became permanently attached to the Stock Exchange organization on Oct. 1 1914. During the war he was a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve Force attached to the New York branch of the Naval Intelligence Department, and subsequently was commissioned a Lieutenant Commander by the President.

Employees of New York Stock Exchange Number 1,350.

It requires more than 1,350 employees to operate the New York Stock Exchange in these days of 4,000,000 share markets. This number of employees, according to the annual report of the Personnel Department of the Exchange, which was presented to members May 10, is required to provide the facilities for the daily transfer of negotiable securities, the operation of a 23-story building, the clearances of both money and stock certificates balances between Exchange members, the reporting of sales prices as they take place during the day, and the safeguarding of millions of dollars of securities in safe deposit vaults. This figure is only a small percentage of the total number of individuals employed in the Wall Street district, by members of the Exchange, investment banking houses, and commercial and private bankers. More than 100 employees of the Exchange have been with the institution for more than 25 years, the report reveals, while 322 of them have been with the Exchange more than 10 years. Six employees have completed more than a half century of service. During the past year more than 15,000 persons applied for positions with the Exchange. In addition to placing applicants with the Exchange, the Personnel Department of the institution was able to place 673 applicants in brokerage offices and 131 persons were referred to and secured positions outside the brokerage field.

Bond Quotations on New York Curb Market Printed in Abbreviated Form.

Bond quotations on the Curb Exchange ticker are printed in an abbreviated form, similar to the system employed in printing stock quotations, beginning May 8. This was decided by the Committee on Arrangements which met May 7 to discuss bringing the ticker up to the market. All initial sales are printed in full but subsequent transactions carry only the last figure and fraction if any.

Amendment to New York Curb Market Under Which Heirs of Deceased Member Will Be Paid \$10,000 Out of Gratuity Fund.

The Board of Governors of the New York Curb Exchange have approved an amendment to the Constitution which deals with the Gratuity Fund whereby upon the death of a regular member the sum of \$10,000 shall be paid to his heirs. Heretofore, the sum of \$5,000 was distributed. The Gratuity Fund of the Curb Exchange was established for the purpose of providing a method, through the medium of

voluntary contributions by members, whereby the surviving family of a deceased member might receive financial assistance.

No Trading on New York Stock Exchange To-day— —Members' Offices to Remain Open—Other Exchanges Closed.

The intention of the New York Stock Exchange to again permit members to avail of an opportunity to dispose of accumulated work incident to the recent large volume of trading, was announced on May 9, when the decision to suspend trading to-day (May 12) was reached. The announcement follows:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee of Arrangements.

May 9 1928.

To the Members of the Exchange:

The Governing Committee, at a meeting held to-day, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Exchange be not opened for trading on Saturday, May 12 1928.

And be it further Resolved, That the offices of members and of the Exchange remain open for the transaction of their regular office business on that day.

The Committee of Arrangements requests that it be promptly informed of any members whose offices are not open in compliance with the second paragraph of the above resolution, and it will take immediate action in the matter.

Specialists must be at their offices or see that their clerks have sufficient information available for answering inquiries as to trades.

By order of the
COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

In addition to the Saturday following Good Friday, the Exchange was closed Apr. 21 and May 5. The New York Curb Market will also close to-day, as will likewise the Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Los Angeles and San Francisco Stock Exchanges.

Organization of Chicago Curb Exchange Association.

Organization of the Chicago Curb Exchange Association has been perfected with the election of Adolph Kempner, President; Joseph J. Rice, of Lawrence Stern & Co., Vice-President; Charles V. Essroger, First Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago as Treasurer, and Auguste C. Babize as Secretary. Standing committees have all been appointed and have begun operating. The membership of the Committees follow:

The Finance Committee is composed of Charles V. Essroger, Chairman, Benjamin R. Brown, Robert W. Buckley, Charles P. Randall, William E. Hudson.

Committee on Commissions—Francis L. Schreiner, Chairman, James W. McCulloch, Raymond A. Gerstenberg, George F. Diehl, M. L. Vehon.
Committee on Membership—F. S. Lewis, Chairman, James A. Cavaney, John J. Bittel, E. P. McKenna, Henry A. Rumsey.

Committee on Listing—Adolph Kempner, Chairman, Auguste C. Babize, Luther S. Dickey, John J. Bittel, Earl G. Bergh.

Committee on Securities—Joseph J. Rice, Chairman, Charles V. Essroger, Stephen J. Minter, Daniel F. Rice, Thomas J. Sullivan.

Committee on Business Conduct—John J. Stream, Chairman, Royal W. Bell, Luther S. Dickey, Eben D. Norton, George A. Koehl.

Committee on Arbitration—Joseph J. Rice, Chairman, Frank J. Bittel, Emile J. Garneau, Joseph B. Morton, Frederick W. Haines.

Law Committee—U. S. Schwartz, Chairman, Peter B. Carey, Siebel C. Harris, Richard Uhlmann, Thomas T. Hoyne.

Committee on By-laws—Herbert J. Blum, Chairman, Wm. J. Springer, Guy E. Warren, Ralph Kempner, Adolph Werner.

Committee on Arrangements—F. S. Lewis, Chairman, Benjamin R. Brown, E. P. McKenna, Raymond F. Smith, Frank E. McDonald.

Committee on Quotations—Edwin J. Kuh, Jr., Chairman, Wm. Purdy Anderson, Philip A. Copenhaver, William E. Isbister, James A. Creighton.

Committee on Clearing House—Francis L. Schreiner, Chairman, James A. Cavaney, Walter A. Mooney, Frank J. Bittel, John G. McCarthy.

On the first floor of the Board of Trade, the space formerly occupied by Logan & Bryan, approximating 2,100 square feet, has been leased and will form the temporary trading floor of the Curb Exchange Association of Chicago. Actual trading is expected to be under way at an early date. The Committee on Listings, of which President Adolph Kempner is Chairman, has had a number of applications already, both from Chicago corporations and from out of town companies. On the trading floor, arrangements have been made to install wire and telephone facilities. Originally the membership was fixed at 100. In view however of the number of unsolicited applications received the limit of 100 has been raised to 150. This week, 144 bankers, brokers, and dealers in securities had been admitted to membership and a waiting list was still awaiting action by the Board of Governors.

Remarks of Melvin A. Traylor at Opening of Mercantile Exchange of Chicago—Gross Value of Farm Production 16 Billion Annually.

In an address delivered by Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank of Chicago, at the formal opening of the Mercantile Exchange of Chicago, on April 25, he observed that the gross value of all farm production in recent years has amounted to roughly \$16,000 million annually. Of this, he said, "dairy and poultry products amounted to somewhat over one-fourth, or let us say—\$4,000 million annually." Mr. Traylor further stated:

We generally regard our iron and steel industry as perhaps the key industry of our country. Do you realize that the annual value of the raw material of the iron and steel industry amounts to only \$3,734 million, or

actually less than the gross value of our dairy and poultry products? To be sure, almost \$3,000 million is added to the value of the raw iron and steel by manufacturing processes, but nevertheless the actual value of the raw material is as I have just stated. There are produced in this country a total of over 2,000 million pounds of butter a year having a value of roughly \$800,000,000. There are usually about two billion dozen eggs produced in this country each year having a value of almost \$600,000,000. The annual value of the production of butter and eggs amounts roughly to \$1,400 million. Of the gross value of all farm products these two commodities represent about one-twelfth.

There is a tendency to use less and less meat and more dairy products. This practice will undoubtedly continue in the future. In time cheese will be consumed in larger quantities and may take the place of meat to a greater extent, as has long been the case in Europe. The average annual receipts in Chicago of creamery butter during the period 1921 to 1925 were 189,302,000 pounds, being second only to New York where the average annual receipts in the same period were 201,198,000 pounds. The banner year in Chicago was 1924 when the receipts of creamery butter amounted to 213,349,000 pounds while that same year New York received only 211,274,000 pounds. It is clear, therefore, that Chicago is practically holding its own with New York and in fact more recent years show some tendency for Chicago to out-distance New York as a butter market. No other city begins to compare in the amount of butter received with New York and Chicago.

As an egg market Chicago again is second only to New York. The average annual receipts during the period 1921 to 1925 in the five principal markets amounted to 15,733,000 cases of eggs. Of this total, the average annual receipt in New York was 6,799,000 cases and in Chicago 4,605,000 cases, so that these two cities account for practically two-thirds of the total egg shipments to the principal markets of the country. Eggs are a commodity of the greatest importance in international trade, even more so than butter. With the growing importance of this country New York has become one of the most influential egg markets in the world, second only to London. This is also in part due to the fact that the production of this industry in this country exceeds that of any other country. In the sense of market as being an exchange in which dealings in butter and eggs take place, Chicago is not only first, but stands almost alone.

The importance of dealing in futures and the "hedging" which dealing in futures makes possible is of vital importance. This phase has been discussed a number of times but there is so much misunderstanding among the public regarding it that it will do no harm to point out its good to the community once more. The dealers in butter and eggs, just as flour millers and cash grain houses, operate with comparatively small capital in proportion to the volume of their business. All of these enterprises are conducted with a very narrow margin of profit and large quantities are purchased and surplus production is readily absorbed by the market. The surplus is easily warehoused and is sold to grocers and other distributing agents in accordance with their requirements from time to time. The result is that the producer of butter and eggs finds at all times an immediate market for his product.

On the other hand, the dealer in butter and eggs buying much larger quantities than they require for their immediate purposes are compelled to borrow money out of all proportion to the amount of capital which they have invested in their business. These loans are sometimes secured by warehouse receipts, but as the price of butter and eggs may decline very sharply and suddenly, the conservative banker cannot depend entirely upon the commodities as security but must insist that the borrower hedge his purchases through the selling of futures on your exchange, thus insuring both the borrower and the banker against severe fluctuations in the value of the commodity in question.

If legislation ever should be enacted which would prevent these operations in the future, we should be compelled to curtail sharply credits extended, whether it is to butter and egg men or to millers and grain men, to an amount which we believe is justified by the capital which these have actually invested in their business.

It need hardly be pointed out then that the result of such legislation would be especially disastrous to farmers. Any future dealers in butter and eggs would be in a position to purchase only an amount of these goods for which they would have a specific use. The farmer might, therefore, often have difficulty in finding a market for his product and instead of prices being stabilized, fluctuations would be more severe than ever. In general, it must be remembered that the easier it is to trade in a commodity the easier it is to transfer liabilities and risks, and the less insurance is needed to cover these liabilities and risks. Insurance, however, must be covered by the profit which the business man must get out of his business in order to survive; therefore, the smaller the insurance required, the lower the margin of profit on which the business man can do business. Your Mercantile Exchange provides easy trading for butter and eggs; the transactions result in a daily range of prices at which butter and eggs may be disposed of. This trading, combined with keen competition is sure to result in narrow margins of possible profit.

The elimination of market risks has had an important share in reducing the difference between the price paid to the farmer and the price paid by the ultimate consumer. Both in merchandising and in manufacturing, the growth of large-scale transactions, though it has increased the gains of those individuals who have the ability to carry on large operations, has lessened the margin between the buying price and the selling price, and so has operated to lower prices for the consuming public.

U. S. Steel Paid Gary \$225,000 Plus Bonus, About \$400,000 a Year.

An item, as follows, appeared in the New York "World," of April 11:

The salary of the late Elbert H. Gary as Chairman and chief executive officer of the United States Steel Corp.—long a subject of curiosity in Wall Street—was \$225,000 a year. In addition, his income was swelled by a bonus arrangement.

The amount of his remuneration has been brought to light during the slow process of appraising and settling his estate. It has been generally understood that bonus payments, varying in accordance with the profits of the corporation, have in most recent years brought his return to approximately \$400,000.

Provision in Georgia Bank Act for Enforcement of Stockholders' Liability Upheld by United States Supreme Court.

From the Atlanta "Constitution" of May 1 we take the following:

The Supreme Court of the United States Monday upheld the constitutionality of that section of the State banking law of Georgia authorizing

the State Superintendent of Banks to attach property of stockholders of a bankrupt bank by lien to enforce their liability as stockholders, according to news dispatches received from Washington Monday. The decision was rendered in the suit of Coffin Brothers and others to prevent the Superintendent of Banks from levying on their property to enforce their liability. This suit developed out of the failure of Richland State Bank of Richland, Ga.

In the case, which was appealed from the Georgia Supreme Court, attorneys for the Coffin Brothers attacked particularly that section of the law which gives the Superintendent of Banks the authority to attach property by lien, preventing its subsequent sale or encumbrance. They contended that such power is vested in the courts alone.

Other sections of the State banking law are not involved in this case, although some sections have been attacked in litigation now pending before the State Appellate Courts.

Nebraska Guaranty Fund Held Liable for Deposit in Failed Bank.

The following Lincoln advices (Associated Press) April 28 appeared in the Omaha "Bee":

The State Supreme Court Friday held the State Guaranty Fund liable for the full amount of a \$10,000 deposit placed in the State Bank of Chadron by the Treasurer of the Brotherhood of Shop Laborers of the Northwestern RR., prior to the bank's failure.

The receiver resisted the full claim on the ground that only half that amount was actually deposited in the bank.

The Court pointed out that the Chadron bank, in order to obtain the deposit, agreed with a South Dakota bank to give it half of the deposit, though the agreement was not known to the Treasurer of the brotherhood.

The Court said "a depositor in a State bank is entitled to the protection of the guaranty fund to the full amount of the deposit where, unknown to the depositor, the bank receives the deposit on the condition it re-deposit a portion of the funds in another bank."

Rediscount Rate of Dallas Federal Reserve Bank Increased from 4 to 4½%.

The Federal Reserve Board announced on May 5 that the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas had increased its rediscount rate from 4% to 4½% effective May 7. The Dallas Reserve Bank is the sixth to increase its rate to 4½%, the Banks which had already advanced their rate to that figure being the Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Richmond and Minneapolis Reserve Banks. Announcement of their action appeared in our issues of April 21, page 2418 and April 28, page 2584.

Quarterly Meeting of Governors of Federal Reserve Banks.

Federal Reserve Bank Governors met with the Reserve Board on May 2 in quarterly gathering, but no definite details of the discussions which took place were disclosed according to Washington advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which added:

The most important situation pending in the Federal Reserve system at this time is the question of curbing rapidly increasing brokers' loans with their reflection of speculative tendencies, appropriate action to be taken in connection with the continued outward movement of gold and the rediscount rate situation.

The Reserve Board Governors are understood to be of the opinion that no workable legislation could be enacted which would curb speculative tendencies or loans to brokers and dealers. Some feeling has arisen in Congress that such legislation might be helpful, although this view is not held by high Treasury officials.

Benjamin Strong, Governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, was not able to be present on account of illness.

Plan for Exchange of Central Banks' Statistics Adopted at Paris International Conference.

It is learned from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of May 7 that a plan for effective co-operation among central banks in exchanging information and developing adequate economic and financial statistics was effected at the conference held in Paris in the latter part of April by the economists of these institutions. The conference was referred to in these columns April 14, page 2248, and April 21, page 2412. Regarding the proposals agreed to the "Journal of Commerce" says:

The heart of the plan adopted by the economists, who conferred together for nearly two weeks, was the appointment in each central bank of an officer who is to act as its liaison with other central banks. This man will be responsible for prearranging and dispatching to each central bank the banking and other financial statistics for his country which will be of aid to the other banks. Arrangements were made also for adopting uniform standards and forms in which the statistics are to be made available.

The second important feature of the plan involved the development of complete statistical departments in each central bank to be devoted to the gathering of the data for the use of the bank and the other banks. In this direction the American delegates are understood to have contributed a number of important ideas. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was represented by Randolph W. Burgess, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, who is expected to be appointed liaison officer for the bank in exchanging statistics with other banks. The Federal Reserve Board was represented by E. A. Goldenwiser, director of the Division of Analysis and Statistics.

The eventual material result of the work of the conference is expected to be a more adequate system of gathering statistics in each important European country for use in guiding their monetary and credit policies. In the second place it is expected that an increasing amount of publicity

for this data will be secured in the future, so that eventually each important central bank may publish in periodical form data similar to that appearing in our own Federal Reserve bulletin. At present such data is generally considered crucially confidential by most European central banking institutions.

Most of the sessions of the central bank economists were closed, but it is known here that questions of policy were for the most part left alone, the discussion generally dealing with the gathering and presentation of data rather than its ultimate interpretation. However, opportunity was presented for private discussion among a number of the delegates of all questions of a financial nature bearing on the international situation, and the exchange of ideas which took place is expected to further a co-operative policy among the central banks.

Following the conference the American delegates visited the central banks of Germany and England, at which they were able to begin immediately a study of the needs of these banks for data from this country as well as to aid in making data that will hereafter be exchanged by these banks more uniform. Dr. Burgess is expected back here by the end of the present week.

We also find the following bearing on the conference in the London "Economist" of April 14:

A Bankers' Conference.—From time to time complaints have been voiced that the International Conference of Central Banks proposed at Genoa six years ago has not yet been held. Hitherto it has proved impossible to convene this conference, and the informal meetings which have taken place from time to time between representatives of a few of the chief central banks have, despite their excellent results, been hardly a satisfactory substitute. The latest meeting, now being held at Paris, falls into a different category, and inasmuch as it is under the auspices of the League of Nations Finance Committee, and is attended by representatives of 22 central banks, it approximates very closely to the formal conference envisaged at Genoa. The subject of discussion consists broadly of proposals for closer international co-operation in the field of intelligence and statistics, including that obscure but important question of the movement of capital from market to market. As we have repeatedly emphasized, there is much urgent work to be done in this direction, and many gaps in our knowledge to be filled. If the results of this conference is to illumine even one corner of the financial field, its members will have performed an important economic service to the nations that they represent. The conference is not, and does not, pretend to be a substitute for a more ambitious conference which would explore and define general principles of monetary policy. It will, however, help to prepare the way for such a conference if ever it is held.

An account of the conclusions of the industrial inquiry of the Liberal Party of Great Britain, in which co-operation of central banks is urged, was contained in the following from Washington, published in the "Wall Street Journal" of May 8:

British economists look to the co-operation of the central banking systems of the world—international monetary co-operation—to overcome the fluctuations in trade activity expected as a result of general resumption of the gold standard. At the same time they insist that the veil of secrecy should be torn from the international consultations of the central banks, in which the Federal Reserve System participates, in the interest of greater business confidence.

Such conclusions were reached by the industrial inquiry of the Liberal party of Great Britain. Its report, which has reached here, deals not only with the domestic economic problems of England but with the international angle as well. In its view of the importance of international understandings as to policy between the central banks, the report is of considerable significance at this time, not only because of the general gold problem, but because of the French plans for currency stabilization.

Report Prepared by Lloyd George and Others.

Names well known in the United States are listed among those who helped in the preparation of the report, entitled "Britain's Industrial Future," including David Lloyd George, J. M. Keynes, and Sir Josiah Stamp.

There are grounds for believing, the report finds, that monetary phenomena have always played a larger part in fluctuations of trade activity than used to be recognized. The return to the gold standard sets limits to the control over these phenomena that can be exercised by national action. But something more may be achieved by international action. Close co-operation between the central banks is, therefore, desirable.

"The practice of consultation between central banks," the report said, "has in fact developed considerably in recent years. This practice of consultation should be continued and extended. At present, however, it is shrouded in an atmosphere of impenetrable secrecy. We believe that the practice of issuing from time to time public statements of policy would strengthen business confidence and hasten the evolution of banking methods by facilitating informed criticisms. The concealment of important facts is indeed in itself a serious obstacle to the creation of stability and confidence, on account of the doubts and uncertainties which it occasions.

Need for Publicity Pointed Out.

"In any case it is very desirable that there should be more formal international discussion of the objectives of monetary policy either in the form of the Conference of Central Banks suggested at the Genoa Conference in 1922, or in some other form. Actual measures of collaboration between central banks must be a matter of day-to-day administration; but monetary policy in general is a different matter."

Need for publicity in finance was seen by the report in the domestic field as well as in connection with international problems. It was felt that the Bank of England should give far greater publicity than at present to the principal monetary transactions for which it is responsible. Arguing for publicity over the whole field of banking, the report declared that as in industry, so in finance, full knowledge of the essential facts and public discussion of the policy are the only remedies for suspicion and the only safeguards against hostile criticism.

Governor Roy A. Young of Federal Reserve Board Before U. S. Chamber of Commerce Appeals for Protection of System Against "Poor" Legislation.

Attention to the fact that many unusual proposals are coming to the Federal Reserve Board and the Congress, seeking changes in the Federal Reserve Act, was drawn to

the finance group of the United States Chamber of Commerce on May 9 by Governor Roy A. Young, of the Reserve Board, who urged his hearers to do everything within its power to see that the system is not destroyed by "poor" legislation. The Washington correspondent of the New York Chamber of Commerce, in noting this, further indicated as follows what Governor Young had to say:

Cites Federal Reserve Benefits.

Governor Young pointed out that of the many proposals to change the system, some are good and some bad. He felt that radical changes to the system could be avoided if the business men and others familiarized themselves with the various proposed changes. Governor Young explained that the country's gold reserves are largely centralized in the 12 Reserve banks instead of being scattered among thousands of independent banks. Of the \$4,500,000,000 of monetary gold in the country, about \$3,000,000,000 is held by Reserve banks. These reserves, so held, have been a basis of credit extension and of note issue.

"Naturally, this has brought about many changes in our banking practice, and without attempting to enumerate all the services that Federal Reserve banks perform, I am only going to mention the important changes that have developed.

"1. The Federal Reserve note has been put into circulation. This is an elastic form of currency which expands when business demands more currency and automatically contracts and goes out of circulation when it has served its purpose. In 1926 the Reserve banks paid out \$12,500,000,000 in currency.

"2. A rediscount practice has developed, enabling banks to meet seasonal requirements, or credit, or currency and also bridge over such emergencies as existed in 1919 and 1920. The peak was reached in the latter part of 1920 when the system made advances aggregating \$2,800,000,000.

"3. A credit instrument, new to the United States, the bankers' acceptance, has been developed and the total in existence at this time amounts to approximately \$1,000,000,000.

"4. The gold settlement fund has been created within the system which provides for transferring funds from one part of the country to another. Such transfers average \$400,000,000 daily.

"5. The Reserve system has provided a method of collecting checks and drafts which has largely eliminated the circuitous methods which were resorted to before the inauguration of the system. The volume of checks handled by the system during 1926 amounted to \$275,000,000,000.

"6. An open market policy has been developed by the system wherein it is possible, at least temporarily, to adjust any unusual credit situations that develop by either buying from or selling to the market.

"7. The Reserve system, through its monthly bulletin, has furnished the public with information in reference to its policies and operations, a practice that is not followed in such detail by any other bank of issue in the world.

"8. Under the leadership of the Reserve system an American banking policy has become possible."

Senate Passes Bill Amending Federal Reserve Act Authorizing State Institutions in System to Act as Depositories of Federal Funds.

The Senate passed on May 1, the bill passed by the House on Feb. 20, amending the Federal Reserve Act so as to permit State banks and trust companies in the Federal Reserve System to act as depositories of public funds. As explained by Senator Glass, the newly enacted measure grants to member State institutions of the system the privilege of being designated as Government depositories along with national banks. The following is the text of the bill:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act be amended by adding thereto a new paragraph as follows:

The paragraph forming the amendment to the act follows in full text:

All banks or trust companies incorporated by special law or organized under the general laws of any State, which are members of the Federal Reserve System, when designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be depositories of public money, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary; and they may also be employed as financial agents of the Government; and they shall perform all such reasonable duties, as depositories of public moneys and financial agents of the Government, as may be required of them. The Secretary of the Treasury shall require of the banks and trust companies thus designated satisfactory security, by the deposit of United States bonds or otherwise, for the safe keeping and prompt payment of the public money deposited with them and for the faithful performance of their duties as financial agents of the Government.

The *United States Daily* of May noted that the purpose of the bill are explained in the House report on that measure made when the bill was before that body. This report reads as follows:

The Committee on Banking and Currency, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10151) to amend section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act, having considered the same, report it back to the House with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

Under the present laws of the United States, State banks are, as a general proposition, ineligible to become depositories for public moneys. There are, however, three exceptions to this general proposition in that State banks are eligible as depositories of postal savings funds, funds of an insolvent national bank, and proceeds from the sale of bonds and certificates of indebtedness.

Derivation of Authority.

The authority for such special deposits is derived as follows: Under section 9 of the postal savings Act State banks are eligible to receive Government deposits of postal savings funds; under the amendment of May 15 1916, to the national bank Act the Comptroller of the Currency may, if he deems proper, deposit funds of an insolvent national bank in any State or national bank either in the city or town in which the insolvent bank was located, or of a city or town adjacent thereto, as practicable; and under the Liberty bond issue Act of Apr. 24 1917, and the amendments thereto, the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, deposit proceeds arising from the sale of bonds and certificates of indebtedness in such incorporated banks and trust companies as he in his discretion may designate.

One very important item of Government deposits in which State banks are not entitled to participate with national banks is the deposits of the

clerks of the various Federal courts throughout the United States. These accounts have been materially increased within the last few years by the tremendous amount of business which has been thrown upon the Federal courts in the prosecution of violations of the prohibition Act and by the tendency shown by attorneys throughout the country to use the Federal courts rather than State courts where possible. The United States are divided into judicial circuits wherein approximately 80 district clerks are appointed, and these clerks maintain as high as 8 or 10 branch offices throughout their districts. The clerks of the District court pay over their money to a depository designated by the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with section 3616 of the Revised Statutes, which is as follows:

"All marshals, district attorneys, and other persons than those mentioned in the preceding section (collectors and receivers) having public money to pay the United States, may pay the same to any depository constituted by or in pursuance of law, which may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury."

At the time State banks were solicited to become members of the Federal Reserve system, one of the inducements held out to them was the assurance that upon joining the Federal Reserve system their rights and privileges would become identical and equal to, in every respect, the rights and privileges accorded to national banks. An examination of the three instances where State banks are eligible as special depositories fails to disclose any distinction between State banks which are not members of the Federal Reserve system and those which are members, and so far as Government deposits are concerned, both member and non-member State banks are on the same basis.

Hearing on Strong Bill Amending Federal Reserve Act to Effect Price Stabilization—A. C. Miller of Reserve Board Would Limit Latter's Power in Open Market Operations.

The activities surrounding the negotiations held in New York and Washington last summer between the heads of central banks and officials of the Federal Reserve system to inaugurate a new credit policy by means of open market purchases and reduction of the rediscount rates, were aired before the House Committee on Banking and Currency on May 8 by Dr. Adolph C. Miller, of California, a Democratic member of the Federal Reserve Board, says the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" in an account of the hearing May 8 before the Committee on the bill of Representative Strong designed to stabilize prices through the Federal Reserve Board. Dr. Miller has given extended testimony before the Committee during the past two weeks, and in another item in to-day's issue of our paper we refer to the action taken by the Committee on May 9, (subsequently reversed) which would have called for records of the Reserve Board bearing on the latter's policy anent open market operations and its policy as to discount rates. Regarding Dr. Miller's statements to the Committee on May 8 the "Journal of Commerce" account said:

In recalling the veil of secrecy which marked the "conversations," as Dr. Miller termed the meetings, rather than negotiations, the Federal Reserve Board member contended that adoption of the new policy should have been a matter of "record discussion" by the Federal Reserve Board.

Discloses Discussions.

Disclosing that he talked separately with Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, of the Reichsbank, and M. Rist, Deputy Governor of the Bank of France, before the Washington luncheon, and after the luncheon with Montagu Norman, of the Bank of England, in an effort to "find out what they wanted," Dr. Miller stated: "My conclusion was that they were pretty much concerned with the way the gold standard was working at that time."

Here Dr. Miller divulged that the open market committee of the Federal Reserve system meeting in New York had recommended that open market operations be undertaken to provide an easier money condition in the United States and stimulate the desired transfer to London. The witness said he presumed the \$70,000,000 or \$80,000,000 purchases of security in the open market last August was "to prepare the way" for the reduction in the rediscount rate which followed:

"I couldn't see whose idea it was, but it may have been entertained simultaneously by five or six men," continued Dr. Miller. "But I can say it was very welcome on the other side. It was distinctly the time for co-operation, or at least the atmosphere indicating that was apparent."

Dr. Miller whose reference to the negotiations was made in the reply to a question from Representative McFadden (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Committee, explained that Dr. Schacht, whom, the witness said he regarded as the most capable head of a bank of issue in the world did not seem to share the same view. Rather, added Miller, the German financier wanted the United States to find a "true money rate" upon which the rest of the world might look to make its adjustments.

Urges Limitations.

Chairman McFadden, who constantly interposed statements of Dr. Miller's during the testimony, stated: "It seems to me that this whole question of policy, and it was a new policy undertaken by the Federal Reserve system, should have been discussed as a matter of record by the Federal Reserve Board in Washington before it was adopted."

"I quite agree with you," replied Dr. Miller, who had previously testified before the Committee that he had not been in condition to agree with the policy of operating in the open market last summer and reducing the rediscount rate at that time.

Renewing his former recommendation that a limitation should be placed on the authority of the Federal Reserve system to engage in open market operations, Dr. Miller in discussing the Strong bill said it was his view that a more competent use of the rediscount rate policy would dispense with frequent use of the open market operations.

In discussing the measure with Representative Strong, (Rep.), of Blue Rapids, Kan., the author of the bill, Dr. Miller remarked that the Federal Reserve system was a big organization and had in and around it too many "amateur economists," which, he explained, constituted a great danger to formulation and carrying out of policies.

At a hearing on May 3 before the House Committee, Dr. Miller advocated a reduction in the membership of the Board and recommended that a limitation be put on the

authority of the Board to engage in open market operations by requiring an affirmative vote of at least five members before it could do so. With regard to Mr. Miller's statement to the Board on May 3 the New York "Times" on its Washington advices said:

Dr. Miller was testifying on a bill to direct the Board to use its power in the interest of stabilizing the purchasing power of the dollar. He took the position that the proposed legislation was not necessary, and possibly dangerous.

Attention was directed to the market conditions of the last six months following the action of the Board in July of lowering the rediscount rate and buying securities in the market. Dr. Miller giving this as an instance what could be expected from such operations.

He said that when this power reposed in the hands of such a body as the Reserve Board there was always the "itch" to do something.

"This open market authority," he added, "offers too big a temptation, and the developments of the recent months illustrate just about what you may expect. I believe the Board should have these powers, but that their exercise should be subject to limitations. We ought not to make it easy for the Board, which is composed of men subject to human judgments, to exercise these powers."

Dr. Miller referred to lowering the rediscount rate in July as having been done to create easier money conditions to stimulate business, adding that he thought that the use of the discount rate policy at proper times would have stimulating effects.

"I would say that right now in this country," he declared, "it would be better if the rediscount rate was 3 1/2%."

Business was slack when the discount rate was lowered in July, Dr. Miller said. The efforts to help were indirectly responsible, he continued, for the stock market speculation of recent months, and he called the action a misadventure.

He said that the Board had no direct interest in stock market activities, but added that it should be concerned as to what was done with the credit it created.

"Mysterious forces," was a term he applied to influences that had begun to work following the action of last summer. He said it was well to go slow in trying to enact legislation to determine the exact time to use the board's influence in regard to discount rates.

Previously (on April 30) Mr. Miller in indicating his views on the bill at a hearing of the Committee stated that action of the Federal Reserve system in providing lower money rates to stimulate business in periods of or approaching business recessions may result in stock market speculation. Mr. Miller is quoted in the New York "Journal of Commerce" which further reported as follows what Mr. Miller had to say on April 30:

The Federal Reserve Board last year, in seeking to assist the situation in Europe so as to promote foreign trade, set about to create an easier condition of money by a policy of lower rediscount rates, and also went into the market and purchased securities, Dr. Miller explained.

"Do I understand you to mean," asked Representative Strong, "that what the Federal Reserve Board did last July to assist in Europe and promote foreign trade resulted in the recent Stock Exchange speculation?"

"That was the direct result, yes," answered the witness, "but of course it was not the intention."

The duty of the Federal Reserve Board under the law, Representative Wingo (Ark.) suggested, was obviously to see that the needs of legitimate business and industry were taken care of and if the stock market speculation took place as an indirect result of the Board policy it was merely incidental. Dr. Miller agreed that the Board had no direct business with what was done in the stock market, but the Board, he explained, was concerned with what happens to the credits it creates.

Asked what was responsible for "business recession," he stated that he could not attempt to say definitely. The origin of these "recessions" still remains a mystery. The 1927 affair, he suggested, was a "mild reaction," probably the result of the big year of 1926.

Policy on Gold Standard.

Dr. Miller said he was not opposed to the sense of the so-called publicity section of the Strong bill requiring the Board to make public the details or reasons for the actions taken by the Board, but that he did not like the form of the section.

Dr. Miller stated that the provision requiring the Board to work to maintain a stable gold standard and stability of the purchasing power of the dollar was objectionable for no other reason than it was premature. He said he was not opposed to innovations in legislation, but he called attention to the fact that nations of the Western World are just getting back to the full gold standard and it therefore would be advisable to await the results of this resumption of the gold standard without requiring a striking departure in policy on the part of the Federal Reserve Board.

"My belief is," continued the witness, "that a system of banking must grow as the result of experience. It is not a good thing to inaugurate a procedure by legislation. In banking, particularly, steady growth is the best method. It is difficult to lay down a formula that will work as it is expected to work, although administrative positions always are happy to have a formula which will not require the exercise always of their best and soundest judgments."

The bill, Dr. Miller explained, proceeds on two assumptions: (1) that changes in the price level are caused by the volume of credit and currency, and (2) that changes in credit and currency are caused by the policy of the Federal Reserve Board.

"These assumption," said Dr. Miller, "are not substantial things, but rather figments of the Socialistic imagination."

Reiterating on May 2 that speculative activities in the stock market in recent months are indirectly the result of the policy embarked upon last July by the Federal Reserve system to bring about an easier credit situation, Mr. Miller told the Committee on May 2 that at the time he opposed this policy, or "departure of policy, or idea." The advices from Washington May 2 to the "Journal of Commerce" from which this is learned, gave his further testimony as follows:

"It has been my experience," said Dr. Miller, "that cheap money in the New York market is bound to be provocative of the speculative movement that has been noticeable for several months."

Fear of "Unhelpful Stimulus."

In giving his personal view, the Federal Reserve Board official said he had been convinced that the easy money theory last summer would be an "un-

helpful stimulus" and what happened was to have been expected. "I was away when the action was taken on July 27 1927," stated Dr. Miller, apparently referring to the Board's arbitrary establishment of a reduction in the discount rate at the Chicago bank, "and I wired urging that all action be withheld at least until September." He added, "I might merely have made a lucky guess on the situation, however."

"The official reasons for that departure of policy last July," said Dr. Miller, "when the Board set out by open market purchases of securities and lower rediscount rates to provide an easy credit situation—cheapen the cost of money—were to assist the stabilization of international exchange rates and stimulate the movement of gold."

Dr. Miller explained that "at the same time this policy, by keeping money easier in the foreign centers, was designed to assist in the marketing of American crops and commodities."

Hints Accord With Europe.

Asked by Chairman McFadden if "this idea" originated in this country or abroad, the witness stated that it would be hard to say definitely, but expressed the opinion that there was a state of mind in the Board that made it easy for the members to reach an accord with Europe.

"There may be ground for the view," Dr. Miller went on, "that the Federal Reserve Board was a little bit too sensitively attuned to the foreign situation, a bit too sympathetic."

The witness made it plain to the members of the committee that they were "getting these statements from a man who was not in sympathy with the policy." Dr. Miller added that he thought the talk about stimulation of foreign trade was largely "scenery." But, of course, he said, if pound sterling was at a rate that permitted the British importers to buy more dollars they could buy more cotton, for example.

On the other hand, the Federal Reserve Board official explained, any advantage in rates derived by the British importers resulted in corresponding disadvantages to the American importers. He further explained that the results of the policy had been a "surprise" to the Board, and at present the Board was perplexed by the developments.

The re-introduction by Representative Strong of his bill directing the Federal Reserve System to use its powers, so far as possible, to promote stabilization of the purchasing power of the dollar was noted in our issue of March 24, page 1750.

House Banking Committee Votes for Inquiry into Records of Federal Reserve Board to Determine Administration of Open Market Operations—Committee Later Reverses Action.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency on May 9 adopted a motion calling upon the Federal Reserve Board and the 12 Reserve banks to submit all files, records and documents relating to the determination and administration changes in the rediscount rate and the so-called open market operations inaugurated last summer—and later reversed itself. The advices to this effect are from a Washington dispatch May 9 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which likewise said:

The motion also called for the minutes and proceedings of the Board's New York open market committee since its inception April 1 1923.

Reconsideration of the motion was made after Administration committee members voiced complaints of "no quorum" and Roy A. Young, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, contended the move would prove destructive to the System because of the "highly confidential" nature of the information appearing in the Board's files at this time.

Could Refuse Access.

While the Committee consented to defer until a later date final action on the motion which it had adopted at the suggestion of Dr. Adolph C. Miller of California, a Democratic member of the Board, whose testimony was given in connection with the Strong bill, it was explained by Representative McFadden (Republican) of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Committee, the matter will be taken up again.

During the interpolation of Governor Young at the close of to-day's session a question put by Representative Beedy (Republican) of Maine brought the acknowledgment that "a member of Congress" could be refused access to the confidential files of the Federal Reserve Board. It was apparent that Young's answer might have precipitated ratification of the action taken earlier had a quorum of the Committee been present, in spite of the Federal Reserve Board head's plea, so belligerent was the response of some members on a point of "no quorum" that it was incident to his appearance before the Committee in support of the Sheppard bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act authorizing banks in the System to rediscount or purchase bills of exchange payable at sight on non-perishable, readily marketable staple agricultural products.

The Committee's action, which prompted Young's interpolation, was taken after Dr. Miller had suggested this method as the means of obtaining the information sought in connection with its consideration of the Strong bill. The measure, introduced by Representative Strong (Republican) of Kansas, is designed to instruct the Board to shape its policies and use the broad powers of the Federal Reserve Act to promote the stabilization of the purchasing power of the dollar.

Testimony given in the past few weeks, particularly by Dr. Miller, has led the Committee into an inquiry of the policy adopted by the Federal Reserve Board which resulted last summer in open market security purchases and the establishment of a "uniform" rediscount rate through the board's action in arbitrarily fixing the rate for the Chicago bank in an effort to steady international exchange rates and promote foreign trade. At yesterday's session, Dr. Miller aired activities surrounding the negotiations held in New York and Washington last summer between the heads of central banks of issue and officials of the system to inaugurate the new credit policy, contending the meetings should have been a matter of "record discussions."

"This hearing," said Dr. Miller, as he began to make his suggestion resulting in the presentation of the motion to obtain the Board's confidential records, "has taken on somewhat the character of an inquisition, and I am frank to say that it has been slightly embarrassing to me to furnish information, because as a member of the Federal Reserve Board I differ with my colleagues as to the wisdom of the policy adopted last summer."

"I feel, however," the witness went on, "that when any committee of Congress is as interested as this one seems to be in these questions, that every assistance should be given the members to obtain the information."

Before the Committee adopted the motion, Dr. Miller stated that he believed the members of the Committee would find the open market opera-

tions were "the heart of the situation." He further stated that he had given the question careful consideration and had decided that the members of the Committee "ought to see the records" to determine for themselves just what had been done in order to "clarify the situation."

"I am a devotee of candor," continued the Federal Reserve Board member, "and in these matters I am in favor of publicity for, I believe, there is and should be a wide public interest in these questions."

In another item in to-day's issue of our paper we refer further to Dr. Miller's statements before the Committee during the course of its hearings on the Strong stabilization bill.

Federal Reserve Banks Authorized by Secretary Mellon to Purchase \$50,000,000 Third Liberty Loan Bonds Maturing Sept. 15.

The purchase by the Federal Reserve Banks of \$50,000,000 Third Liberty Loan bonds has been authorized by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon according to the following statement issued by him May 10:

Secretary Mellon to-day announced that he has authorized the Federal Reserve Banks to purchase, at the option of holders, up to \$50,000,000 aggregate face amount of Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds, which mature Sept. 15 1928, at 100 8-32 and accrued interest to the date of such optional purchase. This offer will remain open until the close of business on Friday, May 18 1928, and without further notice will terminate on May 18 1928, or at such earlier date as the full amount shall have been tendered.

An initial move toward retiring the Third Liberty Loan bonds was taken by the Treasury Department on Jan. 8, when an offering was made of 3 1/2% Treasury Notes in exchange for the Liberty bonds. This was referred to in these columns Jan. 14, page 198, and, as stated in our issue of Jan. 28, page 523, a total of \$603,626,650 of the bonds was tendered at that time in exchange for the Treasury Notes. The "Times" of May 11 in referring to this week's announcement of Secretary Mellon, said:

The bonds to be purchased under the present offer will be bought out of funds now in the general surplus of the Treasury. The sinking fund of the Government has been repeatedly called into play for the purchase of Treasury bonds. Under the law the Treasury is not allowed to pay more than par for outstanding issues out of the sinking fund unless these operations are balanced by purchases made below par. The Treasury, however, has had considerable leeway in these transactions recently, owing to the fact that a number of the Government's short-term securities have been selling at a discount.

We also quote the following from Washington advices, May 10, to the "Journal of Commerce."

Consideration is being given by Secretary Mellon to the question of whether or not an issue of Government securities will be made at the June 15 financing period to be exchanged for Third Liberty bonds. A study of the bond market and its ability to absorb a considerable issue of Federal securities in June is being made by experts.

In June a block of \$400,051,200 in Treasury certificates comes due and will be retired. The size of the June 15 issue to replace the maturing block has not been determined.

The Treasury is expected to obtain about \$470,000,000 income taxes in June.

Tax Reduction Bill Before Senate.

The tax reduction bill which was reported to the Senate on May 1 by Chairman Smoot of the Senate Committee on Finance, following the formal approval of the bill by the Committee on April 30, was taken up by the Senate on May 3, Chairman Smoot announcing at that time that it would remain before the Senate until disposed of. According to a dispatch to the "Times" May 3 pending legislation was swept aside by the Senate that day to give right of way to the tax reduction bill. The account went on to say:

Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican, of California, leader of the fight for the Boulder Dam project, agreed to halt consideration of the latter measure long enough for the Senate to act on the tax bill and send it to conference for adjustment with the House so that it might reach the President before the time the present session ends.

Senator Smoot brought the tax bill into position with a speech in which he praised the Administration for its economy program. He had not proceeded far, however, when it became evident that Republican insurgents were prepared to load the measure with amendments, including a proposal for tariff reform.

Senator Blaine of Wisconsin offered an amendment that certain imports be allowed to enter this country duty free, and Senator Shipstead is expected to demand higher duties for certain agricultural products.

Questions by Senator Borah during Mr. Smoot's speech developed an indication that the Finance Committee Chairman may offer an amendment to repeal the Federal estate tax, which the committee agreed to retain in the law, although the Administration wanted it abandoned. Some House leaders assert that Senate approval of repeal would mean a deadlock and jeopardize the entire tax bill.

"The total receipts for 1929 are estimated at \$3,854,721,000," Senator Smoot said in opening debate. "We no longer have to guess in making our determinations. We now have the actual collections made on March 15.

Would Adhere to Debt Plan.

"The total expenditures for 1929 are estimated by the Director of the Budget to be \$3,642,021,000. I wish to emphasize that this does not include whatever additional expenditures may be necessary by reason of new legislation. For 1929, 51.1% of the entire expenditures are on account of the public debt; 31.8 attributable to military functions, and but 17.1% are devoted to the ordinary civil functions of the Government. . . . Our debt retirement program should be adhered to."

Mr. Smoot said there was nothing to justify the assumption that the 1929 surplus would exceed \$212,700,000. The Finance Committee, he

said, had settled upon tax reductions slightly in excess of \$200,000,000, which the committee Chairman considered was a safe margin.

"The surplus of 1928 will be about \$401,000,000," he stated. "The surplus for 1927 was \$635,000,000."

Mr. Smoot said that to simplify the administration of tax collections a clause had been written into the bill authorizing the Bureau of Internal Revenue to complete an agreement with a taxpayer who protests an assessment, without forcing the taxpayer to go to court.

The principal changes effected in the bill were noted in these columns April 28, page 2587. Concerning the automobile tax of 3%, which is repealed in the bill as presented to the Senate (as well as in the House bill passed Dec. 15 1927), the Washington correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" on May 3 said:

Despite the belief of Secretary Mellon that the basis of the American tax system should remain as broad as possible, the Treasury Department "has resigned itself" to the repeal of the automobile tax, it was learned today. President Coolidge already had indicated that he approves repeal of this tax.

It appears that the Treasury sees no prospect of keeping the automobile tax on the statute books, although maintaining that it is an excellent tax and is not oppressive. Officials pointed out that with the base of the tax system narrowed, the burden will fall upon even a smaller number of persons than under the present law. Income taxes are paid by something over 2,500,000 persons, out of the 118,000,000 population, although the special taxes like tobacco, assessed under the law, are paid virtually by the entire population.

The automobile tax was favored because of its wide range, being indirectly met by the ultimate consumer.

As presented to the Senate on May 1 the bill provides for a total tax cut of \$200,085,000; while reductions of \$203,115,000 are effected through the lowering of major taxes, advances in the tax rate on several other items will provide an increased yield of \$3,030,000. These yields are indicated in the following, which we take from the Washington dispatch, May 1, to the "Times":

Although the bill was technically reported by the entire Finance Committee, it is the Republican program only, the Democrats intending to fight for a reduction as close to \$300,000,000 as they can achieve. No minority report was made, the understanding being that the Democrats would present their recommendations on the floor of the Senate.

Senator Smoot's report furnishes the following comparison of the House bill and the Senate Finance Committee bill:

Item.	House Bill.	Amount of Reduction.	Bill as Reported to Senate.	Amount of Reduction.
Reductions—				
Corporation rate.	Reduced to 11 1/4%	\$164,600,000	Reduced to 12 1/2%	\$82,000,000
Corp. exemption.	Increased to \$3,000	12,000,000	Same as House bill	12,000,000
Graduated tax on corporation.	Graduated to 9% if taxable income is not more than \$15,000.	24,000,000	House provision eliminated.	-----
Readjustment of surtax brackets.	No provision.	-----	Reduced, principally in case of individual incomes ranging from \$20,000 to \$80,000.	25,000,000
Automobile tax.	Repealed.	66,000,000	Repealed.	66,000,000
Admissions tax.	Exemption increased to \$1.	8,000,000	Exemption increased to \$3.	17,000,000
Dues tax.	Reduced from 10% to 5%.	5,000,000	Restored to 10%.	-----
Capital stock transfer tax.	Reduced from 2% to 1%.	8,800,000	Restored to 2%.	-----
"Future" sales of produce.	Repealed.	3,000,000	Present law restored.	-----
Cereal beverage tax.	Repealed.	185,000	Repealed.	185,000
Wine taxes.	Certain rates reduced to pre-war level.	930,000	Substantially the same as House bill.	930,000
Total.		\$292,515,000		\$203,115,000
Increases—				
Withholding at source, non-residents.	Actual tax withheld in case of 2% tax-free covenant bond.	\$2,000,000	Same as House bill	\$2,000,000
Prize fights.	Tax of 25% on tickets costing \$5 or more.	750,000	Same as House bill	750,000
Foreign-built yachts.	Tax increased five times.	30,000	House provision eliminated and present law repealed.	*10,000
Narcotic tax.	No provision.	-----	Physicians' license fee increased from \$1 to \$3 a year.	290,000
Total.		\$2,780,000		\$3,030,000
Total net reductions.		\$289,735,000		\$200,085,000

* Loss.

As to further features of the report we quote as follows from the "Times":

In reporting the Senate bill, Chairman Smoot said:

"The majority of the committee definitely and conclusively rejected all proposals to provide a reduction in excess of the amount fixed as the maximum by Secretary Mellon.

"The actual collections on March 15 have established to a remarkable degree the accuracy of the Treasury estimates and the majority of the committee is unalterably opposed to insuring a deficit in order to meet the demands of those insisting upon a greater reduction or upon a departure from sound principles of public finance."

He pointed out that the corporation exemption had been increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000; that the House graduated corporation tax provision had been rejected; and that, "the intermediate surtax brackets are adjusted to relieve the disproportionate burden now imposed on certain classes of taxpayers."

The automobile tax had been repealed in both bills, he stated. The admission tax exemption was increased by the committee to \$3 as against

the \$1 fixed by the House, and the club dues tax, reduced to 5% by the House, was restored to 10%.

The committee rescinded the House cut in the capital stock transfer tax from 2 to 1% and restored the stamp tax on "future" Produce Exchange sales.

Corporation and Auto Tax Choice.

The report stated that if the automobile tax had been retained there would have been enough money to cut the corporation tax to 11½%.

"However, the automobile manufacturers stated that they preferred the repeal of the sales tax to a reduction in the corporation rate," the report said, "and the railroads and others joined in advocating this repeal."

The House provision for a graduated tax on small corporations was denounced as unsupported "by any sound principle of taxation." The adjustment of the intermediate surtax brackets on incomes of \$20,000-\$80,000 was said to be necessary.

Relief for Legitimate Theatre.

Noting the increase of the \$1 redemption by the House on theatre admissions, the report stated:

"Your committee has increased this exemption so that no tax will be imposed where the amount paid for the admission is \$3 or less, particularly in order to relieve the legitimate theatre from the disproportionate burden now imposed upon it."

Senator Smoot said that the privilege granted to affiliate corporations of filing consolidated returns, which the House bill denied after 1928, had been restored, with amendments necessary to eliminate administrative problems of the present law.

He said that he expected the Senate to pass the bill "substantially as reported by the Finance Committee."

The Democrats, it was reiterated this afternoon, would centre their attack upon lowering the corporation tax to 11½%, as against 12½% in the Republican bill, and thus would add \$82,000,000 to the total reduction.

The Democrats will also probably insist on the House provision laying down a graduated tax on corporations within up to \$15,000,000 income; upon repeal of all admission taxes—\$1,500,000 more than the Republican cut—and upon repeal, or heavy cuts, in the club dues, capital stock transfer and produce exchange taxes.

In addition to the extracts from the report given above, we also take the following therefrom:

VIII. STRUCTURE OF NEW BILL AS COMPARED WITH PRIOR REVENUE ACTS.

The bill in one respect differs materially from the revenue acts of 1918, 1921, 1924, and 1926. Each of those acts reenacted all the provisions of the preceding act, with such changes and omissions as the policy of Congress dictated, and then repealed the preceding act, with certain exceptions.

The committee feels that this method has resulted in great complication, particularly in the income and estate tax, and especially in the procedural provisions. The effort in each new act to put in the same place all the law relating to the assessment and collection of taxes for earlier years, as well as the law imposed by such new act, has resulted in many complications. Striking examples of the difficulties encountered may be found in sections 277 and 278 of the 1924 and 1926 acts, dealing with the statute of limitations, section 284 of the 1926 act, dealing with refunds and credits, and section 283 of the 1926 act, dealing with appeals to the Board of Tax Appeals in cases arising under the 1924 and preceding acts. If this process is continued, it will produce more and more complexities. The committee is impressed with the importance of making a fresh start. Under the plan of the bill the taxpayer for 1928 and succeeding years will not be obliged to wade through many complexities of interest only to taxpayers under prior acts, which only serve to confuse and irritate him.

Therefore, the provisions of the income tax title of the present bill apply only to the taxable year 1928 and succeeding years. They have no effect whatsoever on taxes imposed for prior taxable years, nor do the provisions of the 1926 income tax title have any effect on the computation of tax for 1928 or later years. For this reason the income tax title of the 1926 act is not repealed by the bill and remains in force for the collection of taxes for 1925, 1926, and 1927, as well as taxes under prior acts, except as modified by Title III of the present bill, containing express amendments to such title, and by Title IV containing various administrative provisions, and by Title V, containing a few retroactive provisions intended to relieve certain cases of hardship under prior acts. It is to be noted in particular that provisions such as those in Titles X, XI, and XII of the 1926 act as well as other titles thereof remain in full force and effect for the taxable year 1928 and subsequent taxable years. For instance, section 1107 applies to income taxes for 1928 and future years. Its application is not restricted to "internal revenue laws" in force at the time of its enactment.

It is planned ultimately to combine provisions of this general nature into a compilation or code apart from the revenue acts.

The estate tax title of the 1926 act is neither repeated nor repealed in the present bill, which, in Title II (secs. 401-403) contains three amendments to that title. Similarly, the reductions recommended by the bill in the automobile and admission taxes are accomplished by express amendments to the 1926 act instead of the old method of repetition and repeal.

IX. REARRANGEMENT OF INCOME TAX TITLE.

The bill embodies a proposed new arrangement for the income tax title. The basis for the arrangement is the distribution of the provisions by two classifications—general provisions and supplemental provisions. There are a few introductory provisions.

The general provisions are those which apply to the ordinary transactions of the ordinary classes of taxpayers. It is believed that approximately 80% of the taxpayers who file returns under the new act will find in the general provisions practically all the income tax statute law of interest to them. The general provisions are divided into parts.

The supplemental provisions comprise all provisions of the income tax title other than the general provisions and the introductory provisions. In the main, the supplemental provisions are those which apply only to extraordinary classes of taxpayers or which apply only to the extraordinary transactions of ordinary classes of taxpayers. The supplemental provisions are divided into supplements.

An improved form of cross reference, illustrated in section 12 (b), (c), and (d), is employed in the bill. Section 2 provides that cross references of this kind (i. e. where the word "see" is used) shall be given no legal effect.

The normal tax, surtax, and ordinary corporation tax are imposed respectively by sections 11, 12, and 13, which correspond with sections

210, 211, and 230 of the 1926 act. No changes are made with respect to the individuals and corporations subject to tax, except as hereinafter noted, or with respect to the manner of imposing the tax. The "in lieu" provisions are collected in section 63 of the bill.

On May 4 Senator Harrison (Democrat), of Mississippi, assailing Treasury estimates of prospective surpluses as having been anywhere from \$100,000,000 to \$300,000,000 out of line in the past seven years, said it was "idle talk" to say that the Treasury could not stand the \$325,000,000 reduction program advanced by the Democrats. Associated Press advices, from which we quote, also said:

The Mississippian detailed Treasury estimates for seven years and compared them with actual surpluses. He followed this with figures showing that Congress had disregarded Treasury warnings in the past and had not brought about a deficit.

The Mississippian, who opened the fight in the Senate, then attacked the administration's policy of debt retirement, declaring that rapid retirement was a scheme to make foreign bonds held in this country of greater value.

"It takes no expert," he declared, "to see that when we pay off our national debt at the rate we are going now, and when these foreign countries make their applications for cancellation of their debts to us and they are successful, that these French bonds and Italian bonds and Austrian bonds and bonds of every other foreign government will soar to high figures, and large profits will flow into the pockets of those special groups who are on the inside as a part of this plan."

The following, regarding the further discussion of the bill in the Senate May 4, is from the "Times":

Pointing out that a great proportion of the foreign debt was a post-war obligation, Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, declared that the Allies should live up to their debt contracts.

Senator Bruce, on the other hand, denounced a policy that would force foreign nations to pay on their war debts after the United States had cleaned up her own debt.

Senator Tydings, Democrat, of Maryland, placed in the record a tabulation of the military expenditures of sixty-one nations, as compared with their individual debts to the United States. He said that while the total "war expenditures" of the world during 1927 were almost \$4,000,000,000, the United States advanced "sufficient to pay two-thirds of that, or \$2,619,000,000."

"This includes," he continued, "all foreign flotations in this country. The United States loaned twenty foreign nations more than enough to meet their national defense expenditures during 1927." He compared the standing armies of Continental Europe and America, declaring that European countries have "a tremendously organized and equipped reserve."

Late this afternoon Senator Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, introduced an amendment that after July 1 payments from foreign nations should first be applied to current expenditures, any excess to go then to the public debt.

An amendment for a low-scale estate tax, starting at 0.02% on not more than \$50,000, and ending with 4% on more than \$10,000,000, was offered by Senator Bingham, Republican, of Connecticut.

An amendment presented by Senator King, Democrat, of Utah, would abolish the present 80% credit to the States on account of the estate tax, and restore the 25% credit of former years.

On May 5 the Senate, without a record vote (we quote from the "Times"), approved an unexpected provision by its Finance Committee that the term "gross income" should apply to gains, profits and income derived from salaries, wages or compensation, "including in the case of any President of the United States taking office after the enactment of this act the compensation received as such." The account quoted went on to say:

The quoted words were inserted in the \$200,000,000 tax reduction bill by the Finance Committee to offset an opinion by the Supreme Court which relieved the President from payment of an income tax.

Judge Walter Evans, then on the Federal bench in Kentucky, in 1919, sued J. Rogers Gore, Internal Revenue Collector, to prevent the collection of an income tax on the constitutional ground that the compensation of Federal Judges "shall not be diminished during their continuance in office."

The Evans case reached the Supreme Court, which sustained the Judge's argument in January, 1920. By analogy, the decision was applied to the President, who under the Constitution shall receive "a compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected."

It was understood this afternoon that Senator Reed of Pennsylvania was a prime mover in the committee in suggesting that the President should lead the list of taxpayers, and that he had the support of Senator Smoot, the Chairman, in making this motion.

Doubt existed in some quarters tonight that the provision would be held constitutional if enacted into law.

With reference to further action by the Senate May 5 the *United States Daily* stated:

During the consideration of the bill on May 5, Senator McMaster, Republican, of South Dakota, introduced an amendment which he proposes to offer at the proper parliamentary stage, to amend the Tariff Act of 1922 by providing for the setting aside of customs receipts to compensate producers or shippers of certain agricultural commodities for transportation charges from designated primary markets to the most convenient port.

Senator Reed, Republican, of Pennsylvania, also introduced an amendment which would require insurance companies to include income from the sale and disposition of property in the computation of their gross incomes. The Reed amendment was rejected by the Finance Committee during its consideration of the tax bill before the measure was reported to the Senate.

Basis for Computing Depreciation Accepted.

The Senate also agreed to the Committee amendment prescribing the basis for the computation of depletion and depreciation in making deductions from gross income for the purpose of ascertaining net income.

On Monday May 7 the Senate voted against permitting the new corporation income tax rate proposed in the 1928 tax reduction bill to apply retroactively to taxes paid this year on 1927 corporate incomes. This was in accordance with the decision of the Finance Committee. The Senate indorsement of the Committee action was registered without a record vote. It is noted in the Washington dispatch May 7 to the "Times" that

The House bill contained a provision which would have given to corporations a total refund of \$160,000,000.

Immediately afterward a move was made to apply new surtax rates retroactively, but while Senator Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, was agreeable to the proposal, Senator Gerry, Democrat, of Rhode Island, asked that the matter go over until tomorrow.

The committee has also proposed a schedule of surtaxes with material cuts on incomes between \$18,000 and \$70,000, and today Senator Simmons presented a schedule of his own which applies slightly heavier surtaxes upon larger incomes and lighter upon smaller incomes than does the Republican plan.

During the discussion of the bill the Senate approved a section allowing a maximum salary of \$7,500 to internal revenue collectors, whose highest pay is now \$6,000.

The surtax rates proposed by Senator Simmons were:

Income.	Surtax.	Income.	Surtax.
\$12,000-\$14,000.....	1%	\$38,000-\$42,000.....	9%
\$14,000-\$16,000.....	2%	\$42,000-\$46,000.....	12%
\$16,000-\$18,000.....	3%	\$46,000-\$52,000.....	16%
\$18,000-\$22,000.....	4%	\$52,000-\$60,000.....	17%
\$22,000-\$26,000.....	5%	\$60,000-\$80,000.....	18%
\$26,000-\$30,000.....	6%	\$80,000-\$100,000.....	19%
\$30,000-\$34,000.....	6%	Over \$100,000.....	20%
\$34,000-\$38,000.....	7%		

The surtax rates proposed by the Finance Committee are:

Income.	Surtax.	Income.	Surtax.
\$10,000-\$14,000.....	1%	\$36,000-\$40,000.....	9%
\$14,000-\$16,000.....	2%	\$40,000-\$46,000.....	10%
\$16,000-\$18,000.....	3%	\$46,000-\$52,000.....	11%
\$18,000-\$21,000.....	4%	\$52,000-\$58,000.....	12%
\$21,000-\$24,000.....	5%	\$58,000-\$64,000.....	14%
\$24,000-\$28,000.....	6%	\$64,000-\$70,000.....	16%
\$28,000-\$32,000.....	7%	\$70,000-\$80,000.....	18%
\$32,000-\$36,000.....	8%	Over \$80,000.....	20%

Senator Simmons, in another amendment, proposed repeal of all admissions taxes, except to impose a 25% tax on prize fights admissions of more than \$5, and a tax of 50% on a speculator's charge of more than 50% of the admission ticket's price.

The North Carolina Senator proposed also to re-insert the graduated tax on corporations with small incomes, sponsored in the House by Representative Garner. He asked for a cut of the tax on club dues to 5%, or half the present rate, and for 2½% tax on original issues of capital stock where the shares are worth \$100 or more, and a tax of one-half per cent. on each stock issue of \$20, when the shares were worth less than \$100.

It is proper to state that while the Senate Committee fixes the surtax on incomes between \$80,000 and \$100,000 at 20%, in the existing law, and in the bill as passed by the House last December, the rate is 19%. The Washington correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce," in noting the Senate proceedings on the bill on May 7 said:

The Senate today rejected the House provisions designed to deal with corporations created for the purpose of permitting the evasion of surtaxes. It was asserted that these were too cumbersome, and during the debate on these provisions the Treasury Department was criticized for failing to apply the law already on the statute books. Senator Simmons asserted that when the incentive was very great and the practice of forming these corporations was very general the Administration did not make any great use of these provisions; but now, with the surtaxes so low as to limit the incentive, the Administration was becoming very active.

Senator King, commenting upon the cumbersome proposals of the House, declared that it is impossible under the system set up by Congress to determine just what a taxpayer shall pay and that no taxpayer can determine that fact of himself.

"It seems," said Senator King, "that we legislate in favor of litigation, instead of in favor of the Government and the taxpayer. I wish we could burn every tax law we have, start all over again and write a simplified tax bill free from the difficulties and inequities and from uncertainties that exist in this bill as well as in the law this bill is to supersede."

Democratic Program.

The Democratic program is headed by a proposal to reduce the corporate income tax rate to 11½%. With this is the surtax adjustment proposal, and there are amendments dealing with other features of the tax bill as follows: One amendment would provide a tax of 2½c. per share on capital stock of no face value and of 2½c. for each \$100 or fraction thereof where the value is stated. Where the actual value of the stock is less than \$100, the tax is to be ½c. for each \$20 of actual value. The proposal is made to repeal all of the admissions tax, except as to prize fights, against which a tax of 25% would be made, while ticket agencies demanding more than 50c. per ticket above the theatre charge for admission would have to pay 50% of the excess to the Government. The tax on bonds would be made 2½c. instead of 5c. per \$100, and the present 10% tax on club dues would be reduced to 5%.

Another important proposal of the Democrats, and for the adoption of which they will fight, is that written into the House bill upon the insistence of Representative John N. Garner, Texas, ranking Democratic member of the Ways and Means Committee, establishing a three-bracket schedule of rates for application against corporations with small annual net incomes. The Administration is more opposed to this than any other feature of the bill, the repeal of the automobile tax not excepted.

Senator Copeland, in proposing an amendment whereby in the case of the transfer of the net estate of any decedent dying after the enactment of this bill, the estate tax provisions of the 1926 law shall not apply. The New York Senator is seeking the repeal of the Federal estate tax.

On May 8 the Senate voted to exempt from the 10% admission tax, tickets of \$3 and less. Under the House bill tickets of \$1 and under are exempt. As to the further

action of the Senate on May 8 Associated Press dispatches from Washington stated:

Approval also was given to the House amendment increasing to 25% the levy on prize fight admissions.

Democrats pointed out that complete repeal of the tax, except on admissions to prize fights, would cost the Government only \$1,000,000 in revenue annually. Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Finance Committee and leader of the Republican forces, said he favored the \$3 exemption to aid the spoken drama, but there was no reason why the tax should not apply on tickets of more than \$3, because it would affect only those going to the grand opera and similar performances.

The Senate also rejected the House reduction to 5% in the levy on club dues and put back the 10% levy. Senator Barkley (D., Ky.) moved to repeal the club dues tax after the Senate had voted to increase the rate from 5 to 10%. His motion lost, 40 to 33. The increase from 5 to 10% was voted, 38 to 35.

These actions were taken on almost straight party divisions, one Republican, McNary, Oregon, voting with the Democrats, and one Democrat, Bruce, Maryland, voting with the Republicans. The attempt to repeal the admission tax resulted in the first tie vote of the session, 40 to 40.

Vice President Dawes, who once before caused considerable concern when he was absent at the time a tie vote was registered on the confirmation of Charles Beecher Warren of Detroit for Attorney General, did not vote.

Shortly afterward, when questioned, he said he had been informed by the parliamentary clerk that a tie vote meant that the amendment was lost—and he would have voted against it anyhow.

The Senate immediately plunged into an argument on the question: this resulted in a reconsideration of the first vote. The second ballot brought forth 42 votes to 39 against the amendment, Senator Cutting of New Mexico arriving in the meantime and Senator McNary switching.

The Republican victories, which were regarded as test votes on the Republican \$200,000,000 tax reduction plan and the Democratic \$325,000,000 program, came soon after it was learned that President Coolidge believes that unless Congress slows up on its appropriations an increase rather than a reduction in taxes will be necessary.

The President regards as appalling the number of proposals calling for special drains upon the Treasury.

He has noted two items in particular, one calling for an increase in pay of postal employees and another for a reduction in postal rates. It was said both bills, if enacted, would cost the treasury \$58,000,000 in addition to the regular post office deficit.

On May 9 four hours of the time allotted to the tax bill was yielded by Senator Smoot to the conference report on flood control. The "Times" in noting his added:

Then the Senate took up the tax on the sale of produce for future delivery on produce exchanges. After an hour and 30 minutes of talk, a vote appeared imminent, but Senator Norris, Insurgent Republican of Nebraska, insisted that it go over until to-morrow.

Under existing law \$3,000,000 in revenue is derived from a stamp tax of one cent per \$100 value on the produce sales. The House voted to repeal this tax, but the Finance Committee restored it. Senator Simmons, Democrat, has pending an amendment for repeal.

In the debate to-day Democrats, with the exception of Senator Caraway, demanded the repeal as relief to farmers. Senator Smoot contended the tax was a just imposition upon "market gamblers" on the produce exchanges. Senator Caraway announced that he would move to make the tax 10 cents instead of one cent.

On May 11 the Senate approved the committee's plan to retain the existing tax of one cent per \$100 value on produce exchange sales and the present levy of two cents per \$100 value on capital stock transfers. The following relative thereto is from the "Times" account.

Defeat of a motion by Senator Caraway, Democrat, of Arkansas, to increase the tax on produce exchange sales to 50 cents per \$100 was the first action. Most of the Democrats had wished to repeal the tax, as had been done in the House. Senator Caraway received the support of insurgent Republicans, but his proposal was defeated 47 to 24.

The Senate then adopted the Committee recommendation concerning capital stock transfers by a vote of 48 to 39. The House had voted to cut this tax in half. On the roll call, Senators Caraway, George, Gerry, Shepard, Dill and Neely, Democrats, voted with the Republicans, and Senators Moses, Odie, Schall and Dale, Republicans, with the Democrats.

A move by Senator Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, to repeal the tax on original issues of capital stock was beaten 42 to 34. The Senate then approved the committee plan.

Senator Copeland, Democrat, of New York, introduced an amendment whereby taxes on the International Bridge at Niagara Falls would be divided between the American and Canadian Governments. At present, each Government is permitted to collect the full tax. No vote has as yet been taken on this proposal.

McNary-Haugen Farm Bill Passed By House.

By a vote of 204 to 121 the House on May 3 passed the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill. As adopted by the House the bill contains the equalization fee clause carried in the measure as it passed the Senate on April 11, reference to which appeared in these columns April 14, page 2256. The equalization fee provision had been rejected by the House on May 2, when, in Committee of the Whole, by a vote of 141 to 120, it decided to substitute the Aswell farm relief bill for the McNary-Haugen measure, the Aswell bill being similar to the McNary bill except that it did not embody the equalization fee clause. The May 3 dispatch from Washington to the "World" said:

The McNary-Haugen Farm Relief bill, equalization fee and all, was passed to-night by the House, 204 to 121, after two days of parliamentary mix-ups.

It was after sundown before opponents of the equalization fee, which has been the crux of farm aid bill squabbling since the World War, went down to defeat by 185 to 146 on a record vote.

The measure now goes to conference before going to the President, who has indicated he will not approve the equalization fee.

The bill provides for a revolving fund of \$400,000,000 from which loans may be made to co-operative associations or to corporations established to handle surplus crops if the equalization fee did not meet the losses sustained.

Federal Board Created.

It creates a Federal Farm Board of twelve, to be supplemented by advisory councils to be chosen by producers of affected commodities, clothed with authority to administer the act. One provision would insure co-operatives that the average selling price of the commodity dealt in should not be less than the average price at which it was bought.

Confusion Marks Debate.

To-day's session opened with a continuation of the Parliamentary squabble that had kept the floor in confusion the preceding day. At times members were unable to ascertain what was before them. It was even suggested that the House, while in Committee of the Whole, report out two separate bills for final vote in the House.

Representative Mapes (R., Wis.), who presided, began the day's consideration by overruling a point of order offered yesterday. He held that the House would consider the Haugen bill, although an amendment by Aswell (D., La.), previously adopted, eliminated all reference to the knotty equalization fee and was held by its supporters to be in the status of a complete substitution for the Haugen measure.

Aswell moved that the substitution be made in the 60-page bill section by section, and with the temper of the House approaching the maximum limit of safety. Ketcham (R., Mich.) fought vainly to put across his substitute—a debenture plan approved by the National Grange.

Councils Get Veto Power.

The House approved an amendment by Kincheloe (D., Ky.) giving the advisory councils veto power to determine when the equalization fee should become effective.

The equalization fee, which has been attacked for years as Governmental price-fixing would be levied against commodities with a good market demand to offset, losses in surplus products, through domestic warehouse and export channels.

The House defeated an amendment by Black (D., N. Y.), which he said would shunt the burden of the equalization fee to beer manufacturers, and also blocked a move by La Guardia, (R., N. Y.) to require "stock market gamblers" to pay the fee.

As the House was ready to vote amid din, shuffling and gavel-pounding, Ketcham failed in an eleventh hour attempt to put across his debenture substitute, and a point of order was sustained against a similar attempt by Hare (D., S. C.) to substitute his marketing bill.

Jones (D., Tex.) successfully offered an amendment making the equalization fee apply to meats in storage.

On May 4 the House agreed to a conference with the Senate to smooth out disputed provisions of the bill. The House conferees named were Chairman Haugen of the House Agricultural Committee, Representative Purnell, Republican of Indiana, and Representative Aswell of Louisiana, ranking Democrat on the committee. The Senate earlier had requested the conference and had designated its conferees. The Senate conferees are McNary, Oregon; Capper, Kansas, and Gooding, Idaho, Republicans, and Smith, South Carolina, and Ransdell, Louisiana, Democrats.

Subscriptions to Fund for Museum of City of New York.

The subscriptions thus far received toward the fund for the construction of a building for the proposed Museum of the City of New York total \$1,272,479. The home of the museum will be located at Fifth Avenue and 104th Street, on a city-owned site which has been granted on condition that the full \$2,000,000 be raised by June 1. James E. Speyer is Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer is Raymond E. Jones, 40 Wall Street. The museum is to be built by popular subscription and will be dedicated solely to a history of the city. It is to contain exhibits of the manners and customs of New York from its earliest beginnings to the present.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. and James Speyer are the largest contributors to the fund, having donated \$250,000 each. Edward S. Harkness ranks third with a gift of \$200,000. Other contributors are:

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ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

The transfer of six New York Curb Market memberships was approved this week comprising the following: that of O. F. Browning to Robert Plant for \$90,000; that of Philip Camman to Arthur J. Pollard for \$90,000; that of William A. Bluet to Alan K. Shaw for \$80,000; that of Harvey M. Anness to H. W. Phelps for \$70,000; that of Robert Gaidlaw, deceased, to Melville H. Bearn, Jr., for \$85,000; and that of A. L. McCabe, deceased, to Lewis O. Sheridan for \$80,000.

J. P. Morgan returned May 4 on the Aquitania after a six weeks' trip abroad.

The Chemical National Bank of New York announced May 3 the appointment of Amos B. Foy as an Assistant Cashier. Mr. Foy was in the banking business in South America for several years and for the past three years has been a national bank examiner in New York City specializing particularly in foreign work.

Two important departments of The National City Bank of New York were opened, May 7, at 52 Wall Street, the new home of The National City Company. The compound interest department will occupy quarters on the ground floor of the new building, easily accessible either from Wall Street or Pine Street, while the trust facilities will be located on the main banking floor, reached by a separate entrance on Wall Street giving onto a broad stairway leading directly to the new department. While the compound interest department of The National City Bank has been in operation at all twenty-four branches of the bank, the opening of the new quarters at 52 Wall Street this week marks the formal establishment of this department in the financial district and so far as can be ascertained The National City Bank is the first of the large downtown commercial institutions to provide special facilities for the handling of compound interest accounts. The growth of both these departments has been rapid, Charles E. Mitchell, President of the bank, in a recent statement, placing the number of depositors in the compound interest department at 175,000 after six years of operation. The trust department of the bank was established in 1919 and the growth of this part of the National City organization also has been steady and rapid.

The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. announced on May 3 the appointment of George W. Berry, Vice-President, to take charge of the Flatbush Office of the company, at Flatbush Avenue and Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn. He will retain supervision of the Brooklyn Office, at 350 Fulton Street, which has been under his direction for the last five years. Stanley T. Wratten, Assistant Vice-President, will join the official staff of the Brooklyn office.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Co. of New York, Fred M. Kirby, Vice-President of the F. W. Woolworth Co., and Frank Phillips, President of the Phillips Petroleum Co., were elected members of the Board.

At a meeting of the Directors of the American Union Bank, of New York, held April 10, the following were elected Members of the Board, A. A. Clarke, S. Field and Ralph D. Ward.

Charles H. Silver of the American Woolen Co. has been elected a director of the Bank of United States this city.

Rights of stockholders and employees of Chelsea Exchange Bank to purchase the A and B stocks of the newly formed Chelsea Exchange Corporation at \$10 and \$2.50 per share, respectively, expired April 27. The temporary receipts to be issued, based on the quoted \$28 bid for the rights to the A stock and \$17 bid for the rights to the B stock, have a total market value of \$1,125,000. The stockholders and employees paid in \$312,500 for the total issued and outstanding 25,000 shares of A stock and 25,000 shares of B stock. Stockholders were given the right to buy one share of A stock and one-quarter share of B stock for every share held as of April 10. The bulk of the B stock was sold to employees, officers and directors. Definitive certificates were issued this week. Lewis H. Rothchild, President of Chelsea Exchange Corporation, announced the directors of the corporation as follows: Jules E. Brulatour, Eastmak Kodak Co. and Director, Famous Players; Louis Golde, S. Golde & Sons; Victor H. Gramount, Wood Struthers & Co.; Toney A. Hardy, Attorney; George Kern; A. E. Lefcourt, President, Lefcourt Realty Holdings; Edward S. Rothchild, President, Chelsea Exchange Bank; Herbert J. Yates, President, Consolidated Film Industries; and Lewis H. Rothchild. Items regarding the corporation appeared in our issues of April 7, page 2094 and April 14, page 2261.

Stevenson E. Ward, President and Harry P. Barrand, Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, have returned from a trip of several months to London and the Continent.

Completion of the organization of the Interstate Trust Co.'s investment subsidiary, the Interstate Corp., is announced by George S. Silzer, President of the trust company. The corporation, which will conduct a general investment business, opened its offices May 7 at 55 Liberty St. Active charge of the Interstate Corp. will be in the hands of Eberle I. Wilson, Vice President, formerly of Edward B. Smith & Co. In a letter to stockholders of Interstate Trust Co. the Organization Committee of the Interstate Corp. states that favorable response to the proposed plan has been received from a majority of stockholders of the Interstate Trust Co. and the committee, therefore, declares the plan in effect. To take advantage of the plan, the stock certificates of Interstate Trust Co. were required to be presented at the principal office of the company at 59 Liberty St. May 7. The subscription price of the capital stock of the new corporation, which is issued on a share for share basis for stock now held in the Trust Co., is \$20 per share. Officers of the newly formed corporation are George S. Silzer, Chairman of the Board; Isaac Alpern, President; E. I. Wilson, Vice-President; Paul Beardslee, Secretary; Harry P. Aumaek, Treasurer; and John T. McMahon, Assistant Treasurer. The Board of Directors includes E. N. Brown, Chairman, St. Louis & San Francisco Railway and Chairman, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.; De Witt Millhouser, of Speyer & Co.; Arthur P. Smith, Vice-President, Interstate Trust Co.; Ralph Wolf of Speyer & Co.; William V. Griffin, President, Brady Security and Realty Corp.; Isaac Alpern, President, Perth Amboy Trust Co.; George S. Silzer, President, Interstate Trust Co.; Edwin D. Hays, Attorney, Hays, Hershfield & Wolf; Albert T. Johnston, Vice-President, The Borden Co.; Howell M. Stillman, Vice-President, Interstate Trust Co.; and Eberle I. Wilson, Vice-President, Interstate Corp.

Nathan S. Jonas, President of Manufacturers Trust Co., states that at meetings of the Board of Directors of Manufacturers Trust Co. and United Capitol National Bank & Trust Co. held May 10 arrangements were completed for the acquisition by Manufacturers Trust Co. of the United Capitol National Bank & Trust Co. The announcement says:

This will be accomplished by an exchange of nine-twentieths of a share of Manufacturers Trust Co. stock for one share of the United Capitol Bank & Trust Co. stock. This will require the issuance of 22,500 shares additional of Manufacturers Trust Co. stock and when the combination is completed the capital of Manufacturers Trust Co. will be \$17,500,000 and the surplus and undivided profits approximately \$32,500,000.

Simultaneously with the effectiveness of the consolidation, by further resolution of the Board of Directors of Manufacturers Trust Co., the par value of its stock will be reduced from \$100 to \$25 a share by splitting the same on the basis of four shares for one, and the new stock issued accordingly.

The split-up will provide a better opportunity for investors of moderate means especially among the customers of the bank to purchase stock of the Company enabling them to share in the prosperity of the institution which their relationship with it has helped to build.

The United Capitol National Bank & Trust Co. is in itself a combination of the Capitol National Bank, the United National Bank and the Longacre Bank.

When the present consolidation is completed the combined institutions will have total deposits of approximately \$275,000,000 and thirty offices in four boroughs in the City of New York.

Max Radt, formerly President of the Capitol National Bank & Trust Co. Sidney H. Herman, formerly President of the United National Bank and Frederick K. Teipel, formerly President of the Longacre Bank, will all be continued in important executive positions with the Manufacturers Trust Co., and all other officers and employees of these combined banks will be retained by the Manufacturers Trust Co.

It is also stated that since the organization of Manufacturers Trust Co. (as the Citizens Trust Co.) in 1905, it has participated in a total of thirteen combinations, including the one with the United Capitol National Bank & Trust Co. Following is a chronological record of the Institutions which have been combined with Manufacturers Trust Co. and the dates that the combinations became effective:

Broadway Bank, July 1 1912; Manufacturers National Bank, Aug. 1; 1914; West Side Bank, June 15 1918; Ridgewood National Bank, Sept. 1 1921; North Side Bank, April 28 1922; Industrial Bank, Dec. 18 1922; Columbia Bank, Aug. 14 1923; Yorkville Bank, April 1 1925; Gotham National Bank, June 1 1925; Fifth National Bank, June 1 1925; Commonwealth Bank, July 29 1927; Standard Bank, July 29 1927.

The Central National Bank of the City of New York by a resolution of its Board of Directors has called a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of approving a proposed increase in the capital stock of the bank from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 through the sale of 5,000 additional shares. Present stockholders of the bank will be given the right to subscribe to the new stock at \$175 per share upon the basis of one new share for every four shares of the old stock held. At the prevailing market prices of Central National Bank stock the new issue represents a bonus to stockholders of more than \$350,000. The increased capital will provide for further expansion of this bank's business which has

shown a rapid growth since the establishment of the institution in January 1926. The main banking offices of the Central National are located in the Central National Bank Building at Broadway and Fortieth Street in the Times Square District. Two branch offices of the Central were established in the Bronx, on May 1, 1927 at 5 West Burnside Avenue near Jerome, and on January 1 1928 at 62-64 East Mt. Eden Avenue near the Concourse. The Central National Bank now has a capital of \$2,000,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$525,000, deposits of \$10,500,000 and total resources of \$15,000,000. There has recently been organized an allied investment corporation known as the Central National Corporation for the purpose of dealing in securities and underwritings. This company was incorporated with an authorized issue of 150,000 Class A shares and 100,000 Class B shares and is located at Broadway and Fortieth Street in the Central National Bank Building. After giving effect to the increased capitalization of the Bank, the capital funds of the bank and the securities company will be in excess of \$6,000,000.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announced on May 10 five official appointments at foreign offices. Charles F. Brown was appointed Secretary of the company's Paris office; Horton P. Kennedy, Treasurer of the Paris office; and Gustave Pressac, Auditor at Paris. Omer V. Claiborne was appointed Secretary at the company's Brussels office, and Rene H. Masson Auditor at the Havre office.

Henry P. Turnbull was elected a director of the Hanover National Bank of this city on May 8. Mr. Turnbull is a Vice-President of the bank.

W. H. Woodward, of Clinton Gilbert, has been elected a director of Seward National Bank of New York.

The election of six new directors to the board of the Sixth Avenue Bank of New York, following authorization by the State Banking Department of the addition of eight new members, was announced this week by C. W. Korrell, President. The new additions give the board a total of 17 members of an authorized 19, two directorships remaining vacant. The new directors are Edwin J. Bruns, Jr., a member of the New York Stock Exchange; Julius Bloomfield, President, Julius Bloomfield Co., Inc.; Louis J. Barbano; Irving Feldman, President, New York Realty Operators, Inc.; Charles L. Doty, Vice-President, Sixth Avenue Bank; and Harry L. Barth. The Sixth Avenue Bank opened for business January 3, 1928; net deposits, it is stated, total over \$2,500,000, while resources total over \$3,500,000. The bank started business with capital of \$750,000 and surplus of \$250,000. Other members of the board include C. W. Korrell, President, Sixth Avenue Bank; John T. Geery, President, Geery, Guthrie & Co.; Henry Fruhauf, Partner, Fruhauf Bros. Co.; Jules G. Horine, Vice-President, Troy Laundry Machinery Corp.; Louis Lauer, President, Lauer Mfg. Co.; Clarence W. Lewis, Vice-President, Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America; William Heyman, President, Heyman & Goodman, Inc.; John A. Mullen, Mullen & Bloch, Attorneys; Otto A. Schroeder; Howard Young, Howard Young Galleries; and Luther G. McConnell, Vice-President, Sixth Avenue Bank.

The Eastern Exchange Bank of this city on May 5 moved to its original location at 37 Broadway. The Bank occupies the ground floor of the new Harriman Building, which was formally opened May 8. During the construction of the new building the bank was housed in temporary quarters at 10 Broadway. R. L. Bigelow is President of the Bank. The directors are:

Clarence O. Bigelow, President, West Side Savings Bank.
R. L. Bigelow, President.
Knowlton Durham, Blake, Durham, de Milhau & Conwell, Attorneys.
Lafayette B. Gleason, Gleason & Carlton, Attorneys.
E. Roland Harriman, Vice-President, W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.
Maurice Leon, Evarts, Choate, Sherman & Leon, Attorneys.
George L. Ohrstrom, G. L. Ohrstrom & Co.
Hamilton Pell, Vice-President, W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.
Howard Y. Thurber (retired), formerly President and Chairman of Board, New York Telephone Co.

At a special meeting held May 7 the stockholders of the Springfield National Bank, Springfield, Mass., voted to increase the bank's capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The 5,000 shares of new stock (par value \$100 a share) will be offered to stockholders at the price of \$150 a share. With this new capital paid in, the combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the institution will be over \$2,400,000.

On May 9 the Springfield National Bank completed thirty-five years of service, it having opened for business on that date in 1893 with a capital of \$200,000. The bank's first statement—as of July 12 1923—showed deposits of \$230,327 and total resources of \$530,492. To-day the Springfield National Bank is an institution with deposits of \$14,107,868 and total resources of \$16,655,343. The personal of the institution is as follows: Henry A. Field, Chairman of the Board; Wallace V. Camp, President and Trust Officer; Clifton A. Crocker, Ralph P. Alden and Philip S. Beebe, Vice-Presidents; Ernest J. Weeler, Vice-President and Cashier, and Alvin W. Gray, Guy W. Downer, and Cahill A. Tolman, Assistant Cashiers.

The Guaranty Trust Company of Newark, N. J. took action on April 29 toward changing the par value of its stock from \$100 to \$25. Stockholders of the company have been notified to exchange one share of the old stock for four of the new stock before May 15. Edward Schoen, President, states deposits have reached the \$2,000,000 mark, and earnings, for the past quarter, were 12% on the capital.

The stockholders of the Clinton Trust Company of Newark, N. J., on April 24 approved plans to increase the capital of the institution from \$500,000 to \$700,000 through the issuance of 2,000 new shares of stock with a par value of \$100. Each stockholder holding five old shares of stock will be entitled to purchase two new shares at \$350 a share. The increase in capital will become effective July 1. An item regarding the proposed increase in capital appeared in these columns April 21, page 2426.

Samuel H. Barker, President of Bankers Trust Co. of Philadelphia, who will be President also of Bankers Securities Corporation, on April 30, issued the following statement:

"Bankers Securities Corporation will start business with some 2,000 stockholders owning the \$10,000,000 capital stock for which they will pay into its treasury \$12,000,000 without deduction or charge for underwriting or selling commission of any kind.

"Allotment warrants for the 6% cumulative participating preferred stock were received last Saturday by the 1,076 stockholders of Bankers Trust Company who were given rights to subscribe share for share for 61,500 shares, and, today by 754 others who subscribed for a total of 163,726 shares, against 108,500 the entire free amount of stock available to meet such subscription. All subscribers up to 50 shares were allotted full amount, the balance in proportion to the size of their subscriptions.

Items regarding the new corporation appeared in our issues of April 7, page 2095 and April 21, page 2426.

At a meeting of the directors of the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia on May 3, Elisha Lee, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., was added to the Board, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 4.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Belmont Trust Co. of Philadelphia will be held on July 16 next to vote on a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000, recommended by the directors on April 27.

A special meeting of the Corn Exchange National Bank of Philadelphia will be held on June 12 to vote on a proposal to change the name of the institution to the Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Company of Philadelphia and also to vote for one additional member of the board, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 11.

William Jenks Wright of Janney & Co. has been elected a director of the Colonial Trust Co. of Philadelphia, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 11.

The Pennsylvania Trust Co. of Reading, Pa. announces the death on May 7 of Fletcher E. Nyce, a Vice-President of the institution.

The Bank of Italy, National Trust and Savings Association, with headquarters in San Francisco, The Bank of America, National Association, New York, and The Bancitaly Corporation, have opened a joint agency in Chicago with offices at 208 South La Salle Street. The Chicago interests of the two banks will be in charge of Arthur A. Wilson, Vice-President of The Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association, who was formerly in charge of that bank's business in Sacramento, California. Joseph F. Govan, Vice-President of Bancitaly Corporation will be in charge of the investment activities of the Chicago office, which will include originations, retail distribution and trading in investment securities. Mr. Govan was recently Pacific Coast representative of Halsey, Stuart & Co., and is a former resident of Chicago, having been formerly connected with that firm in Chicago.

The Boulevard Bridge Bank of Chicago announces the appointment of James A. Donovan as manager of its bond department. Mr. Donovan has been associated with the investment house of Whiting & Co.

On May 2 the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding. The institution was organized by a small group of leading citizens of the day (1853) under the name of the Farmers' & Millers' Bank and opened for business in a small one-room office at 204 East Water St.—less than a block from the location of the modern 16-story office building which houses its descendant, the First Wisconsin. The capital was \$50,000. With the passage of the National Bank Act in 1863, the Farmers' & Millers' Bank was reorganized as the First National Bank with a capital of \$200,000. Its career was successful from the first and it ranked as one of the strongest institutions in the Northwest. Its position was strengthened through a series of mergers covering a period of 56 years, culminating in its consolidation, on July 1, 1919, with the Wisconsin National Bank to form the present First Wisconsin National Bank, giving Milwaukee a bank capitalized at \$6,000,000 and with resources of over \$100,000,000. The trust departments of the two banks were combined and organized as the First Wisconsin Trust Co., and in January of the following year (1920) a separate investment unit, the First Wisconsin Co., was organized to take the place of the bank's bond department. The three institutions, commonly referred to as the First Wisconsin Group, form an organization with combined resources of \$135,000,000, said to be the largest northwest of Chicago. The following description of the celebration has been sent us by the bank:

Spinning wheels and spinets, pretty girls in costumes of 1853, and appropriate souvenirs brought the spirit of the pioneer days into the lobby of the First Wisconsin National Bank, as they celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary on May 2nd. Over 25,000 people attended the open house reception held in the bank lobby on that day. Girls in costumes of 1853 acted as hostesses for the day and distributed souvenirs—small packages of candy and cigarettes in specially designed wrappers.

The real feature of the day was the exhibit of relics and documents giving a picture of the life of Milwaukee 75 years ago when the first forerunner of the First Wisconsin was organized. A typical room of that day was arranged in the center of the lobby and attracted a great deal of interest, particularly among the older generation.

A special reception for school children was held on Saturday morning and several thousand youngsters swarmed in to receive their souvenir quill pens from a teller dressed in a costume of pioneer days. These souvenirs were given out at a special boys' and girls' window which has been set aside for a permanent savings headquarters for children.

One of the chief co-operators in gathering the exhibit was a real pioneer who came to Milwaukee 77 years ago and who had been a customer of the original Farmers' and Millers' Bank from which the First Wisconsin traces its origin.

Purchase of the assets and business of the People's Bank of Center, Mo., by the Farmers & Merchants Bank of that place was approved on April 30 by State Finance Commissioner S. L. Cantley, according to a dispatch from Jefferson City on that day to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," which, continuing, said:

Combined total resources of the two banks approximates \$550,000. The Farmers and Merchants Bank was chartered August 14 1895 and the bank taken over was organized in August 1906. The latter will be disincorporated when the merger is completed.

The application to organize the American National Bank of Mobile, Ala. was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on April 21. The institution which will begin business about July 1, will have a capital of \$500,000 and surplus of \$250,000. The officers are Wm. C. Thompson, President; S. A. Tonsmeire, Vice-President and Cashier.

C. R. Keener of Montgomery, Ala., was recently elected Vice-President of the Bank of Tuskegee, Tuskegee, Ala., and assumed his new duties on May 1, according to the Montgomery "Advertiser" of that date. Mr. Keener recently resigned as director of agencies for the State of Alabama for the Folmar Agency of Montgomery, Troy and Birmingham. Previous to his connection with the agency he was Assistant State Superintendent of Banks of Alabama. The Bank of Tuskegee, one of the oldest banks in Alabama, is capitalized at \$50,000 with surplus of like amount. John Drakeford is President.

Supported by a tall tower erected for the purpose on the roof of its Pryor Street office in Atlanta, the Atlanta and Lowry National Bank has placed a great revolving electric beacon of 8,000,000 candle power which the United States Government has accepted as a part of its Airway System and which was officially put into service on May 1 when the new Air Mail Service from Atlanta through the Southeast was inaugurated. The beacon, which revolves twice a

minute, will be operated by the bank continually during the hours of darkness as a guide to aviators and a demonstration of faith in commercial aviation.

The officers and directors of the First National Bank of Tampa announce the death of T. C. Talliaferro, Chairman of the Board, in Baltimore, Md., on April 11.

The Fort Worth State Bank, Fort Worth, Texas, recently changed its title to the American Bank & Trust Co. Under its new charter the bank is not only able to do a general banking business, but to conduct a trust department as well. George H. Colvin has succeeded M. R. Sanguinet as President of the institution—otherwise no change has taken place in the bank's personnel.

Effective April 4, the First National Bank of Grant County at Canyon City, Ore. (capital \$40,000), was placed in voluntary liquidation. The bank was absorbed by the Grant County Bank of John Day, Ore.

According to the Baltimore "Sun" of May 9, Robert S. Mooney, President elect of the new United States Trust Co. now being organized in that city, announced on May 8 that William F. Broening, Mayor of Baltimore, will be a Vice-President of the new institution. Mr. Mooney furthermore stated that plans for starting the trust company are making satisfactory progress and the following will make up the original Board of Directors:

Isaac Lobe Straus, Attorney; William Biel, Treasurer and General Manager Cohen & Hughes; Arthur S. Dulaney, President, Fruit Pudding Co.; L. E. Jones, L. E. Jones Wire Works; William F. Kelly, Attorney; William A. Gillespie, auditor; Robert S. Mooney, banker; Joseph Fink, President Kranz-Smith Piano Co.; William F. Broening, Mayor of Baltimore; Charles Jacob, President Jacob Bros. Co., Piano Manufacturers, New York City; Irvin A. Schloss, Vice-President Schloss Bros., and Percy Williams, Credit Manager.

An item regarding the organization of the new trust company, which will begin business with a capital of \$1,000,000 and paid in surplus of \$650,000, appeared in the "Chronicle" of Apr. 7, p. 2098.

On Monday of this week (May 7) the head office of the Royal Bank of Canada was opened for business in the handsome new 22-story Royal Bank of Canada Building on St. James Street, Montreal, which the bank has had under construction for a long time, according to the Montreal "Gazette" of May 8. The transfer to the new building as affected without interruption to business.

THE CURB MARKET.

Curb Market trading continued at a rapid pace this week, in fact on Monday the turnover in stocks was the heaviest on record. Prices moved upward many new high records being made. Public Utilities were the most conspicuous. American Gas & Elec. ran up from 156½ to 184 and finished to-day at 177½. Central States Elec. com. sold up from 85 to 108¾. Mohawk Valley Co. advanced from 58½ to 69¾ and reacted finally to 65¾. Nat. Elec. Power, class A, moved up 8½ points to 39½. United Gas Imp. dropped from 150 to 144¼, recovered to 149½ and closed to-day at 148½. Among industrials Aluminum Co. com. was heavily traded in up from 149⅞ to 170, and at 162 finally. Atlas Plywood improved from 80¼ to 86⅞. General Baking com. on unusually heavy sales rose from 9⅞ to 14⅞, the final transaction to-day being at 14¼. Adolf Gobel com. sold up from 107⅞ to 119½ and ends the week at 115. Mengel continues to advance, moving up from 117 to 127¾ and reacting finally to 122¼. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator, com. improved from 39¾ to 46 and closed to-day at 44. Niles-Bement-Pond com. from 50½ reached 89 and sold finally at 75⅞. Oils were irregular. Humble Oil & Ref. advanced from 78½ to 83 and closed to-day at 81½. Penn. Mex. Fuel sold up from 50 to 65 and at 56 finally. Gulf Oil rose from 126½ to 134 and ends the week at 133½.

■ DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended May 11.	*STOCKS (No. Shares).				BONDS (Par Value).	
	Indus. & Miscell.	Oil.	Mining	Total.*	Domestic.	Foreign Government.
Saturday -----						
Monday -----	1,091,870	238,470	102,060	1,432,400	\$4,818,000	\$876,000
Tuesday -----	891,410	197,300	61,800	1,160,510	3,793,000	762,000
Wednesday -----	895,800	220,990	100,010	1,216,800	4,072,000	876,000
Thursday -----	860,950	177,560	192,990	1,231,500	3,426,000	858,000
Friday -----	868,455	240,000	95,240	1,203,695	4,151,000	413,000
Total -----	4,608,485	1,074,320	552,100	6,244,905	\$20,280,000	\$3,785,000

* In addition, rights were sold as follows: Monday, 19,000; Tuesday, 33,500; Wednesday, 19,100; Thursday, 11,800; Friday, 44,400.

† Largest single day's transactions to date in the history of the Curb Market.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Interest in the stock market this week was again centered largely in the railroad issues, though the aeroplane shares attracted considerable speculative attention at various times and both motor issues and industrial stocks have made some progress upward, particularly in the early part of the week. Speculation was especially heavy on Monday and Tuesday, but gradually lessened as the week advanced. Brokers' loans reached a new peak at \$4,361,108,000 and showed an increase of \$79,451,000 over the previous week. The avalanche of buying that came into the market on Monday, following the two-day holiday, carried many of the active speculative leaders to new peaks in all time. The outstanding feature of the day was the strength of General Motors which opened on a sale of 8,500 shares at 210, and established the highest record in its history. In the closing hour it reacted downward to 208 $\frac{3}{8}$. Chrysler followed with a new top at 75 $\frac{3}{4}$; Nash moved up to 89 $\frac{3}{4}$, and Hudson Motors reached 93 $\frac{1}{4}$ at its high for the day. Railroad shares moved briskly forward under the guidance of Canadian Pacific, which reached its best since 1914 when it crossed 220. One of the most spectacular movements of the day was the advance of Radio Corporation which shot upward to 205 $\frac{1}{2}$ and closed at 205 with a net gain of 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ points. The public utility stocks were uniformly strong, Columbia Gas and North American selling at their top prices on the present capitalization. Other strong stocks of the day included such issues as Curtiss Aeroplane, Electric Auto-Lite and American Tobacco "B." One of the outstanding features of the late trading was the incessant demand for International Combustion Engineering which advanced about eight points to a new high record at 61.

The market opened strong on Tuesday, but as the day advanced it became increasingly irregular. Interest centered to a large extent in the aeroplane stocks, Curtiss crossing 133 with a gain of over 10 points and Wright followed with a substantial gain. Radio Corporation raised its top to 209 in the opening hour, but slipped back about four points. Victor Talking Machine reached its highest since listing. Railroad issues were again prominent in the forward movement, Rock Island and New York Central taking the lead, while Wabash advanced more than five points to a new high at 92. Railroad stocks assumed the leadership of the market on Wednesday, New York Central standing out conspicuously in the advance with a gain of three points to a new high at 191. Wabash, Lehigh Valley, Ches. & Ohio and Southern Pacific followed with gains ranging from one to five points. Oil stocks took a sudden upward spurt, Sinclair gaining over two points to 29 $\frac{3}{8}$, Pan American "B" advancing a point or more and Middle States following along with a substantial advance. Later in the day interest in these stocks seemed to wane and they turned heavy until the close. Specialties were somewhat irregular and most of the aeroplane stocks sold down a point or more, though Curtiss rallied to a new high at 134. Johns-Manville, Jewel Tea and Lambert were particularly strong and active, but Radio Corporation, Coca Cola and Canada Dry Ginger Ale slipped back from three to four points.

Irregularity characterized the trading during the greater part of the first hour on Thursday, though the trend of the market was generally toward higher levels. United States Steel common was the outstanding feature of the day and reached a new top on the present movement when it crossed 150. Railroad shares were, as a rule, irregular, New York Central, for instance, first moving up to a new peak for the year at 191 $\frac{1}{2}$ and then selling off about two points. Southern Pacific receded three points to 128 following the announcement that the dividend would not be increased, and little progress was made by other members of the group. General Motors continued in strong demand during the forenoon, but gradually worked lower and closed at 201 $\frac{1}{2}$, a decline of about three points. One of the features of the afternoon trading was the interest attracted by the aeroplane stocks, both Curtiss and Wright rising to new tops. The market opened moderately higher on Friday and the tone improved very materially as the day advanced. Numerous stocks, particularly those of the less aggressive class such as Sears-Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, International Paper and International Match, moved up with the leaders and closed at higher levels. Railroad shares continued in demand, Missouri-Pacific common reaching a new top for the stock of the present company. Pittsburgh & West Virginia advanced about six points and substantial gains were estab-

lished by Wabash and by Western Maryland. Both Wright and Curtiss continued their remarkable upward sweep, the former gaining 15 points to a new high, while Curtiss Aeroplane sold up to 145 $\frac{7}{8}$. Copper stocks also were featured, Greene-Cananea advancing eight points to 126 and both Kennecott and American Smelting & Refining moved to higher levels. Public utilities were generally higher and oil shares were moderately firm.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended May 11.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	4,424,480	EXCHANGE	CLOSED	
Monday	\$8,308,500		\$3,134,000	\$475,500
Tuesday	4,160,990	8,651,000	3,179,000	706,000
Wednesday	3,955,615	7,658,000	3,584,000	576,000
Thursday	3,598,590	7,724,500	3,925,000	1,400,500
Friday	4,032,000	10,605,000	2,646,000	271,000
Total	20,171,675	\$42,947,000	\$16,468,000	\$3,429,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended May 11.		Jan. 1 to May 11.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stocks, No. of shares	20,171,675	9,861,773	295,118,612	197,042,391
Government bonds	\$3,429,000	\$5,237,050	\$68,851,750	\$120,243,350
State and foreign bonds	16,468,000	16,031,500	333,051,125	363,186,900
Railroad & misc. bonds	42,947,000	47,919,500	1,221,902,325	905,882,050
Total bonds	\$62,844,000	\$69,188,050	\$1,623,805,200	\$1,389,312,300

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended May 11 1928.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday			HOLIDAY			
Monday	*81,486	\$50,230	130,802	\$13,000	15,694	\$35,500
Tuesday	*60,706	18,450	136,915	33,400	11,331	41,800
Wednesday	*51,977	40,200	138,204	9,300	8,119	54,000
Thursday	*61,337	26,700	299,590	56,400	6,209	48,100
Friday	64,000	6,000	250,370	18,000	10,657	117,700
Total	319,506	\$141,580	555,881	\$130,100	52,010	\$297,100
Prev. week revised	343,054	\$226,100	532,969	\$163,900	55,726	\$340,600

*In addition sales of rights were: Monday, 4,869; Tuesday, 5,208; Wednesday, 5,294; Thursday, 3,907.
 † In addition sales of rights were: Monday, 15,500; Tuesday, 23,900; Wednesday, 23,100; Thursday, 14,200.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings continue to record notable gains as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, May 12) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 22.6% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$12,128,436,550, against \$9,890,950,952 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 ending Friday of 42.2%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended May 12.	1928.	1927.	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,484,000,000	\$4,561,000,000	+42.2
Chicago	671,002,202	648,231,312	+12.5
Philadelphia	481,000,000	440,000,000	+9.3
Boston	418,000,000	434,000,000	-3.7
Kansas City	108,333,888	120,546,014	-10.1
St. Louis	115,100,000	129,100,000	-10.8
San Francisco	188,733,000	149,985,000	+25.8
Los Angeles	197,291,000	155,004,000	+27.3
Pittsburgh	147,275,228	142,625,605	+3.5
Detroit	145,752,687	142,481,112	+2.3
Cleveland	95,571,377	104,586,989	-8.5
Baltimore	91,709,029	95,591,284	-5.1
New Orleans	58,593,664	51,530,578	+13.7
Thirteen cities, five days	\$9,202,362,075	\$7,174,681,894	+28.6
Other cities, five days	1,071,335,050	1,040,093,805	+2.9
Total all cities, five days	\$10,273,697,125	\$8,214,775,699	+25.1
All cities, one day	1,854,739,425	1,676,175,253	+10.7
Total all cities for week	\$12,128,436,550	\$9,890,950,952	+22.6

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended May 5. For that week there is an increase of 28.6%, the 1928 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$14,626,125,003, against \$11,370,689,727 in the same week of 1927. Outside of this city the clearings show an increase of only 7.4%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 44.1%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears

Table with 5 columns: Holdings in U. S. Treasury, Feb. 1 1928, Mar. 1 1928, Apr 1 1928, May 1 1928. Rows include Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net United States notes, etc.

*Includes May 1 \$5,869,046.38 silver bullion and \$2,242,628.68 minor coin, &c. not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Government Revenues and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for April 1928 and 1927 and the ten months of the fiscal years 1927-28 and 1928-29:

Table with 4 columns: Receipts, Month of April 1928, Ten Months 1927, Ten Months 1928. Rows include Ordinary, Internal revenue, Income tax, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Expenditures, Ordinary, Ten Months 1927, Ten Months 1928. Rows include General expenditures, Interest on public debt, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Total ordinary, Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts, Purchases and retirements from foreign repayments, etc.

Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. a The figures for the month include \$90,840 and for the fiscal year 1928 to date \$1,181,962.92 accrued discount on war-savings certificates of matured series, and for the corresponding periods last year the figures include \$162,072.26 and \$2,111,814.22, respectively. b Excess of credits (deduct). c In accordance with established procedure the appropriation of \$112,000,000 available Jan. 1 1928, and \$11,400,000 of the interest on investments in the fund due on that date, were invested in adjusted service obligations aggregating \$123,400,000 face amount, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum. See adjusted service obligations under public debt receipts and expenditures on page 3. The difference between the amount appropriated and amount charged under ordinary expenditures above is due to variations in the working cash balance required.

Large table of stock prices with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various companies like American Company, Anglo Calif Tr Co, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transaction at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Pittsburgh Stock Exchange transactions with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists stocks like Am Wind Gl Mach com, Preferred, etc.

* No par value. a Sold last week and not reported: 125 shs. United States Glass at 12@13. b Sales of Dixie Gas & Util. pref. on May 3 should have been 50 at 88@89, instead of 50 at 88.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11—both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week: By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing auction sales with columns for Shares, Stocks, and \$ per sh. Includes items like Chase National Bank, Kansas City Ry. Co., and various utility and industrial stocks.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing auction sales by R. L. Day & Co. in Boston, including items like Atlantic Nat Bank, Second Nat Bank, and various utility and industrial stocks.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing auction sales by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold in Boston, including items like Nat. Rockland Bank, Federal Nat. Bank, and various utility and industrial stocks.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing auction sales by Barnes & Lofland in Philadelphia, including items like Pocono Manor Assn., Constitution Indemnity Co., and various utility and industrial stocks.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing auction sales by A. J. Wright & Co. in Buffalo, including items like Hilltop Mines, Nat'l Motors Corp., and Potter-Doal M. Ltd.

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: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and 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 categories like Miscellaneous (Concluded), Public Utilities (Concluded), and various utility companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes categories like Public Utilities (Concluded), Fire Insurance, and various utility and insurance companies.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes categories like Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various transportation and utility companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes categories like Fire Insurance, Miscellaneous, and various insurance and utility companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Perfection Stove, Phillips-Jones Corp., and various industrial companies.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

‡ Transfer books not closed for this dividend. § Payable in preferred stock. ¶ Correction. ** Payable in stock. †† Payable in common stock. ‡‡ Payable in scrip. ‡‡‡ On account of accumulated dividends.

‡‡‡ Less 11c. per share for corporation income tax. ‡‡‡‡ Payable also to registered holders same date, transfer book being closed from May 16 to May 31, both inclusive.

††† Associated Gas & Electric dividends payable either in cash or class A stock as follows: on class A stock at rate of 1-40 share; on \$6 pref. 3 33-100s shares class A stock; on \$0.50 pref. 3.61-100ths share class A stock; on original pref. at rate of 2.22-100ths share; on \$7 pref., 3.89-100ths share.

‡‡‡‡ Payable either in cash or class A stock, at rate of one-fiftieth of a share for each share held.

‡‡‡‡‡ Shulte Retail Stores declared 2% in stock, payable 1/4% quarterly.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with Mar. 31, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report.

STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, MAY 5 1928.

Table with columns: Clearing House Members, Capital, Surplus & Undivided Profits, Net Demand Deposits Average, Time Deposits Average. Lists various banks and financial institutions.

* As per official reports—National, Feb. 28 1928; State, Mar. 2 1928; trust companies, Mar. 2 1928. † Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$277,616,000; (b) \$14,416,000; (c) \$79,621,000; (e) \$1,721,000; (f) \$99,003,000.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

Table with columns: May 8 1928, Changes from Previous Week, May 2 1928, April 25 1928. Shows financial metrics for Boston Clearing House members.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House report for the week ending May 5, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Table with columns: Two Others (00) omitted, Week Ended May 5 1928, April 28 1928, April 21 1928. Compares Philadelphia banks' financials with other members.

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, May 10, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 9 1928.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from May 9 1928 to May 11 1927. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Total U. S. Government securities) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, All other liabilities, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities."

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 9 1928.

Table with 14 columns for banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Total U. S. Gov't securities) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured).

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 11 1928.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2917.

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, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscellaneous, and Bank, Trust & Insurance Co. Stocks.

* No par value. a Shillings

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table listing various realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates at the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates at the New York Stock Exchange.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' showing transactions for various bond series like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table showing registered bond transactions with columns for maturity and price.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.87 11-16@ 4.87 1/2 for checks and 4.88 1-16@ 4.88 7-32 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.93 5-16@ 3.93 7-16 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.02 francs; week's range, 124.02 francs high and 124.02 francs low.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, etc.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 2916.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2947.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 5 to Friday May 11), Sales for the week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927. Rows include various stock categories like Western Pacific, Industrial & Miscellaneous, and American companies.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third 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 for various stock categories (Stock, Exchange, Closed, Extra, Holiday) listing prices per share.

Main table listing various stocks under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest), and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927' (Lowest, Highest). Includes companies like Bayuk Cigars, Inc., Best & Co., and many others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights. d ex-warrants.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, May 5; Monday, May 7; Tuesday, May 8; Wednesday, May 9; Thursday, May 10; Friday, May 11); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Electric Auto, Electric Boat, etc., with their respective prices and ranges.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, May 5 to Friday, May 11); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Ex-rights; s Ex-dividend; d Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh 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 stock prices per share. Includes a legend for Stock Exchange, Closed, Extra, and Holiday.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks such as Indus. & Miscel. (Com.) Par, Studer/Corp(The) new No par, etc., with columns for Shares and price per share.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-share lots

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest price ranges for various stocks, corresponding to the stock list on the left.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-rights; # Ex-dividends; * No par value

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings for 'U. S. Government', 'State and City Securities', 'Foreign Gov't & Municipals', and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for interest period, price, week's range, and bonds sold.

C On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 11'. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other metrics.

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 11'. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other metrics.

1 Due Feb. e Due May p Due Dec

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

d Due May. e Due June. f Due August.

Table with columns for Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended May 11, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bonds Sold. The table lists various bonds such as By-Prod Coke, Cal G & E Corp, and Kings County El & P g 5s.

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bid/Ask prices.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 11.

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bid/Ask prices.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Table of quotations for various securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, and other financial instruments.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Nominal. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights. § Canadian quotation. ¶ Sale price.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows for various stock categories like Stock, Exchange, Closed, Extra, Holiday, and Mining.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for Shares, Par, Lowest, Highest, and Per Share prices for various dates.

* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. s Assessment paid. d Ex-stock dividend. i New stock. e Ex-dividend. g Ex-rights. h Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bank Stocks, Trust Co. Stocks, Street Ry. Stocks, Miscellaneous Stocks, Mining Stocks, and Street Ry. Bonds.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, May 5 to May 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Aetna Rubber, Amer Multigraph, Airway Elect, Allen Industries, Bukeye Incubator, Bulkyer Building, Bylers Machine, Central Alloy Steel, Cleveland Trust, Cleve Wstkd Mills, Falls Rubber, Federal Knitt Mills, Firest Tire & Rub, Foote-Burt, General Tire & Rub, Gildden, Grasselli Chemical, Greif Bros Cooperage, Guardian Trust, Halle Bros, Harbauer, Harris-Seybold-Pot, India Tire & Rub, Interlake Steamship, Jaeger Machine, Jordan Motor, Kaynee, Kelley Island L & T, Lemur, McKee Act Co, Met Pav Brick, Miller Rubber, Mohawk Rubber, Myers Pump, National Acme, National Refining, National Tile, No Ohio P & L, Ohio Bell Tele, Ohio Brass, Packard Elec, Packer Corp, Paragon Refining, Peerless Motor, Richman Bros, River Raisin Pap, Scher-Hirst, Selby Shoe Co, Sandusky Cement, Selberling Rubber, Sherwin-Williams, Smallwood Stone, Sparks-Withington, St Textile Prod, 'B' preferred, Stearns Motor, Steel & Tubes, Telling-Belle Vernon, Thompson Prods, Trumbull Steel, Un Metal Mfg, Union Mortgage, Union Trust, Wel'n-Seav. Morg, Wood Chemical, Ygsta Sh & Tube, Cleveland Railway, Cleve & Sand Brw.

* No par value.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Exchange see page 2921.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the San Francisco Exchange see page 2921.

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 (May 5) and ending the present Friday (May 11). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table with columns: Week Ended May 11, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Indus. & Miscellaneous, Steel, Aero Supply, Ala Gt Southern RR, Alpha Portl Cement, Aluminum Co, American Arch, Am Bakeries, Am Brown Boveri El Corp, Amer Chain, Amer Cigar, Amer Colortype.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Am Cyanamid, Amer Dept Stores, American Hawaiian SS, Amer Rayon Products, Am Rolling Mill, Am Solvents & Chem, American Thread, Anglo-Chile Nitrate Corp, Apco-Mossberg, Armstrong Cork, Arundel Corp, Atl Birm & Coast RR pref, Atlantic Fruit & Sugar, Atlas Plywood, Atlas Portland Cement, Auburn Automobile, Axton-Fisher Tob, Babcock & Wilcox, Bahco, Preferred.

Table of stock prices for 'Stocks (Continued) Par.' including columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for 'Stocks (Concluded) Par.' including columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Public Utilities (Concl.), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Low, High, Mining Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Low, High. Lists various stocks and their performance metrics.

Table of Bonds (Continued) with columns: Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various bond details like Inland Steel, Internat Cement, etc.

Table of Bonds (Concluded) with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various foreign and municipal bond details like United El Serv, Wabash Ry, etc.

* No par value. † Correction. m Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. s Option sale. ‡ Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. \$ Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend.

Option sales made as follows: a Middle West Util. prior lien stk. Mar. 5 at 12; / A. G. Spalding & Bro., com., Jan. 14 at 120; g Associated Gas & Elec., Jan. 14 at 47. b Sierra Pacific Elec. Co., Jan. 6 at 92; d Bway. Dept. stores, Jan. 26 at 103; u Mt. State Power, Jan. 13, 101 1/4. (1) Palmolive Pet., Feb. 28 at 85. "Under the rule" sales were made as follows: b Belgian National Railway, preference January 20 at 17 1/4; c Eitington-Schild Co. 6s, Jan. 13 at 98 1/2; j Goodyear Tire & Rubber of Calif. 5 1/2s, Jan. 4 at 107 1/4; k U. S. Rubber 6 1/2s notes 1940 at 108; r J. J. Newberry, pref. Jan. 25 at 107 1/4; s Standard Publishing class A Jan. 25 at 4; u \$1,000 United Oil Prod. 8s, 1931, Feb. 2 at 88.1. Potrero Sug. 7s, 1967, Feb. 17 at 98; w American Meter Co., Feb. 29 at 126. (3) Ohio River Edison 5s, 1951, Feb. 27 at 103. (4) Nat. Pub. Sur. war., Apr. 24 at 3@3 1/4. (6) Mtg. k. of Bogota 7s, 1947, Apr. 20 at 96. (8) Inland Steel 4 1/2s, May 4, \$5,000 at 98 3/4. Cash sale, as follows: s Servel Corp. (Del.) com. Jan. 16 at 65c.

The New York, Chicago & St. Louis RR. (5th Annual Report.—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and multiple rows detailing operating income, expenses, dividends, and surplus for the New York, Chicago & St. Louis RR.

The Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway Co. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNTS OF PITTSBURGH & WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST SIDE BELT RR. FOR CAL. YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) detailing combined income accounts for Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway Co.

INCOME STATEMENT OF WEST SIDE BELT RR. FOR CAL. YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) detailing income statement for West Side Belt RR.

New England Power Association. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

The remarks of President Frank D. Comerford, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

General Motors Corporation. (Results for Quarter Ended March 31 1928.)

Commenting upon the financial statement for the quarter ended Mar. 31, 1928, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President, says: Net earnings of General Motors Corp., including equities in the undivided profits of subsidiary corporations not consolidated, for the first quarter ended March 31 1928, were \$468,576. This compares with \$52,551,408 for

the corresponding period a year ago, an increase of \$16,917,168. After deducting dividends on preferred and debenture stock amounting to \$2,350,919, there remains \$67,117,657, being the amount earned on the common shares outstanding.

For the three months ended March 31 retail sales by General Motors dealers to users were 423,013 cars, compared with 329,310 cars in the corresponding period of 1927, an increase of 28.4%.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT, 3 MOS. END. MAR. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) detailing condensed consolidated income account for 3 months ending March 31.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) detailing surplus account.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) detailing condensed consolidated balance sheet for March 31.

Chicago Great Western Railroad Company. (18th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

Chairman Samuel M. Felton, Chicago, April 3, wrote in substance: Taxes.—Taxes this year were \$1,042,858, a decrease of \$86,324 or 7.64% compared with the year 1926. The principal reason for this decrease is due to a reduction in the amount of Federal income taxes we will be required to pay because of a decline in our net taxable income.

Exchanges of Securities.—The exchanges of securities with Mason City & Fort Dodge bondholders, accomplished during the year and to Dec. 1927, are as follows:

Table with columns for Total as of Dec. 31 '26, During Yr. 1927, and Total as of Dec. 31 '27. Rows include Mason City & Ft. Dodge 1st mtg. bonds surrendered, Value of past-due coupons surrendered, Chic. Gt. W. Sec. issued in exchange, 1st mtg. 50-yr. 4% gold bonds, Preferred stock (new stock), and Preferred stock (treasury stock).

Of the \$12,000,000 Mason City & Fort Dodge bonds initially outstanding company has acquired \$11,887,000 and \$113,000 are yet to be acquired.

Bonds Nominally Issued.—During the year \$5,000 of Chicago Great Western RR. first mortgage 4s issuable by the trustee under Section 3, Article 1, of the mortgage, in respect of the acquisition by the company of M. C. & Ft. D. RR. Co. bonds, but not required under the terms of settlement with the holders of the latter bonds, were placed in the treasury. There were also issued and placed in the treasury \$872,000 Chicago Great Western RR. 1st mtg. 4s in reimbursement for expenditures for additions and betterments and as a result of the partial payment of \$179,373 made Dec. 31 1926, on note to U. S. Government for \$1,929,373, \$359,000 of Chicago Great Western RR. first mortgage 4s, which had been pledged as collateral security for the note, were released by the U. S. Government and placed in the treasury.

Rates. During the year there were no changes in freight rates of a general nature in the territory served by this company. Many minor readjustments took place, however, all downward. Two important decisions affecting the revenues of the company were handed down by the I. S. C. Commission during the year. Effective Nov. 23 1927, the Commission ordered a reduction in coal rates from Illinois and western Kentucky to central and eastern Iowa of approximately 22 cents per ton. A heavy volume of coal moves into the territory served by company and this reduction will substantially reduce the revenue from such traffic. Effective July 20 1927, the Commission ordered a readjustment in rates on petroleum and its products from the Mid-Continent Fields and the Southwest, to the territory north and east of the Missouri River. Under this readjustment reductions occurred in much of the territory to which the larger proportion of the traffic carried by company moves. The result will be some decrease in revenue from petroleum traffic. The matter of divisions of joint rates on Southwestern traffic mentioned in the previous annual report is still pending before the Commission. The Commission heard oral argument with respect to these divisions in Washington on Jan. 13 1928, but as yet has not announced its decision.

Pay Rolls.—A comparison of pay-rolls follows:

Table with columns for Years Ended Dec. 31, Tot. Comp. of Empls., No. of Employes, and Aver. Pay Per Person. Rows list years from 1916 to 1927.

The increase in the average pay per person over the year 1926 is due, principally, to increases granted to certain classes of employes in maintenance of equipment department, effective late in 1926, to yard conductors and brakemen and switch tenders, effective Mar. 1 1927, and to bridge and building and section foremen and carpenters, painters and helpers in the maintenance of way department, effective Nov. 1 1927.

Flood Damage.—Of the \$314,893 expended to the end of December 1925, for repairs of damages and other extraordinary expenses in consequence of the flood in June 1925, and referred to in the report of that year, there was charged in the accounts for the year the sum of \$104,964. During 1927 also, three bridges were rebuilt at a cost of \$14,950 to insure against future damage in this territory.

Federal Valuation.—As stated in the 1926 report a hearing before an I. S. C. Commission Examiner on our protest to the tentative valuation of the property was concluded and briefs filed. On Nov. 20 1926, counsel for the company gave oral argument before Division I of the Commission, plus placing the case before the Commission for final action. Although over a year has elapsed the so-called "final value" has not been published. When that is done it will be as of June 30 1916 and based on 1914 prices. The Commission, however, is now taking steps to bring all valuations down to date.

Until the United States Supreme Court defines the fundamental principles upon which the valuation of railroad property shall be made, there will be disagreement with the formulae used by the Commission. There is considerable comfort to be derived from recent decisions in cases involving public utilities other than railroads, and it is a question whether any of the so-called "final values" announced by the Commission can stand the test of a thorough examination before a judicial body.

Recently a three judge special District Court at St. Louis in the St. Louis and O'Fallon Railway recapture case, in which case the United States court to collect excess earnings based on the I. S. C. Commission's valuation into the valuation methods involved. This puts the case in a position to be reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States, to which an appeal has been taken.

The matter of keeping a system of records for the purpose of revising and correcting the valuations from year to year is being continued and reports made to Washington. The additions and betterments less retirements since date of valuation aggregate about \$9,000,000. A present date valuation of the property would include the cost of these additions and betterments adjusted to present level prices and wages plus the adjustment of the 1916 value to the same basis.

Review.—Although the I. S. C. Commission is directed under the terms of the Transportation Act to prescribe just and reasonable rates thus enabling the carriers to earn a fair return on the value of their property and although the Commission has fixed 5 3/4% per annum as a fair return, the carriers particularly in the Western District have never been able to persuade the Commission to so adjust rates that they will earn this fair return. Not only is this true with respect to the carriers in the Western District but it applies particularly to the carriers in the Northwestern region of the Western District where this company is located. In 1926 the rate of return earned by the carriers in the Northwestern region was 3.82% and it dropped to 3.40% in the year 1927. Recently the Commission ordered the carriers to reduce rates on a commodity which seriously affected their earnings. The carriers in the Western District opposed this reduction and asked the court for a temporary restraining order against the Commission. This order the lower court denied. The case is now being prepared for submission to the Supreme Court of the United States for an interpretation of the Act under which the Commission justified its order reducing the rates.

The returns for the year 1927 show that our average receipts were 15.03% less per ton mile than in 1921. As a result of this reduction your company received \$3,395,411 less in freight charges during 1927 than if there had been no rate adjustments since 1921. The corresponding loss to your company in the form of reduced freight transportation for the period of six years has aggregated more than \$18,500,000. This is equal to 39 1/4% of the preferred stock. Under the rates in effect in 1921 your company would have paid about 6 1/2% each year toward the retirement of the accumulated dividends on the preferred stock, which, since July 1 1914, when the preferred stock dividends became cumulative, amounts to \$22,152,511, or 47% of the outstanding preferred.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, and 1923. Rows include Miles of road operated, Revenue tonnage, Revenue ton mileage, Av. rev. per ton per mile, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, and Av. rev. per pass. per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Large financial table showing Operating Revenue, Operating Expenses, Non-Operating Income, and Deductions for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924.

Note.—In June 1925 cloudbursts and heavy rains put entirely out of service about 41 miles of co.'s railroad between Dubuque and Oelwein, Ia. The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the distribution of these extraordinary flood damage expenses in equal portions to the accounts of 36 months beginning July 1 1925. The total amount expended to the end of Dec. 1925 for repairs of damages and other extraordinary expenses in consequence of the flood was \$314,894, of which one-third has been charged in the accounts for the year as follows: To maintenance of way and structures, \$80,063; to transportation, \$24,902.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for 1927 and 1926. Assets include Inv. read & eq't, Misc. phys. prop, Impts. on leased railway prop, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Pref. stock, C. G. W. 1st 4s, etc.

Eastman Kodak Company & Subsidiaries.

Table showing Net Profits, Preferred Dividends, Common Dividends, Reserve Fund, and Surplus for years 1902 to 1927.

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCLUDING SUB. COS.)

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for 1927 and 1926. Assets include Real est., buildings, &c., Supplies, &c., Accounts & bills, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, Acc'ts pay., incl. provision for Federal taxes, etc.

a Includes real estate, buildings, plant, machinery and capital investments at cost less depreciation reserve. b 2,500,000 shares of no par value authorized, 11,100 shares of no par value issued in 1924 for cash at \$10 per share, 8,240 shares of no par value issued to employees in 1925 for cash at \$10 per share, 5,120 shares of no par value issued to employees in 1926 for cash at \$10 per share and 5,745 shares of no par value issued to employees in 1927 at \$10 per share. Of the foregoing shares of common stock 28,450 are claimed by the Alien Property Custodian and the issue thereof is in litigation; there remains to be issued 595 shares of common stock of no par value under plan for sale to employees, as approved by the stockholders April 6 1920.—V. 126, p. 1668.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31. (Including assets and liabilities of subsidiary companies.)

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for years 1927 and 1926. Assets include Mines & mining claims, Buildings, Machinery, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Min. int. in subs, Secured gold bds, etc.

Note.—In order to comply with the Government income tax requirements for the purpose of computing depletion, an additional valuation of the mining property as of Mar. 1 1913 has been recorded on the books of the company, but for the sake of uniformity the result of those entries has been omitted from the current statements.—V. 126, p. 2479.

Chile Copper Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT (INCL. SUBS. COS.) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing Consolidated Income Account for Chile Copper Company for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Includes Copper produced, Operating revenue, Operating costs, Net operating income, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table showing Consolidated Balance Sheet for Chile Copper Company for years 1927 and 1926. Assets include Prop. investm'ts, Def. chgs. incl., etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Fund debt, etc.

x Property investment \$99,322,591; plant and equipment at mines, reduction works, power plants, railroads, steamships, &c., \$61,344,291. Less reserve for deprec. of plant and equip. \$23,357,478.—V. 126, p. 1204.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Co. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

President C. T. Jaffray reports in substance: Results.—The gross earnings, operating expenses, fixed charges, surplus, &c., are shown in the following condensed statement:

Table showing condensed financial statement for Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Co. for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Includes Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, etc.

Surplus \$2,020,202 def. \$478,298 \$1,541,904 \$15,860 Funded Debt.—There was a net increase in funded debt of \$506,100 during 1927.

Additions and Betterments.—During the year, there was expended for additions and betterments to road a net amount of \$1,129,671. There was also expended for additions and betterments to equipment (including series "N" equipment and 250 new gondola cars) \$1,686,489.

Valuation.—In the last annual report it was stated that on Jan. 19 1927, final arguments were heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission covering the important questions in dispute. We have not yet been advised on any decision by the Commission, and therefore no additional information can be given in respect to that subject at this time.

General.—In 1917, the Soo Line entered into an agreement with the Clarkson Coal Mining Co. for the purchase of an interest in a coal property in Ohio, and to assist in financing the project, made a 10-year contract with that company for the purchase of coal on a cost-plus basis, the price to be adjusted at the close of the contract on July 1 1927, retroactively for the 10-year period to the market prices obtaining at times of delivery for similar coal f. o. b. cars at the head of the lakes.

The connection with the coal company appearing unprofitable to our company, a complete severance was arranged for as follows, effective July 1 1927: The company disposed of all its capital stock in, and all claims against, the coal company in exchange for: A 10-year first mortgage on the coal property for \$2,000,000 containing a sinking fund provision requiring monthly payments as coal is taken from the mines; a 1-year note for \$200,000 with collateral; and the coal company's equity valued at \$455,500 in 500 gondola cars (now in service on the Chicago District) purchased by the coal company in 1921 under a car trust agreement on which there was a balance due of \$477,000 in notes, our company assuming the payment of these notes and procuring a reduction in the rate of interest thereon from 7 to 5% per annum.

As our figures indicate, the net results for the year were fairly satisfactory. The Soo Line showed a great improvement as a result of increased crops throughout the territory in which it operates. However, the Wisconsin Central, which depends largely upon industrial activity, felt to quite a marked degree the depression which took place in business the latter part of the year.

Business in the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Montana is much better than a year ago. The soil conditions for seeding are good; and if the weather for the month of April is such as to allow the farmers to get into the fields and do their Spring work, there will be a large acreage of grain sown.

The improvements in equipment, power, and other physical properties, which have been made during the past few years, are beginning to bring results in the reduction of our operating costs.

The constantly increasing demands for higher wages, some of which have already been granted, is a matter which we are facing with a great deal of concern.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS (SOO LINE ONLY).

Table showing General Statistics for Calendar Years for Soo Line for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Includes Miles operated, Passengers carried, Freight carried, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS (SOO LINE ONLY).

Table showing Income Account for Calendar Years for Soo Line for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Includes Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, etc.

Total \$20,334,958 \$20,249,134 \$20,693,108 \$21,261,303 Net operating revenue 9,077,422 6,694,581 8,571,641 7,463,391 Railway tax accruals, &c 1,986,990 1,826,050 2,151,464 1,984,752

Table showing Gross Income and Deduct for Soo Line for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Includes Hire of equipment, Joint facility rents, etc.

Table showing Net Income and Dividends for Soo Line for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Includes Net income, Dividends, Balance, surplus, etc.

Net inc. transf. to P. & L. \$2,020,201 \$121,354 \$1,764,111 \$844,441 Shares of pref. stock outstanding (par \$100) 126,034 126,034 126,034 126,034 Earnings per share on pref. \$15.23 \$9.96 \$14.00 \$6.70

Profit and Loss Account.—The profit and loss account to Dec. 31 1927 shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1926, \$17,101,308; net income for year ending Dec. 31 1927, \$2,020,202; profit and loss additions for year 1927, \$34,163; profit and loss deductions for year 1927, \$1,634,745; balance credit Dec. 31 1927, \$17,520,926.

"SOO" LINE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table showing "Soo" Line Balance Sheet for Dec. 31 for years 1927 and 1926. Assets include Road & equip., Sinking funds, Secur. of prop'y, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.

Total 175,842,126 175,254,263 Total 175,842,126 175,254,263 x After deducting reserve for equipment depreciation, \$10,741,474-y Surplus of affiliated, &c. companies include as of Dec. 31 1927: stocks \$12,377,759; W. C. Ry. Co. equip. contracts, \$2,745,290; other advances \$2,288,790; W. Cent. Ry. Co. advances, \$2,099,660.—V. 125, p. 909.

Wisconsin Central Railway.

(Report for Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing Results for Calendar Years for Wisconsin Central Railway for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924. Includes Average miles operated, Freight, iron ore, Freight, other, etc.

Total \$15,400,655 \$15,447,664 \$15,382,429 \$15,552,552 Net earnings 78.0% 77.6% 75.4% 80.9% Inc. from other sources \$4,343,973 \$4,465,359 \$5,023,087 \$3,068,114

Table showing Fixed charges, taxes and terminal rentals, and Deficit for Wisconsin Central Railway for years 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924.

Snider Packing Corp.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Jan. 31 1928.)

The remarks of James Moore, Pres., and T. H. Blodgett, Chairman Executive Committee were given under "Reports & Documents" in last week's "Chronicle."

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT (CO. AND WHOLLY OWNED OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES).

Table with columns for Year End, 13 Mos., -12 Mos., Ended Dec. 31-1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, Gross income, Other income, Total income, Expenses, Interest, Depreciation, Federal tax reserve, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Miscellaneous, Surplus, Profit and loss surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JAN. 31.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Real estate, Cash, Accounts and notes, Inventories, Prepaid interest & insurance, Investments, Other assets, Profit & loss def.) and Liabilities (Convert. pref. stk., Common stock, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Res'vs for conting., Min. int. in N. Y., Pea Pack., Inc., Accruals, Surplus).

a Represented by 60,000 shares, no par value. x 129,962 shares of no par value. y After depreciation of \$3,505,024. z After reserves of \$232,563. -V. 126, p. 2784.

International Railways of Central America. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Railway operating rev., Railway operating exp., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revenue, Railway oper. income, Net inc. from misc. oper., Non-operating income, Gross income, Int. on bonds & notes, Amortization of discount, Inc. applic. to Occidental R.R., minority interest, Miscell. income charges, Net income, Sinking fund reserve, Dividends, pref. stock, Balance, surplus, Profit on sale of securities, Miscell. adjustments, Total, Deduct, Unexting. disc. on secur., Sinking fund reserve, Res. agst. invest. in subs., Loss on sale of securities, Miscell. adjustments, Bal. at credit—Dec. 31.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Road & equipm't, Imp. on leased ry. property, Inv. in affil. cos., Misc. phys. prop., Dep. in lieu of mtg. property sold, Other investments, Sinking fund, Cash, Loans & bills rec., Special deposits, Int. & divs. rec'le, Traffic, &c., bal., Agents & conduc., Mat'l's & supplies, Miscell. accounts, Govt. of Guatem., Govt. of Salvador, Other def. assets, Disbet. on fund. dt., Rent & insurance, Add. & bett'ments, Other unadj. deb.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Govt. grants, Funded debt, Loans & bills pay., Traf. &c., bal. pay., Accts. & wages pay., Int. & divs. mat'd, Interest accrued, Miscell. accts. pay., Fund. debt mat., unpaid, Due from Guatem., Min. Int. Occ. RR., Invest. reserve, Tax liability, Ins. & casualty res., Accrued deprec'n., Interest due from Guatemala, Other unadj. cred., Sink. fund res., Deferred liabilities, Profit and loss).

Notes.—The International Rys. Co. of Central America is entitled to receive the following subvention not mentioned in above balance sheet: From the Govt. of Guatemala, \$7,500 U. S. gold per kilometer for approximately 112 kilometers. The company is constructing 107 miles of additional railway and for this purpose has entered into contracts for construction and material payable over an est. period of 1 year from Dec. 31 1927. Contingent Liability.—Guarantee of principal of 194.4 shares preferred stock of the Guatemala Tramway, Light & Power Co. at \$100 per share, on liquidation or dissolution of that company.—V. 126, p. 248.

Duluth Missabe & Northern Ry. (U. S. Steel Corp.). (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Freight (Iron ore, Miscell. freight, Al. frt. mile, Aver. revenue, Aver. rev. per ton, Aver. rev. per train mile), Passenger (Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Aver. rev. per pass., Aver. rev. per pass. per m., Av. pass. rev. per train m.).

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Operating Revenues (Freight—Iron ore, Freight—Miscellaneous, Passenger, Mail, express, &c, Incidental & joint facility), Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General expenses, Transport for investm't), Total oper. revenues, Total oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Total oper. income, Equip. rents & joint facility rents, Net ry. oper. inc., Total non-oper. income, Gross income, Hire of equipment (net), Joint facility, leased rds., &c., rents, Miscellaneous rents, Rent, leased roads, Int. on funded & unf. dt., Miscell. income charges, Total deductions, Net income, Income applied to sink. & other reserve funds, Net income, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Road & equipm't, Misc. phys. prop., Liberty bonds, Trustees of bond sinking fund, Miscell. invest., Cash, Special deposits, Traffic, &c., bal., Miscell. accounts receivable, Agents & conductors, Mat. & spplies., Other assets, Insurance and other funds, Unadj. debits) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Gen. mtg. bonds, Accts. & pay-rolls, Misc. accts. pay., Traffic, &c., bal., Interest matured, Other curr. liabls., Accr. tax liabls., Insur. fund reserve, Other unadj. accts., Equip. & docks depreciation, Amortization fund, Surplus invested in sinking fund, Approp'd surplus, Profit and loss).

a Represents \$7,441,000 par value of company's own bonds redeemed with sinking fund, but held by trustees, not treated as an asset. b Being net income appropriated for payment of bond sinking funds.—V. 123, p. 3451. V. 124, p. 3346.

Elgin Joliet & Eastern Railway.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Tax accruals, Operating income, Equipment rents, Other income, Net railway income, Gross, Deductions, Net income, Other credits, Surplus for year, Dividends, Other debits, Profit, Previous surplus, Profit & loss surplus.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Prop. investment, Spec. deposit with trustees, Leaseholds invest., Other investments, Cash, Special deposits, Int. coupon deposit, Int. & divs. reciev., Traffic & car service balance due from other cos., Net bal. due from agents & cond'rs, Misc. accts' reciev., Materials & supp., Other curr. assets, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Funded debt, Traf. & car ser. bal., Audited other cos., wages payable, Misc. accts' pay'le, Matured int. acer., Unmatured int. & rents accrued, Other curr. liabls., Deferred liabilities, Unadj. liabilities, Add'n to property through income, Specifically invest- ed reserve, Not specif. invest., Profit & loss surp.).

Total 48,724,446 49,898,189 Total 48,724,446 49,898,189 -V. 124, p. 3063.

St. Louis Southwestern Railway.

(37th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

Chairman Winslow S. Pierce, New York, New York, April 15, wrote in brief:

Investment in Road & Equipment.—Expenditures made for additions and betterments during the year just closed, after allowing for retirement of equipment, and adjustments, amounted to \$120,659. With the consent and cooperation of the I.-S. C. Commission, the cost of each unit of equipment was determined in accordance with the principles now used for recording additions and betterments and set up in the accounts during the year. This restatement caused a bookkeeping adjustment of \$638,708, which was concurrently charged to profit and loss.

Capital Stock & Dividends.—No change was made in the capital stock issued and outstanding during the period covered by this report.

The board of directors declared the regular dividend of 5% on the preferred stock during the year 1927, which was paid from surplus.

Funded Debt.—The amount of funded debt, outstanding in hands of the public, was decreased during the year in the sum of \$436,000.

Sale of Shares of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—In Nov. 1927, the company sold for cash, at cost plus interest, to the nominee of the Kansas City Southern Ry., the shares of stock of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., acquired in 1926.

Proposed New System.—In May 1927, the I.-S. C. Commission made orders denying the application under paragraph 2 of Section 5 of the I.-S. Commerce Act, as amended, of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. for an order approving acquisition, through stock ownership not involving consolidation into a single system for ownership and operation, of St. Louis Southwestern Ry., and a similar application, of the Kansas City Southern Ry., for authorization of control by it of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.

Referring to its action upon these applications the Commission, in its forty-first annual report to Congress, says:

"We also denied the application of the Kansas City Southern Ry. for authority to acquire control of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. by purchase of capital stock, and the application of the latter company to acquire control of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. by purchase of capital stock, principally on account of the proposed financial set-up."

An application designed to overcome the objections in the former decision of the Commission has recently been filed by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., which asks authority to control through stock ownership both the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. and the Kansas City Southern Ry. The new proposal, which involves an exchange of stocks of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. for stocks of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. and the Kansas City Southern Ry., is at the date of these remarks under preliminary study by a special committee of the board of directors of your company, aided by the officers of the company, in consultation with Winthrop M. Daniels, Professor of Transportation at Yale University, and formerly a Chairman of the I.-S. C. Commission.

President Daniel Upthegrove, April 10, wrote in substance:

Financial Results.—Railway operating revenues for 1927 amounted to \$24,206,535, a decrease of \$1,456,300 or 5.78%. This is made up of a decrease in freight revenue of \$1,176,253 or 5.35%, a decrease of \$235,617 or 11.08% in passenger revenue, a decrease of \$67,859 or 7.26% in mail, express and other passenger train revenues, and a decrease of \$6,569 in incidental revenues.

Total tons handled decreased from 6,026,111 to 5,559,400 or 7.74%, distributed with approximate uniformity among products of agriculture, products of forests, mines and merchandise. There was a negligible change in tons of animal products and a larger decrease in the products of mines, made up chiefly of crude petroleum. Ton miles of revenue freight decreased from 1,479,325,300 to 1,395,932,500. There was no increase or decrease in the general level of rates in the southwest during the year, and no change in the average revenue per ton mile of revenue freight, which remained at 1.49c. The unprecedented floods in the territories served by your lines during 1927, reduced both the production and consumption of commodities in our local territory, and contributed to these decreases to an extent which can only be surmised.

Continued decline in passenger revenue and passenger service train revenue was felt all over the territories served by your lines. Number of passengers carried decreased from 1,359,835 in 1926 to 1,109,277 in 1927. Passenger revenue decreased from \$2,126,406 to \$1,890,789. There was an increase in mail revenue from \$332,281 to \$354,004, but express revenue decreased from \$579,703 to \$449,536.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses for 1927 amounted to \$18,494,571 compared with \$19,353,456, a decrease of \$858,885 or 4.44%. This was made up of a decrease in maintenance of way and structures from \$4,641,476 in 1927 compared with \$4,864,847 in 1926, a difference of \$223,370 or 4.59%. However, the 1927 figures include \$490,743 flood damages. Maintenance of equipment decreased from \$4,660,629 in 1926, to \$3,938,911 in 1927, or 15.49%. Traffic expenses increased from \$1,029,312 in 1926 to \$1,131,211 or 9.90%, and there were minor changes in the other accounts. The increase in maintenance of way expenses covered principally increased expenditures for renewal of bridges, ties, rails and ballast.

The decrease in maintenance of equipment expenses represents additional economy in the use of steel underframe equipment, and the retirement of 24 locomotives, 455 freight cars and 61 work cars in the year under review. Freight train car repairs per car-mile amounted to 0.94c. in 1927 compared with 1.24c. in 1926, and 1.56c. in 1925. Maintenance of equipment has been charged during 1927 with voluntary retirement of freight and work train cars whose condition would not justify rebuilding or transfer to other service. Freight train-miles on the system decreased from 2,583,870 to 2,577,357. Total train-miles decreased from 5,256,437 to 5,226,716. Total freight-train car-miles decreased from 117,007,825 in 1926 to 114,797,255 in 1927.

Net railway operating income decreased from \$4,891,777 to \$4,164,372, a decrease of \$727,405 or 14.87%. Net income, after all charges, decreased from \$2,405,539 to \$1,847,814 or 23.19%. After appropriation of \$33,171 for purchase of 1st cons. mtge. bonds for the sinking fund, a balance of \$1,814,643 was transferred to profit and loss.

Flood Damages.—During April and May the entire Mississippi Valley was devastated by the most disastrous floods in its history. This company's lines were damaged by flood waters from the St. Francis, White, Arkansas, Saline and Red Rivers, and the joint line between East St. Louis, Ill., and Illmo, Mo., was out of service from April 16 to May 4 on account of flood waters from the Mississippi River.

37.5 miles of main line in Arkansas and 88.6 miles of branch line in Missouri and Arkansas were out of service for various periods during April and May. The total cost of damage to company property and extra cost of performing service via detoured lines during the period of the flood was \$622,337.

As a result of the floods in the territory served by our lines, many farmers were unable to plant their crops and business conditions generally were poor during the entire year.

While great strides have been made in rehabilitating the flooded areas, the uncertainty as to the nature of the relief measures that Congress may adopt and the apportionment of their cost between the Federal Government and the districts to be benefited has greatly depressed land values and it will no doubt take several years to restore normal conditions.

[President Upthegrove devotes 12 pages of the report giving details of the progress of the road under the betterment program. Charts in describing these improvements have been used.]

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Average miles operated.	1,748	1,748	1,750	1,777
Operations—				
Passengers carried	1,109,277	1,359,835	1,572,466	2,062,574
Passengers carried 1 mile	57,902,441	64,479,419	74,730,752	85,539,372
Rate per pass. per mile	3.27 cts.	3.30 cts.	3.33 cts.	3.41 cts.
Tons freight moved	5,559,400	6,026,111	5,848,720	5,901,480
do do 1 mile	139,590,259	147,932,300	147,475,588	142,343,363
Rate per ton per mile	1.49 cts.	1.49 cts.	1.50 cts.	1.53 cts.
Earnings per pass. train m.	\$1.1053	\$1.2885	\$1.3561	\$1.5545
Earnings per frt. train m.	\$7.6797	\$8.1442	\$7.9195	\$7.7059
Gross earnings per mile.			\$14.931	\$14.815

CLASSIFICATION OF REVENUE TONNAGE FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Cottonseed & products,	243,752	274,759	290,529	247,391
except oil	816,765	863,569	757,793	803,509
Other agric. products	60,355	61,062	68,748	72,793
Products of animals	228,009	290,169	244,295	342,533
Bituminous coal	789,781	803,487	737,335	875,343
Clay, gravel, sand & stone	85,611	177,836	240,772	276,271
Crude petroleum, &c.	103,252	106,611	98,276	101,164
Other mineral products	1,433,034	1,535,569	1,573,562	1,545,320
Products of forests	569,806	619,331	525,090	403,766
Refined petroleum, &c.	1,229,035	1,293,718	1,312,319	1,233,210
Other mid. products				
Total	\$5,559,400	\$6,026,111	\$5,848,720	\$5,901,480

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 126, p. 2784.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (ENTIRE SYSTEM) DEC. 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Road and equipment	121,514,575	121,453,571	Common stock	16,356,100	16,356,100
Inv. in affil. cos.	1,697,840	1,691,651	Preferred stock	19,893,650	19,893,650
Other invest' ts.	7,375,002	7,379,872	Bonds (see "Ry. & Ind." Comp.)	67,793,750	68,229,750
Misc. invest' ts.	1,012,508	961,509	Accts. & wages	2,123,763	2,448,423
Cash	4,424,038	2,536,479	Traffic, &c., bal.	251,617	275,743
Special deposits.	491,291	3,178,105	Int. & divs. due	486,690	656,866
Agents and conductors' bals.	106,500	105,127	Taxes accrued	201,070	256,497
Traffic, &c., bal.	417,688	528,859	Miscell. accts.	286,419	292,987
Loans & bills rec.	21,694	10,193	Int., &c., accr.	691,364	753,712
Miscell. accts.	710,567	771,621	Prem. on fd. dt.	7,626	7,626
Int. & divs. rec.	32,277	31,589	Accrued deprec.	6,621,567	6,205,235
Mat'l & supplies	4,413,502	4,223,767	OTH unadj. accts.	450,578	783,982
Oth. curr. assets	29,340	54,903	Other def. liabli.	13,293	19,632
Work. fd. advs.	9,248	9,247	Add'ns to prop. thru. income	16,913,917	17,097,592
Oth. def. assets	14	13	Sink. fund res'v.	1,093,551	1,060,380
Oth. unadj. deb.	415,416	725,582	Misc. fund res'v.	70,914	70,914
			Oth. appro. sur.	393,811	207,309
			Profit and loss—	9,021,911	9,044,772
Total	142,671,594	143,660,090	Total	142,671,594	143,660,090

—V. 126, p. 2784.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Repair of Locomotives.—Locomotives in need of repair on the Class 1 railroads of this country on Apr. 15 totaled 8,999, or 15% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 712 locomotives compared with the number in need of such repairs on Apr. 1, at which time there were 8,287, or 13.8%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on Apr. 15 totaled 5,067, or 8.5%, an increase of 371 compared with Apr. 1, while 3,932, or 6.5%, were in need of running repairs, an increase of 341 compared with the number in need of such repairs on Apr. 1. Class 1 railroads on Apr. 15 had 7,249 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 7,276 on Apr. 1.

Erie RR. Reduces Ferry Rates to About Half Former Rates Owing to Competition of Holland Tunnel.—New rates are 35, 30 and 20 cents against \$1, 50 and 45 cents for 7-passenger, 5-passenger and roadsters, respectively. "Sun" May 8, p. 31.

Freight Car Repair.—Freight cars in need of repair on Apr. 15 totaled 145,278, or 6.5% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 5,580 cars above the number reported on Apr. 1, at which time there were 139,698, or 6.2%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on Apr. 15 totaled 103,006, or 4.6%, an increase of 2,306 compared with Apr. 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 42,272, or 1.9%, an increase of 3,274 compared with Apr. 1.

Locomotive Fuel Costs During February Lower than a Year Ago.—The average cost per net ton, including freight, of coal used by Class 1 railroads in locomotives in road train and yard switching service, as compiled from reports filed by those roads with the I.-S. C. Commission for the month of February, was as follows: Eastern district, \$2.59; Southern district, \$2.14; Western district, \$2.85; United States, \$2.56. When compared with similar averages for February 1927 a decrease of \$0.22 per ton appears in the figures for the Eastern district, \$0.07 in those for the Southern district, \$0.05 for the Western district and \$0.14 for the entire country.

Car Surplus.—Class 1 railroads on Apr. 22 had 340,608 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced. This was a decrease of 10,320 cars compared with Apr. 15, at which time there were 350,928 cars. Surplus coal cars on Apr. 22 totaled 159,428, a decrease of 11,964 cars within approximately a week, while surplus box cars totaled 132,049, an increase of 2,665 for the same period. Reports also showed 22,937 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,921 cars under the number reported on Apr. 15, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 14,900, an increase of 1,184 for the same period.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" May 5.—(a) Revenue freight loading increasing, p. 2717. (b) President Coolidge invokes power under Railroad Labor Act to avert strike on Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR., p. 2739.

Alabama Great Southern RR.—Extra Dividends.—Rate Increased.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3% on both the common and preferred stocks (par \$50), in addition to semi-annual dividends of 4% each on both issues. The common dividends are payable June 28 to holders of record May 24 and the preferred dividends are payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 11. Six and 12 months ago, regular semi-annual dividends of 3½% each, together with extras of 3% each were declared. This company is controlled by the Southern Ry.—V. 126, p. 2472.

Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Ry.—Notes.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Apr. 21 authorized the company to renew from time to time not exceeding \$27,863 face amount, of promissory notes.—V. 125, p. 777.

Boston & Maine RR.—Equip Trusts Offered.—First National Bank, Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp. and Edward Lower Stokes & Co. are offering at prices to yield 4.30%, \$1,875,000 4½% equipment trust certificates. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated April 1 1928: due \$125,000 annually April 1 1929 to 1943. Certificates and semi-annual dividend warrants (A & O.) payable at National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Denom. \$1,000 c*.

These certificates are to be issued to provide for a part of the cost of standard new equipment, the total cost of which will be not less than \$2,343,750. This equipment consists of 10 8-wheel switching locomotives and 20 freight locomotives. These certificates represent 80% of the above stated cost, the remaining 20% being provided by the company.—V. 126, p. 2472

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR.—To Retire Notes.—

The directors have adopted a resolution authorizing the payment on July 15 of the remaining outstanding \$2,828,000 6% equip. trust gold notes of 1920.—V. 126, p. 2783.

Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR.—Tr. Office.

The company announces that its financial and transfer office will hereafter be located at 52 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 126, p. 2638.

Consolidated Railroads of Cuba.—Earnings.—

Income Statement for 9 Months Ended March 31 1928.	
Revenues from dividends	\$1,800,384
Miscellaneous revenues	10,390
Gross revenues	\$1,810,384
Expenses	24,983
Net income	\$1,785,401
Net income of subs. for the period available for divs. on stock of Consolidated Railroads of Cuba	\$2,449,147

—V. 126, p. 1035.

Cuba Northern Rys.—Earnings.—

Income Statement for 9 Months Ended March 31 1928. Gross revenues \$4,737,512. Expenses, incl. operat'ns, int., taxes, income taxes, deprec. & all other charges 3,828,085. Net income transferred to profit & loss \$909,426.

Cuba RR. Co.—Earnings.—

Income Statement for 9 Months Ended March 31 1928. Gross revenues \$1,186,536. Expenses, incl. operations, int., taxes, inc. taxes, deprec. & all other charges 9,197,179. Net income transferred to profit & loss \$1,989,356.

Davenport Rock Island & Northwest'n Ry.—Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$2,793,248 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1919.—V. 122, p. 2795.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—New Vice-President.—

F. W. Leamy, formerly assistant to the president, has been elected vice-president, succeeding William H. Williams. H. M. Irwin, formerly assistant to the comptroller, has been appointed assistant to the president.—V. 126, p. 2639, 2634.

Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry. Co.—Ann. Report.

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Avge. mileage operated 588.39 590.65 590.87 591.30. Freight \$3,452,988 \$3,363,799 \$3,591,352 \$3,660,733. Iron ore 444,589 496,356 695,817 580,363. Passenger 785,974 916,435 989,176 1,125,739. Mail 87,136 81,200 78,606 77,214. Express 93,349 85,399 83,258 96,133. Miscellaneous 257,657 338,080 370,727 365,179.

Fordyce & Princeton RR.—Abandonment of Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Apr. 12 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to interstate and foreign commerce, a line of railroad extending from a point 1.4 miles northwest of Cynthiana in a northwesterly direction to Bryant's Spur, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles, all in Dallas County, Ark.—V. 124, p. 1662.

Illinois Terminal Co.—Acquisition of Control.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Apr. 25 approved the acquisition by the company of control, under lease, of the railroad properties of the St. Louis, Troy & Eastern RR., the St. Louis & Illinois Belt Ry., and the St. Louis Electric Terminal Ry., and of the lines of railroad comprising the main division of Illinois Traction, Inc. The report of the commission says in part:

"All the capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of the Belt, the Troy, the Electrical Terminal, and the Traction Co. is owned by the Illinois Power & Light Corp. The applicant's stock is held by other interests. Besides controlling the carrier companies above-mentioned, the Power Co. owns the McKinley Bridge and operates, apparently through numerous subsidiary companies, street railways in several cities and electric power, gas, steam-heating, water, and ice plants serving a large area in Illinois.

"In tracing the development of the proposals herein presented for our consideration, it is appropriate to notice some of the history of the electric railways involved in the proposals. About 25 years ago, numerous street railways and other utilities in Illinois were controlled by the Illinois Traction Co., a subsidiary of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Montreal, Can. For the purpose of stabilizing its investments in these enterprises, the parent company conceived the plan of connecting the street railways in various cities by interurban lines. Construction began in 1903. The work was prosecuted in sections, under the auspices of six subsidiary carrier companies, including the Electric Terminal, and was finally completed in 1909 or 1910. Eventually the Sun Life Assurance Co.'s interests in the Illinois Traction Co. were acquired by the North American Light & Power Co., which is controlled by the North American Co. and the Middle West Utilities Co., through ownership, in equal shares of 85% of its capital stock. In 1922, certain transactions were consummated, by way of exchange of securities, merger, &c., which led to the transfer of control of the Illinois Traction Co.'s subsidiaries to the Power Co., organized in 1923, and, in the same year, to the above-mentioned consolidation, in which the Electric Terminal was not included.

"Originally conceived primarily for the transportation of passengers, the traffic of the lines comprising the Traction Company's system has been materially affected by extensive construction of improved highways in the territory served. Practically all the lines are paralleled by one or more hard roads and the Traction Company is now facing motor-vehicle competition over practically every mile of its lines. The ratio of the passenger revenues to total earnings has declined steadily from 83% in 1910 to 43% in 1927. This change in the business of the system has been accompanied by substantial losses. Thus, although dividends aggregating \$455,006 were paid in the period 1904-1907 and in 1917, losses sustained by the various proprietary interests from 1908 to 1916 and from 1918 to 1926 aggregate \$7,092,934, after crediting dividends received.

"The prime necessity of the electric system being additional tonnage, the matter of gaining access into the Alton industrial area, which is productive of large volumes of freight, has been under consideration for some time. An early step in furtherance of this object was the purchase by the Power Company, in 1924, of the capital stock of the Troy and of the Belt. Next, as the applicant's line occupies a strategic position with respect to the origination of freight, an officer of that company was approached with a request for trackage rights into the industrial district, but consideration of this proposal was then foreclosed by reason of pending negotiations with trunk-line carriers. The prospect of leasing the applicant's properties to one or another of such carriers having failed, negotiations were resumed between the Power Company interests and the applicant, with the result that the parties ultimately agreed in principle and the details were worked out along various lines until the present plan was evolved.

"Subject to our approval of the proposals herein, the Power Company has agreed to purchase all the stock of the applicant for \$7,500,000. Apparently this proposal is pending before the Illinois Commerce Commission. The Power Company then owning all the stock of all the carrier companies involved, it is proposed that all the properties, except the Valley division, be unified for operation by means of leases to the applicant of the lines of the four other companies.

"As one of the instruments is to be executed jointly by the Belt and the Troy, there are to be three lease agreements. Except as to parties and rentals payable to the lessors, the terms of the proposed leases are to be substantially identical. They are to be dated as of Jan. 2 1928, and are to be for 99 years, beginning Jan. 1 1928, but may be sooner terminated

at the option of either party upon six months' prior notice in writing, or by default. The annual rentals payable to the respective lessor companies are as follows:

Lessor— Amount. The Traction Company \$850,000. The Electric Terminal 190,000. The Troy and the Belt 160,000.

Total \$1,000,000. "The lessee is also to pay all taxes, assessments, &c., levied upon the demised premises, to maintain the properties, and to indemnify the lessors against claims for loss and damage from operation. Provision is made for preservation of the lessors' corporate existence.

"After the leases become effective, the Traction Company will still have possession of and operate its Valley division. This line is an independent operating unit, having separate operation, signal, traffic, and maintenance departments, and separate accountings.

"Concerning economies which would follow unified operation as proposed, it appears that it will be possible to eliminate present duplication in supervisory, inspection, traffic, and transportation forces, thereby effecting savings estimated to exceed \$150,000 per annum. The proposed unification would also result in better service through coordination of schedules and one-line movement of traffic.

"Summarizing the advantages of the proposed leases, from the standpoint of public interest, an executive of the Power company testified that it is of great importance to the people of central Illinois that the service of the Traction company be preserved and that this would not be possible without the kind of relief now proposed; that the contemplated economies will be of benefit to the shippers because the savings will ultimately be reflected in tariff reductions; and that the unified and improved system will promote development of the territory served. Finally, it is urged, the applicant's proposals will conform to public policy in effecting a union of weak and strong lines. Witnesses insist that the proposals are not intended to work injury to any other carriers. It is hoped, through expedited service, to obtain a normal amount of the business, but it is not intended to develop a switching road.

"It appears desirable that there be no restriction of the choice of routes now available to shippers on the applicant's line. The proposed acquisition of control will be approved upon condition that, so far as lies within its power, and unless and until otherwise ordered by us, the applicant shall preserve existing routes and channels of trade and commerce established by other carriers in connection with the applicant or by the applicant in connection with other carriers, maintain existing gateways for the interchange of traffic with such carriers, and continue the present neutrality of handling traffic by the applicant, so as to permit equal opportunity for service and routing or movement of traffic which may be competitive with traffic of the unified system to and from all lines connecting with the applicant's line, so long as the carriers operating those lines desire the maintenance of such existing routes, without discrimination in service against such competitive traffic."

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.—Note.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 14 authorized the company to renew from time to time an unsecured promissory note for \$2,600,000 which will mature May 1 1928.—V. 126, p. 573.

Mahoning Coal RR. Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Income from lease of road \$1,354,443 \$1,779,494 \$1,615,211. Other income 195,809 121,372 76,478. Total income \$2,050,252 \$1,900,866 \$1,691,690. Taxes 222,603 227,276 195,377. Interest on funded debt 75,000 75,000 75,000. Other deductions 7,411 7,498 7,464.

Net income \$1,745,236 \$1,591,092 \$1,413,849. Dividends accrued 1,533,068 1,533,068 1,158,068. Additions and betterments 17,001 238,225. Surplus \$195,166 \$58,023 \$17,555.—V. 125, p. 2804.

Maryland & Delaware Coast Ry.—Securities.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 17 authorized the company (1) to issue and reissue from time to time within a period of two years from April 1 1928, not exceeding \$38,300 of promissory notes, and (2) to pledge and replodge within that period all or any part of \$102,600 of first-mortgage 20-year sinking fund 6% gold bonds as collateral security for the notes.—V. 124, p. 369.

Mineral Range RR.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. 1924. Avge. mileage operated 58.86 59.21 88.09 88.97. Freight \$233,740 \$255,329 \$269,545 \$241,604. Copper rock 199,615 209,621. Passenger 2,674 3,824 3,083 2,627. Mail 4,000 2,940 3,840 4,445. Express 10,240 9,902 9,621 9,908. Miscellaneous 12,748 13,182 15,339 16,121.

Total \$263,402 \$285,178 \$501,043 \$484,227. Expenses— Maint. of way & struc. \$63,253 \$63,608 \$74,307 \$99,655. Maint. of equipment 53,927 50,184 106,980 116,332. Traffic expenses 2,566 2,627 3,950 3,903. Transportation expenses 130,317 144,195 198,935 206,558. General expenses 10,493 11,163 13,180 13,474. Transp'n for investment Cr38 Cr40 Cr119 Cr85. Total \$260,519 \$271,737 \$397,232 \$439,337. Net operating revenue 2,884 13,440 130,811 44,390. Taxes accrued 39,545 50,186 57,238 57,388. Uncollec. railway rev 35 35. Operating income def\$36,661 def\$36,746 \$46,537 def\$12,998. Other income 39,601 46,682 53,475 57,476. Gross income \$2,940 \$9,937 \$100,013 \$44,478. Interest, rentals, &c. 100,302 99,991 99,527 83,681. Net income def\$97,362 def\$90,055 \$486 def\$39,202.—V. 125, p. 1967.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Common Shares Valueless.—

F. J. Lisman, Chairman of the protective committee for holders of the 1st consol. mtge. 5s and Des Moines & Ft. Dodge 4s is quoted as follows:

"Minneapolis & St. Louis stock is absolutely of no value. No reorganization plan has been formulated as yet, but when one is the only consideration given common stockholders, if any, will be that they will be called upon for heavy assessments. The rise of Minneapolis & St. Louis common to its present price is ridiculous.

Receiver's Certificates.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Apr. 17 authorized the issuance \$1,475,000 of receiver's certificates to extend or renew certificates of a like principal amount maturing in April and May, 1928.—V. 126, p. 2785.

Minnesota Transfer Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$4,279,000 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1919.—V. 125, p. 644.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—Files Denial of Charge of Illegal Purchase of Stock—Says Agreement to Buy is Subject to Approval of Commission.—

The company has filed with the I.-S. C. Commission an answer to the Commission's complaint, which charged it "on the information and belief" with violation of the Clayton Anti-Trust Law in entering into an agreement for the purchase of stock of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. With the answer was a motion for a dismissal of the complaint.

"The answer states that the matters involved "do not constitute a violation" of Section 7 of the Clayton Law, "in that it affirmatively appears

upon the face of said complaint that the respondent, by the agreements, deposit of stock and payment of money charged in said complaint, did not acquire directly or indirectly, the whole or any part of the stock of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co."

The company admits that it paid \$7,000,000 toward the purchase price of stock of the St. Louis Southwestern owned by the Kansas City Southern, as provided in an agreement, but declares that was subject to the approval of the Commission.

It denies that it has ever exercised or had the power to exercise, by voting or in any other way, any rights of ownership in any shares of the stock, either by virtue of the agreements, or otherwise.

In connection with the answer the company sets forth that it has since filed a new application with the Commission for authority to acquire control of the Kansas City Southern and the St. Louis Southwestern.—V. 126, p. 2783, 2144.

Pennsylvania RR.—Stock Authorized.—

The I-S. C. Commission on April 24 authorized the company to issue \$62,408,250 capital stock (par \$50) to be offered for subscription at par to the stockholders of record April 14, and any stock not subscribed for by the stockholders to be sold at the highest price obtainable, but at not less than par.

The proceeds of the stock will be used for the following purposes: To pay a real estate mortgage, bonds, and installments of equipment-trust certificates, that will mature on various dates during the current year, amounting to \$10,390,000; to pay the principal of Pennsylvania R. R. equipment-trust of 1920 certificates outstanding on March 31 1928, in the amount of \$27,260,000, which will be called for payment on July 15 1928; and for other corporate purposes such as additions and betterments and additional equipment and facilities. The company's estimated cash requirements for 1928 of \$219,500,000, including a budget for road and equipment of \$104,000,000, exceed its estimated resources for the year by a large amount. The deficiency will be provided for in part by the proposed issue of stock.—V. 126, p. 2785, 2640.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—Dividend Outlook.—

In the annual report for the year 1927 (the income account of which we give under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page), Chairman F. E. Taplin says: "It has been necessary for the company to use a considerable amount of its working capital in the purchase of stock, in order to protect its future position and earnings, and our dividend policy in the immediate future might have to take second place if necessary in favor of whatever additional protection may be required in cash outlay."

In 1927 the company purchased \$2,726,917 common stock and \$789,960 preferred stock of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—V. 126, p. 105.

St. Louis & Illinois Belt Ry.—Control.—

See Illinois Terminal Co. above.—V. 125, p. 244.

St. Louis & O'Fallon Ry.—Valuation Case.—

Two cases were docketed in the U. S. Supreme Court May 9 which both the railroads and the Government hope will bring a final ruling on the validity of railroad valuations by the I-S. C. Commission.

The cases of the St. Louis & O'Fallon Ry. and the Manufacturers' Ry., arising out of the recapture of excess earnings reached the court May 9. While the decision of the lower court at St. Louis did not pass directly upon the validity of the Commission's valuation an effort will be made by both sides to have the Supreme Court finally decide the question before the Christmas recess.

The lower court found for the Commission but allowed the Government interest on the money recovered for a shorter period than claimed. On that point alone the Government is appealing having won on all other phases of the case.—V. 126 p. 2472.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Readjustment Approved.—

The I-S. C. Commission on May 2 authorized the company:

(1) To issue \$30,979,700 prior-lien mtge. 5% bonds, serie B, said bonds, \$15,371,600 additional prior-lien mortgage bonds, series B, and \$1,079,578 of prior-lien mortgage bonds, series A, to be pledged under the applicant's consolidated mortgage to be dated Mar. 1 1928.

(2) To issue \$102,000,000 of consolidated-mortgage 4½% gold bonds, series A, \$100,000,000 of said bonds to be sold at not less than 94½ and int., and \$2,000,000 thereof to be pledged and repledged from time to time to and including Dec. 31 1929, as collateral security for short-term notes.

(3) To issue \$49,157,400 of 6% preferred stock (par \$100), said stock to be offered for subscription at par and div. to the holders of common stock of record Mar. 16 1928, at the rate of three-fourths of a share of the new stock for each share of common stock held.

(4) To assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of \$20,496,500 of Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Ry. refunding-mortgage bonds, and to pledge them, or cause them to be pledged, under applicant's consolidated mortgage to be dated Mar. 1 1928.

Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding adjustment mortgage 6% gold bonds, series A, due July 1 1955, have been called for payment July 1 next at par and int. at the office of the company, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 126, p. 2473.

St. Louis Troy & Eastern RR.—Valuation—Control.—

The I-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,290,838 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1919. See Illinois Terminal Co. above.—V. 125, p. 383.

Superior & Southeastern Ry.—Operation of Lines.—

The I-S. C. Commission on April 17 issued a certificate authorizing the company to operate: (1) a line extending southward from Loreta to a point in section 35, township 37 north, range 4 west, a distance of about 22 miles, all in Sawyer County, Wis. This line connects at Loreta with the Park Falls branch of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway; (2) a branch of the line first mentioned, extending from a point in section 16 westward to a point in section 18, a distance of about 2 miles, all in township 38 north, range 4 west, Sawyer County, Wis.—V. 122, p. 346.

Texas & Pacific Ry.—Common Stock Placed on a \$5 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding \$38,755,110 common stock, par \$100, payable July 2 to holders of record May 31.—V. 126, p. 2784, 2785.

Union RR. of Oregon.—Acquisition & Operation of Line.—

The I-S. C. Commission April 19 issued a certificate authorizing the acquisition and operation by the road of a line of railroad between Union Junction and Union, Union County, Oreg., a distance of 2.1 miles.

Western Maryland Ry.—Acquisition of Control.—

The I-S. C. Commission on April 9 affirmed the findings in the original report authorizing the company to acquire control of the Chesapeake & Curtis Bay R. R. by purchase of its capital stock.—V. 125, p. 3477; V. 126, p. 2302.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Allied Light & Power Co.—Hodenpfl, Hardy & Co. and Stevens & Wood Consolidate Their Interests.—

It was announced May 7 that the Allied Power & Light Co. has been organized to consolidate the interests of Hodenpfl, Hardy & Co., Inc., and Stevens & Wood, Inc. It has contracted to acquire substantial stock interests in Commonwealth Power Corp., Northern Ohio Power Co., Penn-Ohio Edison Co. and other companies.

Hodenpfl, Hardy & Co., Inc., was organized in 1914 and with its predecessors has for over 30 years been interested in the organization, development and operation of public utility properties. Many of such properties are now successful component parts of the Commonwealth Power Corp. system. Hodenpfl, Hardy & Co. and associated interests were among the pioneers in the development of the holding company plan of diversifying utility interests, the development of hydro-electric plants, the long distance transmission of electricity by high-tension lines, and in the distribution of securities on the now popular customer-ownership plan.

Stevens & Wood, directly or through its predecessor companies, for many years have engaged in the general engineering and construction business and the managing, supervising and financing activities of public utility

corporations. In addition, their engineering work in the industrial field has been varied and considerable. Among their important power house undertakings at the present time are the Toronto Station of the Ohio River Edison Co., the completion of the Fairbanks (Alaska) Power Station for the U.S. Smelting Refining & Mining Co., and the design and construction of the U.S. new Deepwater Power Station (Washington, Del.) for the American Gas & Electric Co. and the United Gas Improvement Co., which is to be used jointly by these companies and also to supply process steam to E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co. This latter power station is the first new station to be designed for 1,200 pounds steam pressure, and has attracted national attention due to many other progressive features in its design. Stevens & Wood, Inc., will continue business as at present as a subsidiary company.

Allied Power & Light Co. has an authorized capital of 500,000 shares preferred stock and 2,000,000 shares common stock.

Mr. Hodenpfl and Mr. Hardy, who have been largely interested in Hodenpfl, Hardy & Co., Inc., since its organization, will have substantial investment interests in the Allied Company, but will not actively participate in its operations.

C. Cobb is Chairman and R. P. Stevens is President of the Allied Company and with Landon K. Thorne, Alfred L. Loomis, Jacob Helma, J. T. Harrington and H. S. Scarritt, will constitute its board of directors.

Bonbright & Co., Inc., expect to offer in the near future an issue of first preferred stock of the new company.

American Commonwealth Power Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc. and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., are offering at 96½ and int., to yield over 5¾%, \$4,500,000 gold debentures, 5½% series.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1953. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Prin. and int. payable at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee. Callable all or part on 30 days' notice at 105 to May 1 1938, thereafter to May 1 1952, at 102½ and thereafter to maturity at 100, in each case plus int. Interest payable M. & N. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% which the corporation or any paying agent may be required or be permitted to pay at its source. Corporation agrees to reimburse holders of these debentures upon timely application by personal property taxes imposed by the States of Conn., Penn. and Calif., not exceeding 4 mills, Maryland, not exceeding 4½ mills, District of Columbia, not exceeding 5 mills, Mich. exemption tax not exceeding 5 mills, and for the Mass. income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% of such int.

Data from Letter of Frank T. Hulswit, President of the Corporation.

Company.—Organized in Delaware. Owns (a) all of the common stock of Community Power & Light Co.; (b) all of the capital stock of Union Gas Utilities, Inc.; and (c) certain diversified public utility investments; and will own upon completion of the present financing; (d) all of the preference and common stocks of American Gas & Power Co. The above mentioned companies, through their subsidiaries, serve 1/2 communities, with a present estimated population of 1,135,000.

Business and Property.—American Gas & Power Co. will own (a) all of the common stock of Minneapolis Gas Light Co.; (b) all of the capital stock, except \$41,500 1st pref. stock of Jacksonville Gas Co.; (c) all of the capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares of Bangor Gas-Light Co.; (d) all of the common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of Savannah Gas Co. and (e) all of the common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of St. Augustine Gas & Electric Light Co. These companies supply manufactured gas to Minneapolis, Minn.; Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla.; Bangor and Brewer, Me., and Savannah, Ga.; which have a total estimated population of 740,000.

Community Power & Light Co. owns all of the common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, (and all of the bonds, with the exception of one company) of its operating companies in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico, which supply electric light and power, gas, water and (or) ice service to 144 communities with an aggregate population of approximately 295,000.

Union Gas Utilities, Inc., owns more than 99% of each of the preferred and common stocks of Union Gas Corp. and all of the capital stocks of other subsidiary companies. These companies are engaged in the production, transportation and distribution of natural gas in southeastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma, serving a rich industrial area with an estimated population in excess of 100,000.

The diversified public utility investments, other than the stocks of the above mentioned subsidiary companies, have a market value, based on current quotations, in excess of \$4,500,000, and include substantial investments in such companies as the United Light & Power Co. and American Superpower Corp.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended March 31 1923.

Consolidated gross earnings, all sources.....	\$13,183,665
Operating expenses, maintenance and general taxes.....	8,436,030

Net income.....	\$4,747,635
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Earnings accruing to American Commonwealths Power Corp. after deducting annual bond int. and pref. stock divs. of subsidiary companies and earnings accruing to minority common stocks, but before deprec., Federal taxes and amortization charges of subsidiary companies.....	1,862,402
Annual int. requirements on \$4,500,000 gold debts, 5½% series (this issue) and \$4,500,000 6% debentures, series A.....	517,500

The earnings available, as shown above, are equivalent to more than 3½ times the annual interest requirements on the total issue of debentures.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of the \$4,500,000 gold debentures, 5½% series, will be applied in payment of a portion of the cost of the preference and common stocks of American Gas & Power Co. and for other corporate purposes.

Outstanding Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing).	
Gold debentures, 5½% series (this issue).....	a\$4,500,000
6% gold debentures, series A.....	a4,500,000
Cumulative preferred stock, without par value:	
1st preferred stock, \$6.50 dividend series.....	b55,384 shs.
1st preferred stock, \$7 dividend, series A.....	b25,000 shs.
2d preferred stock, \$7 dividend, series A.....	13,711 shs.
Common stock, (no par value), class B.....	109,688 shs.

a Additional debentures of these or other series may be issued under the restrictions of the debenture agreement. b Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange. (Subsidiary companies' securities outstanding with public on March 31 1928, \$41,268,666 of funded debt, \$11,727,800 of preferred stocks, and 460 shares of common stocks. For the purposes of this statement and of the earnings statement below, American Gas & Power Co., is included as a subsidiary company, and these statements are based on the proposed ownership of its 2d preferred and common stocks by the corporation.) See also American States Securities Corp. below.—V. 126, p. 1807, 1656.

American Power & Light Co.—Pref. Stk. Offered.—

Bonbright & Co., Inc., White Weld Co. and the National City Co. are offering 200,000 shares \$5 pref. stk., Series A, stamped certificates (no par value) at \$95 a share plus an amount equal to accrued dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per annum from Apr. 1 1928, to yield 5.25%.

Holders of these stamped certificates will be entitled to receive dividends (or dividends and payments from deposited funds) at the rate of \$5 per share per annum, payable Q-J.

Preferred pari passu with the preferred stock (6) and the \$5 preferred stock over the common stock as to cumulative dividends and in case of dissolution or liquidation of the company to \$100 per share and accumulated dividends. Red. on any dividend date upon 30 days' notice, at \$110 per share and divs. All three classes of preferred stock have equal voting power share for share with the common stock. Transfer and paying agent: National City Bank of New York. Registrar: Corporation Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of C. E. Groesbeck, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Maine in 1909. Controls companies supplying a diversified public utility service in 12 states. The present operating subsidiaries (not including Montana Power Co.) served on Dec. 31 1927, directly or indirectly, 848 communities, of which 822 were supplied with electric power and light, while gas and (or) water and other service was supplied to the remaining communities. The territory served had an estimated population of 3,197,000, and includes important cities in Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. Among the principal subsidiaries are: Kansas Gas & Electric Co., Pacific Power & Light Co., Portland Gas & Coke Co., Nebraska Power Co., Minnesota Power & Light Co., Superior Water,

Light & Power Co., Central Arizona Light & Power Co., Northwestern Electric Co., Florida Power & Light Co., Southwestern Power & Light Co., and The Washington Water Power Co.

In addition the company has recently acquired a substantial majority of the common stock of The Montana Power Co., a hydro-electric company supplying electric power and light to the greater part of Montana, including Butte, Anaconda, Billings and Great Falls districts, and an important section of Idaho.

Stamped Certificates.—The certificates representing these 200,000 shares will be printed or stamped with the agreement of The National City Bank of New York, to pay quarterly to the registered holders thereof, amounts equal to the difference between the stipulated rate of dividends thereon and the rate of \$5 per share per annum until Jan. 1 1932, after which date the \$5 preferred stock, Series A, will become entitled to dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per annum.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the stamped certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Capitalization.—As of April 30 1928. (After giving effect to acquisition of common stocks of Washington Water Power Co. and Montana Power Co. deposited for exchange.)

Stock (No Par)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock (\$6)	1,000,000 shs.	788,687.2 shs.
\$5 preferred stock	1,000,000 shs.	None
\$5 preferred stock, Series A	1,200,000 shs.	874,868 shs.
Common stock	4,000,000 shs.	1,872,937.48 shs.

Gold debenture bonds, American 6% series, due March 1 2016.....\$45,810,500
Includes scrip for fractional shares aggregating the equivalent of 1,228.48 full shares issued in connection with the payment of dividends in common stock.

b Additional issues of these gold debenture bonds limited by the earnings restrictions of the indenture.

Note.—The plan and agreement of reorganization, dated Jan. 24 1928, under which American Power & Light Co. is issuing its preferred stock (\$6) in exchange for the common stock of The Washington Water Power Co. on the basis of 2.2 shares of such preferred stock (\$6) for each share of said common stock, and the plan and agreement of reorganization, dated April 5 1928, under which American Power & Light Co. is issuing its \$5 preferred stock Series A, in exchange for the common stock of The Montana Power Co. on the basis of 2 shares of such \$5 preferred stock, Series A, for each share of said common stock, are still in operation.

Through the close of business on May 2 1928, there had been deposited for exchange under these respective plans and agreements 250,076 shares out of a total of 154,180 shares of common stock of Washington Water Power Co. and 437,434 shares out of a total of 496,333 shares of common stock of Montana Power Co. The foregoing statement of capitalization and the following statement of earnings are after giving effect to the acquisition of common stocks of Washington Water Power Co. and Montana Power Co. so deposited through the close of business on May 2 1928.

Provisions of Issue.—The \$5 preferred stock, Series A, is entitled in preference to the common stock, pari passu with the preferred stock (\$6) and the \$5 preferred stock, to dividends at the rate of \$2.50 per share per annum for the period ending Dec. 31 1928; at the rate of \$3 per share per annum for the period beginning Jan. 1 1929 and ending Dec. 31 1929; at the rate of \$3.50 per share per annum for the period beginning Jan. 1 1930 and ending Dec. 31 1930; at the rate of \$4 per share per annum for the period beginning Jan. 1 1931 and ending Dec. 31 1931; and at the rate of \$5 per share per annum after Dec. 31 1931. Such dividends are cumulative from and after April 1 1928, or, in the case of stock issued after April 1 1928, from the first day of the current dividend period within which such \$5 preferred stock, Series A, shall be issued.

The \$5 preferred stock, Series A, has preference over the common stock, pari passu with the preferred stock (\$6) and the \$5 preferred stock, in any distribution of assets other than profits up to \$100 a share and accumulated dividends. The \$5 preferred stock, Series A, is subject to redemption at the option of the company upon any dividend date at \$110 a share and accumulated dividends upon 30 days' notice. All \$5 preferred stock, Series A, shall, on Jan. 1 1932, be and become \$5 preferred stock, subject, however, as to all \$5 preferred stock Series A outstanding on Dec. 31 1931, to the foregoing rates and provisions with respect to dividends thereon for periods prior to Jan. 1 1932.

Consolidated Earnings Statement 12 Months Ended Dec. 31

Consolidated earnings of company and subsidiaries (including Washington Water Power Co. and Montana Power Co.) for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927 after giving effect to the exchange of outstanding common stocks of Washington Water Power Co. and Montana Power Co. deposited through May 2 1928 for preferred stock (\$6) and \$5 preferred stock, Series A, respectively, of American Power & Light Co.

Subsidiary companies:	1927.
Gross earnings (including other income)	\$82,421,594
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	40,162,391
Net earnings	\$42,259,203
Interest to public and other deductions	13,727,971
Preferred dividends to public	5,158,150
Balance	\$23,373,082
Renewal and replacement reserves	4,871,054
Balance	\$18,502,028
American Power & Light Co.:	
Proportion of above balance accruing to American Power and Light Company	\$17,929,475
Other income, less all expenses	288,151
Total	\$18,217,626
Interest and discount of American Power & Light Co.	2,991,118
Balance	\$15,226,508

Annual dividend requirements on the 788,687.2 shares of preferred stock (\$6) and the dividend requirements for the 12 months period beginning April 1 1928 at the stipulated rate on the 874,868 shares of \$5 preferred stock, Series A.....7,028,652
The balance of earnings, on the basis shown above, for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927 was equal to more than twice the annual dividend requirements for the first 12 months period on all the preferred stocks as shown above.

Of the total gross earnings of subsidiaries (including Washington Water Power Co. and Montana Power Co.), as shown above, for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927, approximately 82% was derived from the electric power and light business, 11% from the gas business, 2% from the railway business and the remaining 5% from water, ice and miscellaneous business.

Plan Operative.

Announcement was made on May 8 that the plan and agreement of reorganization dated April 5 1928, under which this company is to acquire common stock of the Montana Power Co., is now operative. Holders of deposit receipts issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York for common stock of the Montana Power Co. have been asked to surrender their deposit receipts to the trust company for exchange for certificates for shares of \$5 pref. stock, series A, of the American Power & Light Co. (See also V. 126, p. 2306, 2641.)—V. 126, p. 2786.

American Gas & Power Co.—Organized—Financing.
See American States Securities Corp. below.

American States Securities Corp.—Control of Minneapolis Gas Light Co. Acquired—New Company Formed to Take Over Recently Acquired Properties.

President Frank T. Hulswit, May 7, in a letter to the stockholders of this corporation and the American Commonwealths Power Corp., says in substance:

Report of Progress.—Since Mar. 17 1928 we entered into negotiations for the acquisition of two important public utility properties or groups of properties.

As a result of these negotiations we have entered into contracts to acquire (a) all of the common stock, except qualifying directors' shares, of the Minneapolis Gas Light Co. of Minneapolis, Minn.; and (b) all of the common stock of a well-known group of public utility properties, the bulk of whose earnings is derived from the sale of electricity for light and power.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—This company has supplied the City of Minneapolis, Minn., and nearby territory since 1870 with manufactured gas service and now serves a population estimated to be about 440,000. The manufacturing plant of the company is centrally located, is of large capacity

and is in excellent physical condition. Furthermore, the gas mains are of exceptionally large capacity, permitting a considerable expansion of business without further investment in distribution. The company is serving over 119,000 consumers with gas for domestic and industrial use. The output and sales of gas (in cubic feet) have shown consistent increases, as follows:

1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
3,443,506,000	3,616,810,000	3,696,554,000	3,992,585,000	4,165,031,000

The gross earnings of the Minneapolis Gas Light Co. for the 12 months ended Mar. 31 1928, as per audit, are \$4,090,760, and the gross earnings of the other public utility group, including other income, for the 12 months ended Feb. 29 1928, as per audit, are in excess of \$4,300,000. The inclusion of these properties will add \$8,390,000 to the gross earnings of the American States Securities Corp.

Electric Public Utility Group.—The other group of public utility properties above referred to and in process of acquisition, of which a large part are properties serving their communities with electricity for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes, includes well-known cities and territories which are so situated that the public utilities therein are adaptable to convenient, efficient and harmonious operation with properties already under the direction of your management staff. The present local managements of these properties will continue in charge thereof under the general supervision and direction of your management organization and it is our belief that increasingly better results will thereby be obtained, benefiting not only the communities served but the stockholders of your corporation as well.

American Gas & Power Co.—In order to properly and economically finance the purchase of the Minneapolis Gas Light Co., the directors have deemed it wise to form a new subsidiary corporation, named *American Gas & Power Co.*, which has been organized under the laws of Delaware. All of the preference stock and all of the common stock of this company will be owned and retained in the treasury of American Commonwealths Power Corp. The American Gas & Power Co. will acquire from the American Commonwealths Power Corp., through exchange of securities, all of the common stock of Jacksonville Gas Co., Savannah Gas Co., Bangor Gas Light Co. and St. Augustine Gas & Electric Light Co., and will acquire, through direct purchase from the present owners, all of the common stock of Minneapolis Gas Light Co., except in all cases directors' qualifying shares.

The American Gas & Power Co. will thereupon sell, under agreements already existent, to highly responsible investment banking houses, the following: \$6,500,000 of 25-year 5% secured debentures and \$4,000,000 of \$6 dividend series 1st pref. stock, the proceeds of which will, in part, provide for the cost of the acquisition of the common stock of Minneapolis Gas Light Co.

American Commonwealths Power Corp.—This corporation will sell, under agreements already existent, to its present bankers, an additional issue of its gold debentures, viz., \$4,500,000 5½% series, to be dated May 1 1928, maturing May 1 1953. The proceeds from the sale of these debentures will adequately provide for all of the remainder of the cost of the Minneapolis Gas Light Co. stock and supply the corporation with some additional cash working capital. (See offering above.)

The American Commonwealths Power Corp. will also acquire from American Gas & Power Co. all of its issued preference stock, viz., \$4,500,000 \$6 dividend series, and all of its presently to be issued common stock, viz., 70,000 shares. These last named securities will be retained in the treasury of the American Commonwealths Power Corp.

Consolidated Earnings of American States Securities Corp. and Controlled Cos.

12 Months Ended Mar. 31 1928—	Before Acquisition of New Props.	After Acquisition of New Props.
Gross earnings, all sources	\$8,354,832	\$17,616,206
Oper. expenses, maintenance and taxes	5,033,380	11,048,374

Net earnings.....\$3,321,452.....\$6,567,832

Upon the completion of the financing of the acquisition of the stock of the Minneapolis Gas Light Co., there will be outstanding in the hands of investors the following securities of American Commonwealths Power Corp.: \$4,500,000 of 25-year 5½% gold debentures, due May 1 1953; \$4,500,000 of 25-year 6% gold debentures, due Feb. 1 1952; 50,000 shares of 1st pref. stock, \$6.50 div. series, no par; 30,000 shares of 1st pref. stock, \$7 div. series A, no par; 13,711 shares of 2d pref. stock, \$7 div. series A, no par; and of American States Securities Corp. as of Mar. 31 1928 the following stocks: 962,270 shares class A common stock, no par, and 538,553 shares class B common stock, no par. All of the common stock of American Commonwealths Power Corp. is owned by American States Securities Corp. Neither company has any floating debt.

Earnings of American States Securities Corp. and Controlled Companies.

12 Months Ended—	Dec. 31 '27, Mar. 31 '28.
Gross earnings, all sources	\$8,249,654.....\$8,354,832
Oper. expenses, incl. maint. & general taxes	5,035,192.....5,033,380
Interest charges, subsidiary companies	1,567,545.....1,623,072
Dividends—Subs. company pref. stocks	698,038.....739,662

Bal. avail., Amer. States Sec. Corp., & for reserves	\$948,879	\$958,718
Interest charges, Amer. States Securities Corp.	2,358	773

Bal. avail. for res., Fed. taxes and surplus.....\$946,521.....\$957,945

Note.—The earnings of Bangor Gas Light Co. for the past 12 months are included only in the earnings for the period ending Mar. 31 1928. Neither of the above statements, however, reflects the acquisition of the common stocks of Savannah Gas Co. and St. Augustine Gas & Electric Light Co., which properties will add approximately \$800,000 to the gross earnings and approximately \$340,000 to the net earnings of American States Securities Corp.—V. 126, p. 1807.

Associated Electric Co.—Calls 5½% Conv. Bonds.

The entire amount of conv. gold bonds, 5½% series due 1946, which remain outstanding, have been called for payment July 1 at 105 and Int. at the National Bank of Commerce, trustee, 31 Nassau St., N. Y. City. These bonds represent the last of an issue of \$65,000,000 principal amount which was publicly offered in the beginning of April 1926.

The Associated Gas & Electric Co., the parent company, is offering to exchange the bonds which are being called for new 4½% debentures of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., at the rate of \$1,095 of new 4½% for each \$1,000 of called bonds. The Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., Inc., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, will purchase or sell fractional amounts of the new 4½% due 1958 at 97½ to enable delivery in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500.

The last two paragraphs, immediately preceding the income account of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., published in last week's "Chronicle," page 2786, relates to the Associated Electric Co. bonds above referred to.—V. 126, p. 1347.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Preferred Dividends Payable in Cash or in Stock (at Option of Holder).

The directors have declared the following quarterly dividends payable July 2 to holders of record May 31:

Original Series Preferred Stock.—87¼¢ per share, or 2.22-100ths of a share of class A stock for each share of preferred stock held.

\$7 Dividend Series Preferred Stock.—\$1.75 per share in cash or 3.89-100ths of a share of class A stock for each share of preferred stock held.

The stock dividend is equivalent to about \$4.28 per share per annum for the original series as compared with the cash dividend of \$3.50 per share, and about \$7.48 per share per annum for the \$7 dividend series preferred stock.

Similar distributions were made on these issues on Jan. 1 and April 1 last (see V. 126, p. 1037)—V. 126, p. 2786, 2641.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania.—Earnings.

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Operating revenues	\$16,042,824	\$14,742,259	\$13,593,167	\$12,302,461
Exp., maint. & deprec.	10,675,162	10,106,335	9,489,002	8,854,327
Deduc. (incl. Fed. taxes)	870,800	752,500	736,800	622,800

Operating income	\$4,496,862	\$3,883,423	\$3,367,365	\$2,825,334
Gross income	4,731,013	4,254,575	3,917,507	3,026,203
Int. & rentals	1,598,528	1,642,286	1,547,180	1,131,276

Net income	\$3,132,485	\$2,612,288	\$2,370,326	\$2,074,927
Pref. dividends	325,000	325,192	325,210	316,630
Common dividends	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000

Balance, surplus.....\$1,207,485.....\$687,095.....\$445,116.....\$158,297
—V. 126, p. 2307.

Boston Elevated Ry.—To Have Gas-Electric Buses.

The company proposes to place 28 General Electric equipments in service in Boston. This decision was reached after a thorough trial of three of the electric vehicles for a period of a year.

The 28 buses will be built by three different companies. Ten will be manufactured by the Twin Coach Co. of Kent, Ohio; 11 will be manufactured by the American Car & Foundry Motors Co. of New York, and seven will be built by the Versare Corp. of Albany, N. Y.

Earnings 3 Mos. Ended March 31. (As Reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.)

Table with 4 columns: Year (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and 4 rows of financial data including Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. from oper., Net after taxes, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions incl. divs., Net income, and V. 126, p. 2307.

Brooklyn City RR.—Moves General Offices.—

The general offices of the company will be located at 385 Flatbush Ave. Extension, Brooklyn, N. Y., after May 8 1928. Telephone Cumberland 7100.—V. 126, p. 575.

California Oregon Power Co.—Contract.—

In accordance with a contract between this company and the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the former company started delivery of electric power to the latter company's system on May 1, supplying service to the Pacific company's Shasta substation, according to an announcement by H. C. Cummins, assistant to the Vice-President in charge of operation of the Bylesby Engineering & Management Corp.

The first 16,000 k.w. unit of the ultimate 48,000 k.w. Prospect No. 2 development of the California company was placed in service on Jan. 11 and the second 16,000 k.w. unit was completed and placed in service on Jan. 24.

There is no steam reserve for the system of the California company, and this system will be operated so as to conserve the stored water which can be used by the stations.

The Prospect No. 2 station is served by the same canal as the Prospect No. 1 station of 3,760 k.w. capacity.—V. 126, p. 1349, 575.

Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.—Consolidation Approved.—

The stockholders on April 9 approved a plan consolidating the Columbia Power Co. (a subsidiary of the Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.) and the Cincinnati company into a new company to be known as the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.

The old Cincinnati company has outstanding 342,484 shares of capital stock out of an authorized issue of 360,000 shares of \$100 par value each (all owned by the Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.) which is exchangeable for 5% pref. stock, series A, of the new company, on a share for share basis.

The Columbia Power Co. has authorized and outstanding 565,000 shares of capital stock of no par value, which is exchangeable for common stock of the new company on a share for share basis.

The Ohio P. U. Commission has approved the issuance of the new stock. Following completion of the above consolidation, all the physical properties of the Union Gas & Electric Co. will be acquired (see below). The latter, also a subsidiary of the Columbia corporation operated through lease the properties of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.

All of the common stock of the consolidated Cincinnati company will be owned by the Columbia corporation.

See also offering of \$35,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, series A 4%, in V. 126, p. 2308.

Commonwealth Edison Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, Mar. 31, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925 and 4 rows of financial data including Operating revenues, Net inc. after taxes, Shares of cap. stk. outstanding, and Earnings per sh. on cap. stk.—V. 126, p. 1193.

Commonwealth Telephone Co. (Wis.)—Bonds Offered.—

Due Mar. 1 1928; due Mar. 1 1948. Int. payable (M. & S.) in Boston and Chicago without deduction for Federal income taxes, not in excess of 2%.

Prof. Stock Offered.—Metchum, Tulley & Co. also offered 5,000 shares (par \$100) \$6 cumu. pref. stk. at 98 and div. to yield over 6.10%.

Dividends cumulative and payable Q-J. Preferred both as to assets (\$100 per share in the event of liquidation) and as to dividends over common stock.

Issuance authorized by the Railroad Commission of Wisconsin.

Data from Letter of J. F. O'Connell, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in 1920 in Wisconsin. Operates 20 telephone exchanges serving, without competition, 61 communities and surrounding territory in the north central, south central and southwestern parts of the State of Wisconsin.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1927.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount, including Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings before depreciation, Interest charges on funded debt, Balance available for reserves, and Annual div. requirements.

Capitalization Outstanding with Public. Preferred stock 6% cumulative (\$100 par value) 471,000

Common stock (\$100 par value) 1,100,000

1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series A 1,100,000 Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these \$1,100,000 1st mtge 5% gold bonds and pref. stock will be used to redeem and retire \$318,500 bonds of the company to redeem \$200,000 bonds of Wausau Telephone Co., to reimburse the treasury of the company for expenditures made to acquire the properties of Interurban Telephone Co., Union Telephone Co., Muscoda

Telephone Co., Wausau Telephone Co., Oneida Farmers Telephone Co., Tomahawk Telephone Co., Marathon County Telephone Co., Tomahawk Rural Telephone Co., Darlington Electric Co. and Mt. Horeb Heat, Light & Power Co., and for expenditures made for additions and improvements to the properties and for other corporate purposes of the company.

Management.—Company is controlled by Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—V. 120, p. 2145.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Year (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and 4 rows of financial data including Quar. End, Mar. 31, Gross revenue, Expenses & depreciation, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Fixed charges, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Shs. common stock outstanding, Earnings per share, and V. 126, p. 2643.

Council Bluffs, (Ia.) Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., New York are offering \$1,200,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series of 1928.

Dated May 1 1928. Due May 1 1948. Prin. & int. M. & N., payable at the office or agency of the company in either New York City or Chicago.

Data from Letter of H. G. Scott, President of the Company.

Company.—Will own and operate the gas manufacturing and distributing system in the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., serving an estimated population of 45,000.

Capitalization.—Authorized Issued.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount, including 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, 2-yr. 5 1/2% gold notes, 6% cumu. pref. stk., Common stock, and Additional bonds.

Earnings of Properties 12 Months Ended Feb. 29 1928.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount, including Gross income and Operating expenses, maint. & taxes.

Balance—Annual interest requirements on this issue 124,643 Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these securities will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures in connection with the acquisition of properties and for other corporate purposes.

Management.—Co. is controlled and operated by Union Utilities, Inc.

Detroit United Ry.—New Receiver.—

Federal Judge Charles C. Simmons has appointed the Security Trust Co. of Detroit as receiver for the company to succeed A. L. Drumm, formerly sole receiver, who has a part in the recently announced reorganization.

Duquesne Light Co.—New Substation in Pittsburgh.—

Wrecking of the buildings on the site for the proposed Homewood substation has been begun and it is planned to have the station ready for service Oct. 1. The substation will have an initial circuit capacity of 4,200 kilovolt-amperes.

Net earnings—\$32,553,653 Interest on funded debt—4,781,681 Interest on floating debt—4,057,397 Federal taxes—544,220 Amortization of bond and note disc.—673,945 Minority stockholders' int. in surp. earnings of subsidiaries—531,734

Net available for divs. and reserves—\$26,553,717 Dividends on preferred stock—3,061,252

Balance surplus—\$23,492,465 Includes interest on floating debt.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Year (1927, 1926, 1925) and 4 rows of financial data including Year Ended Nov. 30, Gross earnings, Operation and maintenance expense, Net earnings, Non-operating income.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1927, 1926) and 4 rows of financial data including Assets (Plant & invest., Cash, Invest., Misc., Cash in banks, on hand, Invent. of crude & refined oils, Accts. rec., cust., Current accts. of affil. cos., Notes, accts. & int. rec., sundry, Materials & sup., Notes, accts. & int. rec., affil. cos., Accts. in litig'n., Prep. ins., int., royalties, rents, taxes, &c., Expenses of oil in storage, Bond & note discount & exp., Surp. def. chgs., Prop. in course of replacement) and Liabilities (Common stock, Pref. 8% cum. stk., Pref. 7% cum. stk., Bonded debt, Mtgs. & purch. money oblig's, Notes payable, Accts. payable, Wages, salaries & comm. acer., Accr. int., roy., allies, tax., &c., Divs. on pf. stk., Fed. inc. taxes in dispute, Due to parent co, Fiscal agent, Accts. & int. payable, able, aff. cos., Custom. depos., Lease bon. pay., Sundry def. items, Apprec. on reval. of prop., Depr. & deplet., Inventories, Bad & doubtful accts. & allow., Capital res., Injuries & dam., Approp. for conv. Miscellaneous, Minor stockhol. int. in surp. eq., Surplus).

Total (ea. side) 308,594,941 308,369,368

V. 126, p. 865.

Eastern States Power Corp.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years

	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings, including dividends received, int. earned, profit on sales of securities.....	\$463,703	\$1,146,799
Expenses, taxes, interest paid, etc.....	18,595	84,865
Reserve for Federal taxes.....	—	138,000
Net income.....	\$445,108	\$923,934
Surplus at beginning of period.....	\$1,667,148	\$1,016,213
Total surplus.....	\$2,112,256	\$1,940,148
Additional 1926 Federal income tax.....	676	—
Dividends paid on preferred stock.....	280,000	273,000
Surplus at end of period.....	\$1,831,580	\$1,667,148
Earns per sh. on 539,234 shs. com. stk. (no par).....	\$0.31	\$1.22

—V. 124, p. 3628.

Havana Electric Ry. Co.—Income Statement.—
Period Ended March 31 1928—

	3 Mos.	12 Mos.
Operating revenue.....	\$1,367,984	\$5,813,320
Operating expenses, including taxes.....	1,162,432	4,747,289
Net operating revenue.....	\$206,552	\$1,066,031
Non-operating revenue.....	12,546	52,270
Gross corporate income.....	\$218,098	\$1,118,301
Interest and other charges.....	160,964	643,879
Surplus (before deducting depreciation).....	\$57,134	\$474,422

—V. 126, p. 576.

Houston Gulf Gas Co.—Common Stock Listed.—
There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 449,103 shares (out of an authorized issue of 500,000 shares) common stock (no par value), with authority to add thereto 50,897 additional shares as the same may be issued through the exercise of certain stock purchase warrants issued in connection with the \$5,700,000 1st mtg. bonds dated Jan. 1 1926.—V. 126, p. 2790, 2643.

Hydro-Electric Securities Corp.—Proposed Financing.—
Alfred Loewenstein, Belgian capitalist, who is President of this corporation, has announced the election of Sir Herbert Holt as Chairman of the company and the addition to the board of directors of J. H. Gundy (President of Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.), S. Godin, Jr. (of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co.), and Prentiss N. Gray (President of the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.).

This corporation, Mr. Loewenstein states, will soon have at its disposal a capital of about \$7,000,000 (including appreciation on securities), and will have unsold in its treasury \$30,000,000 of pref. A stock and about 500,000 ordinary shares, which may be issued when a favorable opportunity offers.

Reviewing the operations of the company which was formed in 1926, Mr. Loewenstein pointed out that it had an original capital of only \$500,000. Since the second financial year it has had at its disposal \$20,000,000, representing the proceeds of the sale of 2,000,000 class B pref. shares at \$10 per share, which was taken up by a syndicate to which was granted at the same time an option on ordinary shares at a price of \$25 per share. Today the company has an issued capital of 2,000,000 pref. shares and 507,623 ordinary shares. The latter will be increased shortly as the company has already been notified by most of the option shareholders that they plan to take up their shares at once although the option does not expire until 1931.

The International Holding & Investment Co., of which Mr. Loewenstein is President, has an option on 508,000 ordinary shares and will pay the Hydro-Electric Securities Corp. very shortly about \$12,700,000, the total amount due in exercising its option. The corporation's bankers, J. Henry Schroder & Co. and the British, Foreign & Colonial Corp., as well as many other option holders, also are exercising their rights.

Regarding the corporation's program, Mr. Loewenstein explained that its funds were invested as follows: "One per cent in France, 2% in Italy and 97% in the United States, which investments bring us a satisfactory income. Our investments in France represent at today's market about \$300,000, yielding \$16,000 per annum or 5%. Our investments in Italy represent at today's market about \$650,000, yielding not far from \$50,000 or about 7½%. In the United States our investments in hydro-electric enterprises represent at today's market about \$40,000,000, with a revenue of over \$2,000,000, yielding over 5% plus valuable subscription rights. The companies in which these investments have been made had a total electric output in 1926 of approximately 29,000,000 k.w.h. and served a population of approximately 34,000,000 or one-quarter of the inhabitants of the United States."

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings.—
Results for the Quarter Ended Mar. 31—

	1928.	1927.
Total revenues.....	\$19,669,165	\$17,774,741
Total expenses, including taxes.....	16,001,456	14,395,515
Interest.....	671,346	937,867
Balance, net income.....	\$2,996,363	\$2,441,359
Dividends paid.....	2,200,000	1,600,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$796,363	\$841,359

—V. 126, p. 2644.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—7% Preferred Stock Called Alternative Offer Made.—
The corporation has elected to redeem on July 1 the entire outstanding 7% cum. pref. stock. The redemption price of 105 and divs. will be paid on July 2 1928 upon presentation and surrender for cancellation of the 7% pref. stock certificates at the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, 125 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

At the special stockholders' meeting held on April 23 the new \$6 cum. pref. stock was authorized. This \$6 cum. pref. stock is callable at \$110 per share, and is more fully described in last week's "Chronicle," page 2790. Its issuance has been approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Stockholders now holding the 7% cum. pref. stock will be given the opportunity to acquire the \$6 cumulative preferred stock on the following basis: The holders of the 7% pref. stock may receive in exchange for each share of this stock owned (a) one share the \$6 cum. pref. stock (based on a price of \$100 per share) bearing dividends from May 1 1928, plus (b) \$5.75 per share in cash (being cash premium of \$5 per share plus adjustment of dividends to July 1 1928). The first dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 cum. pref. stock will be due on Aug. 1 1928.

Holders of 7% pref. stock may purchase, subject to prior sales and exchanges, additional shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock at \$100 per share, plus accrued dividends thereon from May 1 1928 to date of payment for such stock.

Acquisition, etc.—
See Illinois Terminal Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 126, p. 2790.

Illinois Traction, Inc.—Control.—
See Illinois Terminal Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 116, p. 1532.

Indianapolis & Cincinnati Traction Co.—Sale.—
Will M. Frazee, receiver for the company, on Apr. 30 sold the company's property to C. T. De Hore of Cincinnati and Leroy E. Eastman, of Toledo, O., the only bidders, for \$500,000. An additional holding of land sold at \$1,000 making the total \$501,000. The property was sold in an attempt to satisfy mortgages aggregating \$2,600,000.

It is reported that two new corporations will be formed out of the property. A company named the Indianapolis & Southeastern Railway it is said will be formed through the combination of two divisions of traction lines running respectively from Indianapolis to Rushville and Connersville, and to Shelbyville and Greensburg.

The second company to be called the Southeastern Indiana Power Co. would be formed by the combination of power distribution business in 20 communities and towns with 5 small power companies serving 12 other towns in adjacent territory which had been bought in recently by De Hore and Eastman the purchasers of the Traction company's property.—V. 126 p. 866.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Fare Order Signed.—
The Federal statutory court entered late May 10 its order granting the

company the right to charge a 7-cent fare temporarily upon the posting of a bond of \$5,000,000 for the repayment of the extra two cents if the company is eventually found to be not entitled to the increase.

The court provided that if before May 28 the City of New York should post a bond of \$5,000,000 to guarantee the company against loss, the increase should not become effective pending an appeal by the city from the order. By reason of this, the higher fare cannot go into effect until May 28, at the earliest.

On May 14 Samuel Untermeyer, special counsel for the Transit Commission, and Charles L. Craig, special counsel for the city, will ask the U. S. Supreme Court to relieve the city from the obligation of putting up a bond. Failing in this, if a way can be found whereby the city can legally indemnify the company, a question on which there is now much doubt, the 5-cent fare may still be saved until Fall.

The city's representatives pin their hope of averting an early increase in fare on the Supreme Court, however. At present they are understood to feel that the city cannot legally comply with the requirement of posting a bond because the city charter is no way sanctions the expenditure of money to protect a private corporation's income. The giving of a bond would contemplate the possibility that the Interborough might realize on it in the event of the city's failure to upset the lower court decision.

The Court, appointed John Proctor Clarke, former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division a special master to take evidence in the case. His order provides for the issuance of refund coupons by the company pending the final decision of the case, in the event the 7-cent rate is made effective.—V. 126, p. 2791.

International Railway Co. (Buffalo)—Earnings.—
3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Operating revenue.....	\$2,804,621	\$2,706,385	\$2,709,594	\$2,568,482
Operation and taxes.....	2,330,988	2,477,290	2,283,271	2,342,858
Operating income.....	\$473,633	\$229,095	\$426,323	\$225,624
Non-operating income.....	16,149	9,083	7,687	5,867
Gross income.....	\$489,782	\$238,178	\$434,010	\$231,492
Income deductions.....	360,027	361,345	369,712	381,233
Net deficit.....	sur\$129,754	sur\$123,167	sur\$64,298	\$149,741

Adjusted to include 3c. per hour additional wages paid Dec. 31.—V. 126, p. 2474.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Offer Made for Stock of the Mexican Telep. & Teleg. Co.—
J. E. Fullam, Vice-President of the International Telephone Securities Corp., states that "this corporation, acting in behalf of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., is prepared to purchase shares of the Mexican Telephone & Telegraph Co., common stock at the rate of \$5 per share, and shares of the Mexican Telephone & Telegraph Co. 5% non-cum. pref. stock at the rate of \$5 per share, both classes of stock having a par value of \$10 per share. Stockholders who wish to avail themselves of the above offer, which is subject to withdrawal without notice, should communicate directly with this corporation in order that definite arrangements may be made for the delivery of certificates against corresponding payments."—V. 126, p. 2309.

Iowa-Illinois Telephone Co.—Bonds Offered.—W. D. Hanna & Co., Burlington Ia., and The Omaha Trust Co., Omaha, Neb., recently offered \$420,000 1st mtg. & coll. lien 5½% gold bonds Series A at 98¼ and int. yielding 5.80%
Dated April 1 1928; due April 1 1933. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at Northern Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. all or part on not less than 30 days' notice, at 102 on or before April 1 1929, at 101 thereafter and on or before April 1 1931, thereafter at 100, plus int. in each case. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. In addition, the corporation covenants in the indenture to refund, upon application made within 60 days of the payment of tax of any State, personal property tax (not exceeding \$5 per \$1,000 bonds per annum), which the holder may be required to pay by reason of the ownership of the bonds.

Data from Letter of D. C. Phillips, President of the Company.
Company and its subsidiary will operate telephone properties, without competition, comprising 5,750 stations, situated in Southeastern Iowa, and Western Illinois, with an estimated population of over 35,000. Counties in which this company and its subsidiary will serve have an estimated population of 223,000. Company and its subsidiary will have direct physical connections with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., Illinois Bell Telephone Co., and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., giving nation wide long distance service.

Security.—A direct 1st mortgage on all the fixed properties of the company and further secured by the pledge of all the outstanding bonds and all of the capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of the Western Illinois Telephone Co., and will constitute the only funded debt outstanding. Coats and Burchard, public utility engineers, Chicago, appraised the properties as having a value before depreciation of \$872,757 and a net value after depreciation of \$711,043, making the amount of bonds only 59% of the net depreciated value of the properties.

Earnings.—Gross earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, were \$108,164. Net earnings available for interest charges, after eliminating non-recurring charges amount to \$54,092 or 2.34 times interest requirements on the total funded debt.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part payment of purchase price of properties, retiring indebtedness of the predecessor corporations, making improvements to the company's properties, and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtg. & coll. lien 5½% gold bonds, series A.....	\$420,000	\$275,000
Cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par).....	\$500,000	\$275,000
Common stock (no par value).....	5,000 shs.	3,000 shs.

An issuance of additional bonds restricted by conservative provisions of the mortgage.

Islands Edison Co.—Changes Name.—
The name of the company (a subsidiary of Southern Cities Utilities Co.—see that company below) has been changed to Manila Gas Co.—V. 125, p. 2671.

Jacksonville (Fla.) Gas Co.—Control.—
See American States Securities Corp. above.—V. 125, p. 2263.

Lehigh Power Securities Corp.—Time Extended.—
The time for deposits and exchanges under the plan and agreement of reorganization under which National Power & Light Co. is acquiring stocks of Lehigh Power Securities Corp. has been extended to the close of business on May 15.

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the common stock of National company payable on June 1 to the holders of record May 15. Holders of common stock of the Lehigh corporation who deposit their stock for exchange on or before May 15 will receive this dividend on the common stock of the National company.

The \$6 preferred stock and common stock of the Lehigh corporation are exchangeable under the plan and agreement for \$6 preferred stock and common stock, respectively, of the National company on the basis of share for share.

Deposits and exchanges may be made through any one of the following depositaries: American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York City; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.; or The Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, Phila., Pa.

Holders of more than 95% of the outstanding common stock of the Lehigh corporation have already exchanged their stock for National company common stock, it was announced on May 11.—V. 126, p. 1810.

Massachusetts Gas Companies.—Earnings.—
The undivided earnings of the company's subsidiaries for the month and 3 months ended March 31 were:

	1928—March	1927.	1928—3 Mos.	1927.
Subsidiary gas cos.....	\$141,144	\$86,724	\$435,494	\$366,709
Commercial companies.....	247,060	324,048	747,567	956,559
Total.....	\$388,204	\$410,772	\$1,183,061	\$1,323,268

—V. 126, p. 2310.

Mexican Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Offer of \$3 Per Share for Common Stock and \$5 Per Share for 5% Non-Cumul

Prof. Stock Made by International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—See latter company above.—V. 124, p. 3353.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Earnings.—
Period End, Mar. 31—1928—3 Mos—1927. 1928—12 Mos—1927.
 Gross revenues \$36,673,302 \$22,840,921 \$110,313,345 \$8,964,819
 Net income after taxes .. 16,281,144 10,651,876 49,238,142 39,835,362
 —V. 126, p. 2645.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—Control.—
 See American States Securities Corp.—V. 126, p. 1039.

Montana Power Co.—Plan Declared Operative.—
 See American Power & Light Co. above.—V. 126, p. 2792.

New York Railways Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.
Five-cent cash fares.....	\$6,252,640	\$6,506,229
Two-cent revenue transfers.....	138,514	157,916
Other transfer fares.....	1,086	1,269
Total.....	\$6,392,240	\$6,665,415
Other operating revenues.....	515,679	523,317
Total operating revenues.....	\$6,907,920	\$7,188,732
Total operating expenses.....	5,421,255	5,473,058
Taxes.....	478,191	515,065
Operating income.....	\$1,008,475	\$1,200,609
Non-operating income.....	102,923	69,096
Gross income.....	\$1,111,398	\$1,269,705
Interest on funded debt.....	268,010	231,354
Controlled companies, account operation.....	501,513	506,060
Other deductions.....	213,089	174,924
Net income available for other charges, &c.....	*\$128,785	*\$357,368

* Excludes accumulated and unpaid interest on income bonds which interest has not been declared due and payable and claims of minority stockholders in controlled companies, if any.—V. 124, p. 3496.

Northern States Power Co.—Chippewa Falls Project.—
 The Chippewa Falls hydro-electric development of the above company will be completed on July 1 1928, two months ahead of the original schedule, according to an announcement by H. W. Fuller, Vice-President in charge of engineering and construction of the Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp.

Advance of the schedule date for completion of this project is due to an increased demand for electric service in the properties of Northern States Power Co. and was made possible because of the satisfactory construction progress during the early months of 1928. The earlier completion of the Chippewa Falls station also will enable the company to take full advantage of the waters stored in the reservoirs at the head of the Chippewa and Flambeau rivers.

Location of this plant just below the Wissota plant of this company makes it possible to use the large storage at the Wissota plant for daily regulation, supplementing the seasonal regulation afforded by the Chippewa and Flambeau reservoirs. The combination of these two regulating features makes this hydro plant an exceedingly valuable one for furnishing power to a large transmission system. (See also V. 126, p. 1040.)—V. 126, p. 2466.

Northwestern Light & Power Co.—Consol. Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross revenues.....	\$374,506	\$323,545	\$264,729
Operating expenses.....	251,373	234,845	167,892
Taxes.....	11,510	9,784	5,600
Amount available for interest.....	\$131,623	\$78,916	\$91,237

—V. 123, p. 1383.
Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.
 All of the outstanding series A 7% gen. mtge. gold bonds dated Apr. 1 1922 have been called for payment Oct. 1 1928 at 110 and int. at the Eastern Trust Co., Halifax, N. S., Canada, or at any of the principal offices of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver, Canada, or at the agency of said bank in N. Y. City.

Holders may surrender these bonds at any of the above places at any time prior to Oct. 1 and receive 110 and int. to date of surrender thereof.—V. 126, p. 2792.

Oklahoma Ry.—1st mtge. 5% Bonds Called.
 All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 5% 30-year gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1938, have been called for payment July 1 next at 110 and int. at the Peoples Savings & Trust Co., trustee, cor. 4th Ave. & Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Bondholders may have their bonds redeemed prior to July 1 at 110 and int. to date of presentation.—V. 126, p. 2646.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

Quar. Ended Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net income after taxes and interest....	\$3,181,746	\$2,697,273	\$2,006,000

—V. 126, p. 1351.
Peoples Gas Co. (N. J.).—Bonds Offered.—Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,436,000 1st mtge. gold bonds 5% series, due 1968.

Dated June 1 1928; due June 1 1968. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable in New York and Philadelphia. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part, after June 1 1928 on any int. date after 30 days' notice, to and including June 1 1948, at 105 and int. and after June 1 1948 at 104 and int. and on or before June 1 1953 at 103 and int., on or before June 1 1958 at 102 and int., on or before June 1 1963 at 101 and int., after June 1 1963 and on or before June 1 1966 and thereafter at par and int. until maturity. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. 4 mills tax refundable. Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. of Lives & Granting Annuities, trustee.

Issuance.—Application is to be made to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey for the approval of this issue.
Company.—Supplies manufactured gas, without competition, to over 50 communities in the counties of Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland, New Jersey. Population served is in excess of 105,000.

Capitalization

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, due June 1 1968 (this issue).....	x	\$1,436,000
5½% series, dated Dec. 1 1925, due Dec. 1 1960.....		660,000
Cumulative 6% preferred stock.....	\$2,000,000	599,200
Common stock, no par value.....	25,000 shs.	25,000 shs.
x Additional bonds may be issued under the restrictions defined in the trust indenture.		

Security.—Bonds are secured by direct first mortgage on all properties of the company now or hereafter owned, subject to any existing liens on hereafter acquired properties.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended March 31 1928.

Gross revenue.....	\$655,244
Oper. exp., maintenance & taxes (except Federal).....	379,495
Net earns. available for int., replacements and Fed. taxes.....	\$276,199
Annual bond int. requirements.....	108,100

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the company's 1st mtge. 6% series, due Dec. 1 1954 and to reimburse the treasury for expenditures made covering additions and betterments to the properties.

Sinking Fund.—Supplemental indenture provides for a sinking fund, for the benefit of the bonds of this series, payable twice yearly on April 1 and Sept. 1 in each year beginning Sept. 1 1935, in an amount equal to ¼ of 1% of the total principal amount of all bonds of this series outstanding at the time of each such payment to be used for retirement of bonds of this series. At the company's option, in lieu of sinking fund payments, an equal amount may be expended for additions and betterments to the company's property, such additions and betterments, however, not to be made the basis for the issuance of additional bonds under the mortgage.

Management.—Company is under the management of The C. H. Gelst Co., Philadelphia.—V. 125, p. 2528.

Pomerania Electric Co. (Ueverlandzentrale Pommern; A. G.), Germany.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co., New York are offering at 92½ and int. to yield over 6.60%, \$3,500,000 sinking fund mtge. gold bonds 6% series, due 1933.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1933. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at office of Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, in U. S. gold coin. Callable on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 100 and int. Denom. \$1,000*. Deutsche Treuhand-Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany, trustee; International Acceptance Trust Co., New York, co-trustee.

Data from Letter Signed by the General Director of the Company.
Business.—Company supplies directly or indirectly practically the entire Prussian Province of Pomerania outside the City of Stettin as well as portions of the adjoining provinces of Grenzmark and Brandenburg and a portion of the State of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The territory thus served has an area of over 13,500 square miles. The total population of the territory served is estimated at 1,900,000.

Electricity generated at the company's own hydro-electric and steam plants together with purchased power is sold directly to more than 6,500 customers, including 515 industrial consumers, 99 local distributing systems in towns and over 2,000 cooperative and similar systems. The various local systems redistribute the power so purchased at wholesale to over 200,000 individual consumers. The company's total volume of sales amounted in 1927 to 122,350,000 kwh., of which approximately one-third was taken by industries, one-third by local distribution systems and one-third by agriculture.

The Province of Pomerania is located in the northern part of Prussia extending along the Baltic Sea from Mecklenburg-Schwerin almost to Danzig. The territory served by the company includes a number of thriving industrial towns located in an important and highly developed agricultural district.

Property.—Company's extensive high tension transmission and distribution system with over 800 miles of 40,000 volt circuits and over 7,400 miles of 10,000 volt and 15,000 volt circuits reaches practically all the important communities in the entire Province of Pomerania. The company now has in operation 10 generating stations (combined installed capacity 53,285 kw.) located at strategic points in the transmission system and in addition power is purchased from two locally owned hydro-electric plants and from an affiliated company in the City of Stettin. The company's seven hydro-electric plants now in operation have an aggregate installed capacity of 10,385 kw. and the three steam plants (one plant capacity 3,900 kw., on leased real estate) have a combined capacity of 42,900 kw. Three additional hydro-electric plants with a combined capacity of 5,400 kw. are now under construction.

The property as a whole is of modern design and construction and is maintained in first-class operating condition.

Franchise Rights.—Operation of the properties is carried on under concession contracts from the Province of Pomerania and the various counties served. In the opinion of the counsel the concession from the Province of Pomerania gives the company exclusive rights in the use of the main high-voltage transmission line purposes for a period extending beyond the life of the bonds and a majority of the concessions from the counties, which cover the use of the secondary roads, are unlimited as to time.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire floating debt incurred in connection with capital expenditures and for additions and improvements to the properties of the company including the extension of transmission lines to reach new customers and the completion of the three new hydro-electric plants.

Capitalization to Be Outstanding in the Hands of the Public Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Capital stock.....	\$17,235,965
Unsecured debt, due 1929 and 1931.....	785,054
Sinking fund mortgage gold bonds 6% series due 1953 (this issue).....	3,500,000

Security.—Upon completion of this financing these bonds will be secured by a direct mortgage (Grundschuld) in terms of goldmarks or fine gold in favor of the trustee on substantially all the fixed properties of the company subject only to revalorized mortgages on certain properties aggregating less than \$16,000 and to charges under the Dawes plan.

Under the Dawes plan and the law of industrial charges of August 30 1924, the company has issued \$2,675,000 principal amount of industrial debentures, the maximum annual payments in respect of which, amounting to \$160,500, are secured by the above law and other legislation for carrying out the Dawes plan amounting in 1927 to about \$96,245.

Earnings of the Company for Calendar Years.

	1926.	1927.
Gross earnings from operations.....	\$3,565,145	\$3,848,176
Operating & genl. exps., includ. maintenance & taxes chargeable to operation (and actual Dawes plan payments).....	\$2,250,159	\$2,531,396
Net earns. before int. and deprec.....	\$1,305,986	\$1,316,780
Annual int. on \$3,500,000 6% bonds.....		210,000
Balance.....		\$1,106,780

Valuation.—The present reproduction value of the properties to be directly subject to the lien of the above mortgage, based on the estimates of an American engineer, amounts after liberal deduction for depreciation to more than 3.4 times the amount of this issue of \$3,500,000 bonds.

Ownership.—Of the company's outstanding capital stock almost 90% is owned by the Province of Pomerania and by counties and communities served.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for an annual cumulative sinking fund beginning in 1931, sufficient to redeem all bonds of the 6% series due 1953 at or before maturity. The sinking fund is to be applied to the purchase of such bonds at or below 100 and int. or if not so purchasable to redemption by lot at par. In lieu of cash payments the company may tender bonds of the 6% series due 1953 at par.

[All conversions from German to United States currency have been made at 4.20 Reichsmarks or Goldmarks to the dollar.]

Listed.—There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list, \$3,500,000 sinking fund mtge. gold bonds 6% series, due 1953.

Power Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Rights, &c.—

The 6% non-cumul. partic. pref. and common stockholders of record May 31 will be given the right to subscribe on or before June 30 for additional no par value common stock (no par value) at \$60 per share, on the basis of 2 shares of new common stock for each 3 shares of non-cumul. pref. or common stock held. Subscriptions are to be payable in two installments of \$30 each on June 30 and July 31.

The holders of the 5% 30-year conv. debentures, series A, dated Dec. 1 1927, who convert their debentures into the no par value common stock on or before May 31 will be entitled to participate in the new issue of com. stock.—V. 126, p. 2646.

Quebec Power Co.—Acquires Quebec Ry. Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Authorized.

See that company below.—V. 126, p. 1041, 1811.
 The stockholders of the Quebec Power Co. at a special general meeting formally approved a by-law passed by the directors authorizing the creation of a bond issue of a maximum amount of \$100,000,000. The bonds will be issued from time to time in different series, as the directors may see fit at maturities up to and including the year 1988. The by-law provides that the bonds may be redeemable at any time or converted into capital stock of the company.—V. 126, p. 1041, 1811.

Quebec Ry. Light Heat & Power Co. Ltd.—Sale.

The shareholders at a recent special meeting, approved the sale of the company as a going concern to the Quebec Power Co. for a price sufficient to discharge all outstanding obligations of the company, including principal, interest and redemption premium of outstanding bonds, including all outstanding bonds of Quebec-Jacques Cartier Electric Co., whose properties and assets are to be taken over by the Quebec Railway company, with the purchase price sufficient to enable the company on liquidation to pay to all holders of the company's outstanding common shares a sum of \$80 in cash. Of a total of 100,000 shares of common stock, 99,923 shares were voted in favor of the sale. The shareholders were given until April 17 to turn in their shares in exchange for the cash.—V. 125, p. 1581.

Quar. End.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross income	\$16,792,548	\$10,572,490	\$16,552,195	\$15,229,923
Exp., deprec., amort., Fed. taxes, etc.	13,669,674	10,445,712	14,763,685	13,301,594
Net profit	\$3,122,874	\$126,778	\$1,788,510	\$1,928,329

—V. 126, p. 2476.

Rumford Falls Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co., are offering at 98½ and int., to yield over 4.60% \$2,000,000 gen. mtge. 4½% gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1948. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. in New York, Boston and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000*. Red. on 30 days' notice, as a whole at any time, or in part on any int. date, at 102½ on or before May 1 1933, thereafter at 101½ on or before May 1 1938, thereafter at 100½ on or before May 1 1943, and thereafter at par, plus accrued int. in each case. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Portland National Bank, Portland, Me., trustee. Legal investment for Maine Savings Banks Exempt from local taxation in Maine.

Capitalization to be Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.
First (closed) mtge. 4% gold bonds due Oct. 1 1945 \$806,000
Gen. (closed) mtge. 4½% gold bonds due May 1 1948 (this issue) 2,000,000
Capital stock (\$100 par) 1,000,000

Company has, by endorsement, guaranteed the payment of principal and interest on \$380,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Rumford Falls Realty Co.

Data from Letter of Hugh J. Chisholm, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in 1890 in Maine. Owns large tracts of land and the water rights on both sides of the Androscoggin River at Rumford, Me., about 80 miles from Portland. The River has a watershed of 2,090 square miles above Rumford and its flow is exceptionally uniform by reason of 30 billion cu. ft. of water impounded at its source in Rangeley Lakes and the Aziscohos storage, which is drawn upon when needed. Company's modern hydro-electric plant, located at the 100-foot fall at Rumford with an installed generating capacity of 42,000 h.p., is one of New England's outstanding hydro-electric developments. The greater part of the output of this plant is sold under contract to Oxford Paper Co. In addition the company has 2 hydraulic canals, developing approximately 23,000 h.p., from which water is being sold under perpetual contracts to large consumers.

Upon completion of this financing the company will also own \$1,286,900 (over 64%) of the capital stock of Portland & Rumford Falls Ry. which is operated by the Maine Central RR. under a sub-lease for 999 years from May 1 1907, at a cash rental more than sufficient to meet all fixed charges of the railway and dividends at the stipulated annual rate of 8% on this stock.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a mortgage on all real estate now owned and used by the company at Rumford, Me., in its hydro-electric and hydraulic power business, including dams, tunnels, power house of 42,000 h.p. capacity with machinery and all other parts attached thereto, canals and the right to use the flow of the Androscoggin River at Rumford; subject only to the 1st mtge. 4% gold bonds and water leases now or hereafter made by the company.

Although the \$1,286,900 par value of capital stock of the Portland & Rumford Falls Ry. is not pledged under the mortgage, the mortgage will contain a covenant to the effect that while these bonds are outstanding the company will not encumber or pledge this stock and if any of it is sold the proceeds thereof will be applied to the purchase or call of these Bonds.

Earnings.—For the five years ending Dec. 31 1927, net earnings (after depreciation but before interest and Federal taxes), adjusted to include dividends paid on all Portland & Rumford Falls Ry. stock to be owned by the company, have averaged \$588,061 per year, or 2.53 times the total interest requirement of \$141,240 on all other debt and guaranteed debt now outstanding in the hands of the public, including this issue. For the year ending Dec. 31 1927, these earnings were \$373,434 or 2.64 times this requirement.

Oxford Paper Co.—The Oxford Paper Co. (which owns the entire capital stock of Rumford Falls Power Co.) with mills at Rumford, Me., has been established for over 27 years and is one of the principal and most successful manufacturers of high-grade book papers in the country to-day.—V. 107, p. 1485.

St. Louis Electric Terminal Ry.—Control.—See Illinois Terminal Ry.

San Jose (Calif.) Water Works—Bonds Offered.—Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Ass'n, San Francisco, are offering at 104 and int. \$500,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due Jan. 1 1953. Int. (J. & J.) payable at principal office of American Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee, or at its branch office at San Jose, Calif., without deduction of normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Callable all or part on any int. date at 105 up to Jan. 1 1933, and decreasing ¼% each year or fraction of year thereafter, but in no case shall the call price be less than 100½. Denom. \$1,000*.

Issuance.—Authorized by the California Railroad Commission.
Data from letter of H. S. Kittredge, President of the Company.
History.—Company and its predecessor, San Jose Water Co. have supplied the city of San Jose and vicinity, the town of Los Gatos and vicinity the village of Saratoga and vicinity and other parts of Santa Clara County, with water for domestic and municipal purposes since 1866. The operative properties of the company consist of 6,000 acres of land owned in fee, and riparian rights to approximately 3,000 additional acres, together with pumping plants and pumping equipment, reservoirs, dams, pipe lines, distributing mains and metered service connections forming a complete water system supplying a population of over 80,000. The present facilities are sufficient to serve a population of 150,000 with no additional capital expenditures except for distributing mains as needed.

Security.—This issue, together with a previous issue of \$500,000, in the opinion of counsel, will be a first mortgage on all of the operative properties now or hereafter owned. The total authorized issue is \$5,000,000, of which the remaining \$4,000,000 may be issued only under conservative restrictions.

Value of Property.—The value of the operative properties based on original cost of construction, is substantially in excess of \$4,500,000, or in the ratio of \$4,500 for each \$1,000 bond. This figure does not take into consideration the present replacement value at existing high construction costs. Based on present quotations, the outstanding common stock of the company represents a market equity of more than \$3,000,000 junior to these bonds.

Earnings.—For the past five years net earnings, after all taxes, including Federal taxes, have averaged 5.10 times annual interest charges on the entire funded debt, and for the year 1927, such earnings were 6.4 times interest charges.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$400,000 of notes now outstanding and the balance will be used toward reimbursing the company for expenditures made for capital purposes.—V. 123, p. 456.

Savannah (Ga.) Gas Co.—Control.—See American States Securities Corp. above.—V. 126, p. 1811.

Second Avenue RR.—Sale Rescinded.

The sale of the property of the company for \$500,000 to Arthur W. Hutchins, representing the holder of \$3,116,000 of receiver's certificates, has been rescinded under an agreement that the bid could be withdrawn if the Transit Commission refused to approve the reorganization plan. This was disclosed in a report filed in the Supreme Court May 2 by John C. Clark, appointed referee in 1921 to sell the property upon the foreclosure of the receivership certificate liens. He said that approval had been denied in February.

The foreclosure suit was brought by the committee of certificate holders, consisting of George E. Warren, Chairman, and Albert A. Jackson, George E. Barstow Jr., Herman D. Kountze and John F. B. Mitchell, who obtained the decree of sale after the Court held that their liens were superior to those of the holders of \$5,000,000 in bonds. To initiate the reorganization plan the committee offered \$500,000 for the property, of which \$230,000 was to pay accident and other claims against the road and \$270,000 for the expenses of the proceedings.

The reorganization plan, which failed of endorsement by the Transit Commission, provided for the formation of two companies, one to hold the realty, consisting of the car-barn property bounded by 96th and 97th Sts. and First and Second Aves., and the other to operate the road. Each was to have a financial structure of \$750,000 in bonds and 31,400 shares of no-par value stock, 10 shares of the latter going to the certificate holders

for each \$1,000 of certificates. The last report of the road mentioned in the referee's report was for the year ended June 30 1926, when the net receipts were \$1,650,680 and the net profits only \$53,318.—V. 125, p. 1711.

Southeastern Power & Light Co.—Electric Output.

For April 1928 the Southeastern system reports 183,947,573 k.w.hrs. output, as compared with 174,504,249 k.w.hrs. for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 9,443,324 k.w.hrs.

For the 12 months ending April 30 1928 the output was 2,288,525,665 k.w.hrs., as compared with 2,058,574,000 k.w.hrs. in the preceding year, an increase of 11% in corresponding units of the property.—V. 126, p. 2313, 1808.

Southern Cities Utilities Co.—Bonds Offered.—A syndicate composed of E. H. Rollins & Sons, Blair & Co., Inc., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., and Howe, Snow & Co., Inc. are offering \$10,500,000 30-yr. 5% 1st lien & Coll. trust gold bonds, Series A, at 94 and int. to yield 5.40%.

Dated Apr. 1 1928; due Apr. 1 1958. Int. payable A. & O. at offices of E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston, Mass., New York, N. Y., or Chicago, Ill. Red. all or part on first day of any month, on 30 days' notice, at 102½ and int., if red. on or prior to April 1 1937, and thereafter at 100 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. The Bank of America, National Association, New York, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Company agrees to refund, upon application, to resident holders the following taxes: Penn. 4 mill tax, Maryland security tax, not exceeding 4½ mills, Conn. personal property tax, not exceeding 4 mills, Calif. property tax, not exceeding 4 mills, District of Columbia personal property tax, not exceeding 5 mills, and Mass. income tax on interest not exceeding 6%.

Data from Letter of Walter Whetstone, President of the Company.

Company.—Through local operating companies, substantially all of whose outstanding funded debt and capital stock are owned by company renders public utility service in the States of Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. Upon completion of this financing it will also render gas service in the Philippine Islands and electric service in the Dominican Republic through the ownership of the outstanding capital stock of The Islands Edison Co. which in turn will own all of the funded debt and substantially all of the outstanding capital stock of the local operating companies. The territories served have an aggregate population in excess of 1,140,000 and the customers aggregate over 47,000. On Jan. 1 1928 the companies had 22,466 customers for electricity, 20,731 customers for gas and 3,989 customers for water. The system will include 8 hydro-electric plants, 11 steam plants, 5 ice plants, 5 water supply systems, 4 gas plants and distributing systems, 1 street railway system, 2 bus systems and 1,919 miles of transmission and distribution lines. The electric companies have a total electric generating capacity of 10,167 k.w. and purchase their additional requirements under favorable contracts.

For the 12 months ended March 31 1928 more than 74% of the gross revenues and 80% of the net earnings before depreciation were derived from electric, gas and water service.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing.

30-year 5% 1st lien & collat. trust gold bonds, Series A (this issue)	\$10,500,000
30-yr. 6% sinking fund gold debentures, Series A	3,000,000
\$6 prior preferred stock	32,106 shs.
7% preferred stock \$100 par value	26,982 shs.
Common stock (Series A 49,719 shares, Series B 521 shares)	50,240 shs.

In addition to the above, there will be outstanding in the hands of the public unimportant minority holdings of preferred and common stock of certain subsidiaries, and \$4,623,000 of bonds of subsidiaries, of which \$4,500,000 constitute the funded debt of The Islands Edison Co. (name being changed from The Manila Gas Co.) issued in connection with the acquisition and betterment of the local operating companies in the Philippine Islands and the Dominican Republic.

Security.—Bonds will be initially secured by the pledge and deposit, with the exceptions aforesaid, of all of the outstanding capital stock, first mortgage bonds and other obligations (except current indebtedness) of its subsidiary companies.

Consolidated earnings of company and subsidiaries 12 months ended March 31 1928.

Gross revenue	\$3,770,296
Oper. exp., maint., taxes (other than Federal) and prior charges of subs. incl. int. on debt held by public (and amortiz. & deprec. of Islands Edison Co. group)	2,675,460

Net applic. to Southern Cities Utilities Co. for int., further depreciation, etc. \$1,094,836
Annual int. requirements on \$10,500,000 30-yr 5% (this issue) 525,000
Net earnings, as shown above, over twice annual interest requirements of this issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds and of other securities now being issued will be used to retire outstanding funded debt of the company, to acquire or redeem funded debt and preferred stocks of certain subsidiary companies, to acquire through a subsidiary certain electric properties located in the Dominican Republic and for other corporate purposes.

Subsidiary Companies.—The principal subsidiaries of Southern Cities Utilities Co. will include Southern Cities Power Co., Tennessee Water Co., Wheeling Public Service Co., Southern Cities Utilities Corp., and its subsidiary Public Light & Power Co., The Durham Gas Co., Carolina Coach Co., Citizens Gas Co., The Salem Gas Light Co., and Mills & Lupton Supply Co., and also The Islands Edison Co. (name to be changed from The Manila Gas Co.) and its subsidiaries Manila Gas Corp. and Compania Electrica de Santo Domingo.—V. 125, p. 3482, 3199.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—New Line.

A new transmission line is under construction by this company to supply additional light and power facilities to the north and east sides of Pueblo, Colo., and to attract new industries to that section of the city.—V. 126, p. 1811.

Southern New England Telephone Co.—Rights.

The stockholders of record May 7 have been given the right to subscribe for \$7,000,000 additional capital stock at par (\$100), on the basis of one new share for each four shares owned. Payment may be made in full with subscription on or before July 2 or in two equal installments, viz. \$50 on or before July 2 and \$50 on or before Oct. 1.

The proceeds will be used to reduce the temporary loans from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and to take care of the large plant additions contemplated.—V. 126, p. 1041.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

The company reports for the quarter ended Mar. 31 1928 net income of \$1,283,361 after taxes, interest and retirement provisions.—V. 126, p. 2793.

Springfield (Mass.) Street Ry.—Earnings.

Quarter Ended Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Operating revenues	\$770,223	\$830,231	\$876,758
Operating expenses	575,735	661,009	687,857
Gross income	170,746	148,041	162,301
Net income	106,929	91,339	106,332

—V. 126, p. 2150.

Texas Cities Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., New York are offering \$5,400,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds Series of 1928 at 98½ and int. to yield about 5.10%.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1948. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at office or agency of the company, in either New York or Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. all or part, at any time, upon 30 days' notice to and incl. May 1 1932 at 105 and int. thereafter, to and incl. May 1 1936 at 103 and int.; thereafter, to and incl. Nov. 1 1947 at 101 and int.; and thereafter at par and int. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of certain Calif., Conn. District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mass., Mich., Minn., New Hampshire, Oregon, Penn. and Virginia taxes, upon timely and proper application as provided in the mortgage. Chemical National Bank of New York, trustee.

Company.—Will own and operate the gas manufacturing and gas distributing systems in the cities of El Paso, Galveston, Waco, Paris and Bren-

ham, Texas, serving a population estimated in excess of 255,000. The properties include 5 modern gas manufacturing plants with a daily capacity in excess of 12,000,000 cubic feet and 12 gas holders with an aggregate storage capacity of 3,407,000 cubic feet of gas. This distribution system consists of 386.1 miles of city mains and 35,238 meters. The properties have been in continuous and successful operation for various periods up to 72 years.

The principal properties are located in the following cities: El Paso, Galveston, Paris, Waco.

Security.—Bonds will constitute a direct obligation of company, and will be secured by a first mortgage on its entire fixed physical properties. The value of the company's properties, as appraised by independent engineers, is in excess of the aggregate principal amount of its presently to be outstanding funded indebtedness.

Annual Income of the Properties 12 Months Ended Feb. 29 1928.

Gross income	\$1,837,507
Operating expenses, maint. & taxes (not incl. Fed. taxes)	1,292,218
Balance	\$545,290
Annual interest requirements of this issue	\$270,000

Amount available, as shown above, is over twice the annual interest requirements of this issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these securities will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures in connection with the acquisition of properties and for other corporate purposes.—See also V. 126, p. 2647.

Tokio Electric Light Co. (Tokio Dento Kabushiki Kaisha), Japan.—New Financing Proposed.

Notice has been mailed calling a shareholders' meeting for May 19 to approve a large issue of secured debentures. It is understood that negotiations are being carried on by the company with regard to a dollar issue by the Guaranty Co. of New York.—V. 126, p. 717.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross revenues	\$3,708,471	\$3,655,898	\$3,839,102	\$3,353,990
Operating expenses	2,666,352	2,608,389	2,794,755	2,364,059
Fixed charges and taxes	617,559	566,467	595,987	572,439
Net income	\$424,560	\$481,042	\$448,360	\$417,490

Earns. per sh. on 220,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$100) \$1.69 \$1.95 \$1.80 \$1.66
—V. 126, p. 871.

Union Gas & Electric Co., Cincinnati.—Merger.

Formal announcement was made on May 4 by President Hugh C. Blackwell of the final consummation of the plans of consolidation of the Columbia Power Co., the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., and the Union Gas & Electric Co.

The new company is known as the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. Charles D. Jones, President of the old Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. was elected Chairman of the Board, and H. C. Blackwell was named President of the new company. Directors of the consolidated company are: Samuel Assur, H. C. Blackwell, Alfred C. Cassatt, Fred W. Crawford, George W. Crawford, W. W. Freeman, Philip G. Gossler, James M. Hutton, Charles D. Jones, Polk Lafoon, Lawrence K. Langdon, John C. Pew, Edward Reynolds, Jr., Charles P. Taft and Frank M. Tait.—V. 126, p. 2315.

Union Street Railway.—Earnings.

Earnings as Reported to Department of Public Utilities.

Quarter Ended Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$366,228	\$358,563
Operating expenses	24,813	20,052
Gross income	25,133	20,330
Net income	21,186	17,214
Dividends	36,562	36,562

Deficit \$15,376 \$19,348
—V. 126, p. 1862.

United Railways & Electric Co. of Balto.—Earnings.

Quarter Ended March 31—	1928.	1927.
Net profit after taxes, depreciation & charges	\$100,391	\$181,228
Earns. per sh. on 409,224 shs. stk. (par \$50)	\$0.24	\$0.44

—V. 126, p. 2647.

Utility Shares Corp.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	Nov. 17 '25 to June 30 '26.
Income from dividends	\$136,645	\$106,868	\$64,148
Income from interest	6,030	17,584	11,356
Net profit on sale of securities	222,819	58,561	18,758

Total income	\$365,494	\$182,993	\$94,262
Expenses & taxes	36,563	11,520	4,605
Net income	\$328,931	\$171,473	\$89,657

Partic. pref. stock divs	20,295	34,193	20,830
Common stock divs	126,918	100,182	
Balance surplus	\$181,718	\$37,098	\$68,827
Earn. per share on com.	\$0.77	\$0.68	\$0.34

Comparative Condensed Balance Sheet.

Dec. 31 '27.		Dec. 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '27.		Dec. 31 '26.	
Assets—	\$	\$		Liabilities—	\$	\$	
Bonds owned	\$29,860	\$17,489		Capital stock	\$4,183,683	1,997,011	
Prof. & com. stks.	2,677,006	1,799,366		Divs. accrued	2,684		
U. S. Govt. securs.	1,188,047	200,000		Divs. rec'd sub. to claim	325		
Cash	538,111	30,618		Reserve for taxes	29,684	7,688	
Divs. receivable	4,225	5,575		Surplus	230,711	48,992	
Int. rec. acc'd	9,838	642					
Total	4,447,088	2,053,691	Total	4,447,088	2,053,691		

x Market value \$3,844,420 as at Dec. 31 1927. y Represented by (a) 26,950 shares, without par value, partic. pref. stock (non-voting) (10 shares represented by 210 non-div-bearing due bills for 1/4 share each), to receive divs. at the rate of \$1.20 per annum cum. \$20 per share on dissolution and \$22.50 on redemption before any distribution to common stock. If divs. during any fiscal year are paid on common stock in excess of 60c. per share, a like excess per share shall be paid to the partic. pref. stock up to but not exceeding an additional 40c. per share in such year. (b) 397,877 shares common stock without par value.—V. 125, p. 3350.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—New Director.

Wm. A. Harriman of W. A. Harriman & Co., has been elected director to succeed the late Chauncey M. Depew.—V. 126, p. 2478.

Worcester Consolidated Street Ry.—Earnings.

[As Reported to the Mass. Department of Public Utilities.]

Quarter Ended Marsh 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$862,779	\$905,552
Operating expenses	631,753	712,638
Gross income	195,965	160,965
Operating income	200,806	162,378
Gross income	115,453	91,702
Interest charges, &c.		
Net income	\$85,353	\$70,676

—V. 126, p. 2150.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—No changes in price were announced during the week.

Glass Prices Advanced.—American Window Glass Co. advanced prices about 10% effective May 11. "Wall Street Journal" May 4, p. 2.

Electric Lamp Prices Reduced.—General Electric Co. reduced prices 20% on flash light radio panel, toy train and hand lantern lamps. "Wall Street Journal" May 7, p. 18.

Industrial Alcohol Prices Advanced.—American Solvents Chemical Corp. increases price of industrial alcohol 1c. per gallon, effective June 1, making tank car price 42c. per gallon and drum price 43c. per gallon. Additional increases were announced effective as follows: July 1, 43 and 45c.; Aug. 1, 44 and 46c.; balance of year, 45 and 47c. N. Y. "Times" May 11, p. 45.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" May 5.—(a) Brokers' loans on New York Stock Exchange at new high record; close to five billion dollars, p. 2733. (b) No trading on New York Stock Exchange on May 5; members' offices remain open; other exchanges closed, p. 2734. (c) Committee of arrangements report that New York Stock Exchange has decided to abandon plan to omit figures of sales, p. 2734. (d) New York Stock Exchange permits debts against seats under certain circumstances, p. 2734.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Listed.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$16,000,000 additional 6% cumulative preferred stock, (total auth. \$50,000,000) on official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for, \$27,492,700.—V. 126, p. 2648.

Adams Millis Corp.—Registrar.—Transfer Agent.

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 17,500 shares 7% 1st pref. stock (par \$100); 5,000 shares 7% 2nd pref. stock (par \$100), and 173,500 shares common stock (no par). The National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed transfer agent of the preferred and common stock. See also V. 126, p. 2648.

Aeronautical Industries, Inc.—Stock Offering.

W. W. Townsend & Co., Inc., are heading a syndicate offering 500,000 shares of common stock of this company, the funds of which will be invested in the various branches of the aeronautical industry. Control, it is said, will be sought not only of American enterprises, but of those in England and on the Continent. Plans call for investment in the commercial airlines of both Europe and South America. Only established concerns with tried earning power will be considered.

Alabama Mills Co., Birmingham, Ala.—Bonds Offered.

New financing for the company, recently formed to operate 10 textile manufacturing plants in the South, took place yesterday with the offering by Caldwell & Co., Nashville, of \$3,000,000 15-year 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, priced at 99 and int., to yield about 6.60%.

Dated April 1 1928; due April 1 1943. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at American-Traders National Bank, Birmingham, Ala., trustee, and Chemical National Bank, N. Y. City, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Company agrees to refund, upon timely application, the Pa., Conn. and Calif. taxes not in excess of 4 mills per annum, Md. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 1/2 mills per annum; Ky., Va., Mich. and D. of C. taxes not in excess of 5 mills per annum, and the Mass. income tax on the int. not in excess of 6% per annum. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c't. Red., all or part, on any int. date, upon 60 days' notice, at 105 and int.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each bond of series A will bear a detachable warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase common stock of the company at \$5 per share during the first three years, at \$10 per share during the next succeeding three years, at \$15 per share during the next succeeding three years and at \$20 per share during the last six years, in the ratio of 20 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of bonds.

Data from Letter of Crawford Jones, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorporated in Delaware in December 1927. Is constructing 10 textile manufacturing plants located in northern and central Alabama. The plants will be located within a radius of less than 120 miles of Birmingham, at which point the company will maintain its general offices. From this central point the work of the 10 units operating 100,000 spindles and accompanying equipment will be directed by the management. Company will operate on a double shift with an annual capacity of 30,000,000 pounds of light and heavy staple goods. The plants will be located in Aliceville, Clanton, Dadeville, Fayette, Greenville, Haleyville, Jasper, Russellville, Wetumpka and Winfield.

These locations have been selected for the plants because they will afford great economies in the items entering into cost of production, such as: (1) Availability of an unlimited supply of power at the lowest rates obtainable anywhere in the textile districts; (2) abundance of competent labor of Anglo-Saxon extraction with a low rate of turnover; (3) proximity to raw materials and supplies.

The products to be manufactured are diversified, staple and enjoy a steady demand in the trade. Each unit is designed to manufacture two or more of the following products: Narrow and wide drilled and jeans, wide range of sheeting, hickory stripes, ticking and soft fitted napped sheeting. The types of goods to be manufactured are in no way affected by seasons or styles.

Company has entered into a contract with Bliss, Fabyan & Co., Inc., of New York, for the sale of its entire output. This concern has been engaged in the marketing of staple textiles for a period of 95 years. Bliss, Fabyan & Co., Inc., maintain branches or representatives in the principal textile markets in the United States and in 32 foreign countries.

Properties.—A total of approximately 281 acres of land has been acquired for plant sites. The 10 plants are being built of brick, steel, concrete, wood and cast iron, along the lines of modern mill construction. The aggregate floor space of the 10 plants will be approximately 770,000 sq. ft. The plants will be equipped with 100,000 spindles, 3,000 automatic looms and other necessary equipment. Each plant will have an adjacent mill village sufficient to accommodate its employees.

Security and Assets.—These bonds will be a direct obligation of company and are secured by a first mortgage on all of its fixed assets, including land, buildings and equipment. These properties, as appraised by Robert & Co., Inc., engineers, will have a sound value of \$6,144,246.

Total net tangible assets, after giving effect to the present financing program, amount to \$7,144,246, or \$2,381 for each \$1,000 bond of this issue. Company will have cash working capital of \$1,000,000 and no current liabilities.

Earnings.—Earnings available for bond interest have been conservatively estimated by Robert & Co., Inc. to be \$1,126,000 per annum. This is equivalent to approximately 5.8 times maximum annual interest requirements on this issue.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning March 1932 a sinking fund of \$120,000 per annum will be set aside for the retirement of these bonds. These sinking fund payments will increase each year thereafter. In addition the company will set aside a sinking fund equivalent to 20% of its net earnings (as defined in the indenture). Such additional sinking fund payments shall be limited to \$55,000 in any one year. The total sinking fund payments are estimated to retire approximately 90% of this issue by maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue, and certain junior securities will be used for the acquisition of properties, machinery and equipment, for working capital and other corporate purposes.

Alameda Investment Co., Oakland, Calif.—Bonds Offered.

Wm. Cavalier & Co. and Central National Bank, Oakland, Calif., recently offered \$250,000 1st mtge. coll. trust 6% gold bonds (Issue No. 2—series G) at prices to yield from 6% to 6.21%, according to maturity.

Dated Feb. 1 1928; due serially Feb. 1 1929-1950. Central National Bank Oakland, trustee.

Company.—Organized in California in May 1906. Is engaged in the business of making loans on improved properties, of building homes which are sold on the installment plan, and of financing improvements for responsible individuals who own unimproved property.

Security.—These bonds are issued upon pledge or deposit with the trustee of real property and first mortgages and first deeds of trust on properties in various localities in the East Bay District. These properties have been appraised at \$497,978, or approximately two times the amount of these bonds.—V. 125, p. 1713.

Amerada Corp.—To Pool Leaseholds.—Earnings.

The corporation has made an agreement with the Rycade Oil Corp. by which the leaseholds controlled by each company in the Roberts Field, in Howard County, Texas, aggregating 720 acres, will be pooled.

The Rycade Oil Corp. contributed 480 acres and the Amerada Corp. 240 acres, the latter company having undertaken to drill immediately 2 wells free of cost to the former.

Three large wells have so far been completed in the Roberts Field, 2 of which are owned by the Magnolia Petroleum Corp. Operations are being conducted subject to the shut-down agreement outlined for the West Texas fields.

Quarter End. Mar. 31—
Gross operating income
Operating & administrative expenses, taxes, leases abandoned, &c.
Operating income
Other income
Total income
Deprecia., depletion & drilling expenses
Net income
Number of shares outstanding
Earnings per share
—V. 126, p. 2316.

American Brown Boveri Electric Co. (& Subs.)—Earn.
Years Ended Dec. 31.
Net income from operations (after deduction of expend. of elec. div. at Camden, N. J. (see note) Interest, dividends, discount, &c.
Total income
Bond interest, discount, &c.
Net income
Divs. in pref. stk. of sub. cos. in hands of public.
Consolidated net profit applicable to parent co.
Consol. surpl. Dec. 31 (incl. surpl. from apprecia. of prop. & cap. surplus)
Adjustments (net)
Appreciation of land at Camden, N. J.
Inventory adjustment
Discount on repurchased bonds
Total
Dividends on preferred stock
Dividends on participating stock
Dividend (stock by subsidiary company)
Provision of reserve for contingencies
Expenditures of electrical division at Camden, N. J.
Sundry charges
Federal taxes prior years
Prov. for loss on obsolete & unused equip.
Consolidated surplus Dec. 31 (incl. surplus from apprecia. of prop. & cap. surplus)
—\$2,223,164 \$1,654,108
Note.—Extraordinary and development losses and expenses of the Electrical Division at Camden, N. J., amounting to \$524,802 loss of \$861,527 on sale of capital stock of subsidiary company; loss of \$104,247 on sale of ships in operation and provision of \$148,000 for possible loss on securities, have been charged to reserve for contingencies.

Earnings for First Quarter of 1928.
The company reports a net loss for the quarter ended on Mar. 31 of \$30,196 after interest, depreciation and other charges. This compares with a loss of \$313,710 for the first quarter of 1927.—V. 125, p. 2531.
The corporation effected a complete and final settlement with the Government on May 10 of the tax claims against the New York Shipbuilding Corp. which was taken over by American Brown Boveri three years ago. Entirely adequate reserves had been set up by the latter to cover these claims.—V. 125, p. 2531.

American Encaustic Tiling Co. (Ltd.)—Listed.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 10,797 additional shares of common stock, without par value, on official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for 118,787 shares.
The 10,797 shares are offered for subscription to shareholders of record June 7 1928, in the proportion of 1 additional share for each 10 shares then held. The subscription price for the additional shares is \$65 per share, payable in full before close of business July 10 1928, when right to subscribe expires. Payment for stock subscribed for is to be made at the office of American Exchange Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York, transfer agent.
Stock not taken by stockholders entitled to subscribe will be disposed of as the directors may determine, but not at a price less than \$65 per share.
Proceeds derived from sale will be used to redeem the remaining outstanding shares of the company's preferred stock, to make substantial additions to the company's Maurer, N. J., plant, and for other corporate purposes.—V. 126, p. 2794.

American Fruit Growers, Inc.—Earnings.—
Income for Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.
Net sales \$42,758,764
Total income of the corp. & subs. \$1,216,072
Interest charges \$177,474
Prov. for deprecia. & amortiz. of discount on 7% ser.conv.notes 302,440
Estimated federal & miscellaneous taxes 67,358
Net operating profit for year \$668,801
Profit on sale of cap. assets & miscell. adjustments of surplus (net) 10,306
Net increase in surplus account during year \$679,106
Company reports that the results of operations for the first three months of 1928 showed a net profit, after interest, depreciation and taxes, of \$362,754; and that current assets as of March 31 1928 amounted to \$4,587,150 as against current liabilities of \$2,724,748 on the same date.—V. 123, p. 327.

American Ice Co.—Refunding Issue.—
The directors have authorized the issuance of \$6,000,000 5% 25-year debenture bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to refund the company's present outstanding 6% issue of real estate first & general mortgage bonds, amounting to \$4,914,000 and other smaller underlying issues, the total of which will approximate the proceeds from the new issue.
Brown Bros. & Co. have acquired the new issue.—V. 126, p. 2794, 2316.

American Steel Foundries.—Earnings.—
Quar. End. Mar. 31—
Net earns aft. Fed. taxes
Depreciation
Balance
Other income
Total income
Net of subs. appertaining to minority stock, &c.
Balance, surplus
Earns. per sh. on 902,745 shs. com. stk. (no par)
—V. 126, p. 1664.

American Railway Express Co.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years—
Charges for transport'n
Express privileges
Rev. from transport'n
Other revenue
Total operating rev.
Operating expenses
Uncollectible revenue
Express taxes
Operating income
Other income
Gross income
Int. & other deductions
Net income
Dividends
Net income
Earns. per sh. on 346,420 shs. cap. st. (par \$100)

General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets—
Real prop. & eq'p't
U. S. Govt. bonds and notes
Other securities
Cash
Special deposits
Loans & notes rec.
Traffic bals. rec'le
Net balances rec'le from agencies
Misc. accts. rec'le
Material & supp.
Int., divs. & rents receivable
Working fund adv.
Other cur. assets
Exp., rents, &c., paid in advance
Accrued revenues
Misc. unadj. debts
Deferred assets
Liabilities—
Capital stock
Traffic bals. pay'le
Audited accts. and wages unpaid
Misc. ac'ts pay'le
Express priv. liability
Est. tax liability
Mat. int. divs. & rents unpaid
Other current liab.
Deferred liabilities
Operating & insurance reserve, &c.
Other unadjusted credits
Surplus
Total (ea. side)

American Writing Paper Co., Inc.—Balance Mar. 31—
Assets—
Cash
Nts. & accept. (net)
Accts. reciev. (net)
Inventories
Plants & equip. (less dept.)
Choral properties, Inc.
Investments
Prepaid expenses
Deferred taxes
Other defer. assets
Trade-marks, &c.
Liabilities—
Accounts payable
Accrued accounts
Res. for Fed. taxes
1st mtge. bonds
Serial notes
Preferred stock
y Com. stk. & surpl
Total
Less serial notes in treasury amounting to \$108,600. y Represented by 155,000 shares of no par value.
The statement for the first quarter of 1928 was published in V. 126, p. 2794.

Anchor Post Fence Co.—To Declare Dividend.—
Chairman B. B. Tate announces that the stock of this corporation will be placed on a 5c. a share basis on July 1 1928.—V. 125, p. 98.

Andes Copper Mining Co.—Earnings.—
[Including income of Potrerillos Railway Company.]
Consolidated Income Account—Year Ending Dec. 31 1927.
Copper sold—52,703,695 lbs. at an aver. of 13.3667 c. per lb.
Production cost, less value of silver and gold.
Operating profit
Other income
Total
Miscellaneous charges
Interest, including discount on debentures
Depreciation of plant and equipment
Net income
—V. 123, p. 329.

Arcadian Consolidated Mining Co.—Trading Resumed.
Trading in shares of the company was resumed May 3 on the Boston Stock Exchange. Trading was suspended by the Governing Committee Feb. 7.—V. 126, p. 1985.

Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.—Listed.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 15,000 additional shares of common stock without par value; 13,712 shares as consideration for the entire property and assets of William O. Goodrich Co. (Wis.), and 1,218 shares from time to time for such consideration, not less than \$55 per share, as may be fixed from time to time by the directors, to employees or for any other purpose.—V. 126, p. 2316.

Arizona Commercial Mining Co.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years—
Income from sales of copper, silver & gold
Mining, treating & ref'g.
Selling, gen. adm., &c.
Depreciation
Depletion
Interest
Net income
Dividends
Balance, deficit
The total production for 1927 was 505,448 lbs. refined copper, 32,664 ozs. silver and 1,157 ozs. gold. 522,369 lbs. of refined copper were sold at an average price of 13.06c. per lb.—V. 126, p. 255.

Artloom Corp.—Earnings.—
Quarter Ended March 31—
Net profit after depreciation and Federal taxes
Earns. per share on 200,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)
—V. 126, p. 872.

Art Metal Construction Co.—Earnings.—
Quar. End. Mar. 31—
Shipments
Cost of goods shipped
Estimated taxes
Net income
Dividends
Balance for surplus
Earns. per sh. on 320,570 shs. cap. stk. (par \$10)
—V. 126, p. 1985.

Associates Investment Co., South Bend, Ind.—
Statement of Earnings Year 1927.
Income
Expenses
Operating profit
Federal taxes
Net operating profit available for dividends
Dividends paid
Surplus
—V. 122, p. 1459.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Debentures Offered.—White, Weld & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$2,500,000 5½% convertible gold debentures.
Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1943. Int. payable (M. & N.) without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Corporation agrees to refund certain State taxes including Conn. and Pa. 4 mills tax and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum. Red.

all or part at any time upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. Denom. \$1,000. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Convertible into common stock at \$80 per share to and including May 1 1929; at \$90 per share to and including May 1 1931; at \$100 per share thereafter to maturity. If called for redemption, debentures are convertible up to, but not including, the redemption date.

Table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows: 5 1/2% conv. gold debentures (this issue), Common stock (no par value).

* Not including 31,250 shares reserved for conversion of debentures.

Data from Letter of Ralph M. Buck, President of the Corporation.

Company.—Is the largest manufacturer in the world of plywood packing cases, which combine extreme lightness in weight with strength, and with economy in assembling and handling.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be applied to the redemption on July 1 1928, of the entire outstanding issue of first mortgage sinking fund 6 1/2% bonds and the balance toward the purchase of the business and assets of Empire Manufacturing Co., of Goldsboro, N. C.

Earnings.—Combined average net earnings, after depreciation and depletion, but before interest charges and Federal taxes (Atlas Plywood Corp. from incorporation in July, 1925 to Dec. 31 1927, and Empire Manufacturing Co. for its last three fiscal years), have amounted to \$702,169 per annum, or more than five times annual interest requirements of \$137,500 on this issue.

For the calendar year 1927 (including Empire Manufacturing Co. for its fiscal year ended Dec. 24 1927) net earnings as above, after deducting annual interest requirements on the proposed issue of debentures and Federal taxes at the rate of 13 1/2%, were equivalent to over \$7.60 per share on the 60,000 shares of common stock to be presently outstanding.

Assets.—Consolidated pro forma balance sheet (of the corporation as of Dec. 31 1927 and of Empire Manufacturing Co. as of Feb. 25 1928), after giving effect to application of proceeds of proposed financing, shows net tangible assets, applicable to these debentures of \$5,737,079, equivalent to over \$2.294 per \$1,000 debenture, and current assets of \$1,858,322 compared with current liabilities of \$384,392, a ratio of 4.8 to 1.

Atlas Tack Corporation.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Quar. End. Mar. 31—, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows: Net inc. after charges but before taxes, Net sales for the quarter ended Mar. 31 1927, Net sales for the quarter ended Mar. 31 1927, and expenses totaled \$615,054 leaving a net profit of \$17,938 equivalent to 18 cents a share on 95,000 shares of no par stock.

Austrian Credit-Anstalt (Oesterreichische Credit-Anstalt fur Handel und Gewerbe), Vienna, Austria.—Dividend for 1927.—Earnings.—New Director.—

At the annual meeting held on May 3 1928, a dividend of 4s. per share was declared for the year ending Dec. 31 1927. This is equivalent to approximately \$4.50 per "American" share. Each of the "American" shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange represents 8 Austrian shares. The dividend on the "American" shares will be paid by the Guaranty Trust Co., of New York to stockholders of record May 14 on or about May 16. Net profits for the year ending Dec. 31 1927 were 10,290,028 s. against 7,855,323 s. for the year ending Dec. 31 1926. Arthur Sachs, of Goldman, Sachs & Co., has been elected a member of the board of directors.—V. 125, p. 2813.

Auto-Stop Safety Razor Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Income Account Year End. Dec. 31 1927. Rows: Net income from operations, Other income, Total income, Other deductions, Interest paid, Provision for depreciation, Income tax, Portion of earnings applic. to minority holdings of Auto-Stop Safety Razor Co., Ltd., London, Net profit for period, Surplus Jan. 1 1927, Total surplus, Depreciation of appreciation of permanent assets, Dividends predecessor company, Dividend on class A stock, Surplus of pred. co. represented in stated values class A & B stks., Organization expense, Sundry items (net), Surplus Dec. 31 1927, Earnings per shs. on 87,500 class A stk. (no par).

Bahia Corp. (Md.).—Usual Preferred Dividend.—

The corp. has declared the regular semi-annual dividend on the preferred stock, of 87 1/2 cents a share, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. President Arthur S. Bandler said that despite the fact that the mill is not yet in operation in Brazil, the dividend was earned in the last few months by a subsidiary of the company, Bernard Bandler & Sons, all the stock of which is owned by the Bahia company. Mr. Bandler added that reports from Chief Engineer A. P. Rodgers stated that the mill will be in operation in September and that prices for black diamonds are now \$165 per karat with higher prices being paid for less than a karat.—V. 125, p. 652.

Barnsdall Corp.—Earnings.—

Pres. E. B. Reeser in a letter to the stockholders says: The depression in the petroleum industry referred to in the annual report for 1927 continued throughout the first quarter of 1928. Low prices for crude and refined products prevailed. Notwithstanding this condition, net operating income for the first three months of this year compares favorably with the same period last year.

Indications point to an improvement in conditions but, pending a definite change for the better, the directors have omitted the dividend for the first quarter, though the net current condition of the corporation has improved considerably.

The earnings statement which follows, reflects this conservative policy through an increased amount added to reserves for depreciation and depletion.

Table with columns: Earnings for First Quarter—, 1928, 1927. Rows: Net operat. income after interest & Federal taxes, Additions to reserves for depreciation & depletion, Net income, Shares outstanding, Earned per share.

(Ludwig) Baumann & Co., New York.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Hemphill, Noyes & Co., New York, announced the sale of \$2,500,000 convertible 7% cumulative first preferred stock at 101 per share.

Preferred over any other class of stock as to cumulative quarterly dividends at the rate of 7% per annum, payable (Q.-F.), and as to assets in event of any liquidation at \$110 per share and divs. Red. all or part, at event of any, on at least 30 days' notice, at \$110 per share and divs. Transfer agents: Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Registrars: Equitable Trust Co., New York, and National Bank of the Republic of Chicago.

Convertible at the option of the holder into common stock of the company at the rate of 2 shares of common stock for 1 share of first preferred stock, with adjustments, under certain conditions, in the rate of conversion, as designed to protect the rights of the holders of first preferred stock, all as to be provided in the amended certificate of incorporation.

Data from Letter of S. J. Baumann, President of the Company.

Company.—Conducts one of the largest retail furniture and household furnishings business in N. Y. City. Business founded 70 years ago. Present company was incorp. March 15, 1904, and succeeded to a business established in 1858. Company not only handles a complete line of furniture for all uses, but also maintains interior decorating studios and carries all home furnishings, including departments for draperies, upholsteries, oriental and domestic rugs, china, glassware, kitchen utensils, gas ranges, household appliances, etc.

From net sales of approximately \$90,000 in 1878 the business has shown almost continuous growth to a present volume at an annual rate in excess of \$10,000,000, and the company now operates a chain of 5 stores located as follows: New York City (2); Newark (2), and Brooklyn.

Company's wholly owned subsidiary owns and leases to the company all of the buildings occupied by these stores and the land on which they are situated, with the exception of the two Newark properties, and a portion of the Harlem property which are leased from others, and also a 10-story warehouse and an extensive modern fireproof construction in Long Island City.

Earnings.—For the three fiscal years ended June 30 1927, and the 8 months ended Feb. 29 1928, net sales of the company and consolidated net profits of the company and its subsidiary (after adjustments to include 5% interest on the additional cash provided by the present financing, after eliminating that part of officers' and employees' bonuses which will be subordinated by contract to dividends on the convertible 7% cumulative first preferred stock and after deducting Federal income taxes at the rate of 13 1/2% on the balance), were as follows:

Table with columns: Years End. June 30th—, Net Sales, Net Profits As Above, Times Div. on 1st Pref. Rows: 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 (8 mos. Feb. 29).

After deducting from the above net profits for the 8 months ended Feb. 29 1928, all officers' and employees' bonuses paid and after making a consequent adjustment in the deduction for Federal income taxes, and after deducting 8 months' dividend requirements on both classes of preferred stock presently to be outstanding, the balance is equivalent to over \$2.81 per share of common stock presently to be outstanding.

Assets.—The balance sheet as at Feb. 29 1928, adjusted to give effect as at that date to the revaluation of the capital stock of Elbeco Realty Corp. due to property appraisals and to give effect to the present financing and the transactions incident thereto, shows total net assets (after deducting good will, all liabilities and reserves) of \$8,105,859, equivalent to over \$324 per share of convertible 7% cumulative first preferred stock presently to be outstanding. The valuable good will is carried in the balance sheet at \$1.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to provide additional working capital for the company's expanding business and for other corporate purposes.

Table with columns: Capitalization—, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows: Conv. 7% cumul. 1st pref. stock, 6 1/2% non-cumul. 2nd pref. stock (par \$100), Common stock (no par value).

Of the authorized common stock, 50,000 shares will be reserved for conversion of first preferred stock.

(Isaac) Benesch & Sons, Inc. (Baltimore).—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns: Assets—, 1927, 1926, Liabilities—, 1927, 1926. Rows: Land, bldgs., &c., Cash, Acc'ts receivable, Inventories, Other assets, Supplies, Insurance prems., Taxes, licen. & int., Leasehold improv., 1st pref. 8% stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Accrued Fed. inc. taxes, Reserves, Total (each side).

Represented by 25,000 class A shares and 75,000 class B shares, no par value. Includes land and buildings, \$609,438; furniture and fixtures, \$49,776; automobiles, \$20,329.—V. 124, p. 2595.

Berland Shoe Stores, Inc.—Increase in Sales.—

Table with columns: Period End. Apr. 30—, 1928—Month—1927—, 1928—4 Mos.—1927—, Sales—, 1928—, 1927—, 1928—4 Mos.—1927—.

—V. 126, p. 2316, 873.

Bird Grocery Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Table with columns: Period End. Apr. 30—, 1928—Month—1927—, 1928—4 Mos.—1927—, Sales—, 1928—, 1927—, 1928—4 Mos.—1927—.

—V. 126, p. 2480, 1815.

(H. C.) Bohack Co., Bklyn, N. Y.—Split-Up Approved.

The stockholders on May 5 approved the proposed change in capitalization, as outlined in V. 126, p. 2480.

Borg & Beck Co.—Consolidation.—

Formation of one of the largest units in the automobile parts and accessories industry was disclosed May 7 with the announcement that negotiations had been closed for a consolidation of the Borg & Beck Co. of Chicago, the Warner Gear Co. of Muncie, Ind., the Marvel Carburetor Co. of Flint, Mich., and Indianapolis, and the Mechanics Machine Co. of Rockford, with combined assets of approximately \$15,000,000. This merger, it is announced, is the first step of a plan to bring together some of the largest manufacturers of automotive parts in the country.

Borg-Warner Co., New Holding Company.—The consolidation is to be effected through the organization of a holding company to be known as the Borg-Warner Corp., whose securities will be issued in exchange for those of the constituent companies. The new company will have an authorized issue of \$5,000,000 of 7% cum. pref. stock, of which \$3,500,000 are to be issued, and 500,000 shares of no par common stock, of which 410,000 shares are to be issued. It will have no funded debt.

Terms of Exchange of Stocks.—Stockholders of the Borg & Beck Co. will receive one share of common stock in the new corporation for each share of Borg & Beck, requiring the issuance of 150,000 shares. Holders of Warner Gear Co. class A common stock will receive five shares in the new company for every seven shares of Warner, which also would require 150,000 shares.

The Marvel Carburetor Co. will go into the consolidation on the basis of one share of the new stock for every share of Marvel, of which 90,000 shares are outstanding.

The Mechanics Machine Co. is to be purchased outright, 20,000 shares of Borg-Warner common stock and part of the proceeds of the sale of the pref. stock being used in payment thereof.

\$3,500,000 Pref. Stock to be Sold.—The \$3,500,000 of pref. stock, which is callable at 107 1/2%, is to be sold publicly shortly by a banking syndicate. In addition to providing funds for the purchase of the Mechanics Machine Co., the financing will provide for a \$1,500,000 expansion program which the Warner Gear Co. has under way and which is to be completed by Aug. 1. The sale of the pref. also will provide additional working capital for the constituent companies.

Consolidated Company Operations.—The consolidated company, through its subsidiaries, will supply every important automobile manufacturer in the United States. The Borg & Beck Co. produces clutches and through a subsidiary also manufactures jacks for railroad, bridge and industrial purposes. The Warner Gear Co. for years has occupied a position of leadership in the production of transmissions for automobiles. The Marvel Carburetor Co. manufactures the "Marvel" carburetor which is standard equipment on a large number of automobiles and which also is sold in large volume by dealers for replacements. The Marvel Co. recently purchased the Wheeler-Schebler Co. of Indianapolis, makers of marine, motorcycle and automobile carburetors, greatly expanding Marvel's field.

Universal joints are the principal products of the Mechanics Machine Co. Earnings of Combined Companies.—Net earnings of the combined companies in the year ended Dec. 31 last were in excess of \$3,000,000 after allowing for depreciation, Federal taxes and all other charges. Based on earnings of the constituent companies for the first four months of this year and orders already booked for the last two months of the first half of 1928, it is estimated that the combined net after all charges will be more than \$2,000,000 for the six-month period.

Earnings for the current year are estimated at in excess of \$3,500,000, which after allowing for a year's dividend requirements on the pref. stock to be presently outstanding would leave a balance of around \$8 a share for the 410,000 shares of Borg-Warner common to be outstanding. These estimates of earnings do not take into consideration any benefits to be derived from the combination or from expansion under way.

Officers of New Company.—George Borg, who is President of the Borg & Beck Co., probably will act in the same capacity in the new holding company. Either C. S. Davis, Sec.-Treas. of the Warner Gear Co., or J. R. Francis, Pres. of the Marvel Carburetor Co., will be Chairman of the Board of Borg-Warner Corp. R. P. Johnson, Pres. of Warner Gear, and E. S. Ekstrom, Pres. of the Mechanics Machine Co., will be Vice-Presidents. It is probable that Matthew O. Kock, Sec.-Treas., of the Borg & Beck Co., will be Sec.-Treas. of the holding company.

Dividend Outlook.—It is contemplated to place the new common stock on a \$4 annual dividend basis. This would be the same as is being paid on Borg & Beck and higher than the regular rate which holders of either Marvel or Warner Gear are receiving.—V. 126, p. 2795.

Borg-Warner Corp.—New Holding Company.—
See Borg & Beck Co. below.

Boston Chamber of Commerce Realty Trust.—Plan of Readjustment.—

A plan for the financial readjustment of the Trust, subject to the approval of 75% of the 1st pref. stockholders provides for the issuance of about \$550,000 of prior preference shares entitled to dividends at the rate of 5% per annum until 1932 and 6% thereafter if not retired by that date. These prior preference shares are to be given to the banks and the Storror Estate in satisfaction at par of an equal amount of principal due on the outstanding 6% notes. The annual charge on the prior preference shares at 5% will be \$27,500, which would be paid out of income ahead of dividends on the first preferred shares instead of approximately \$33,000 now payable on the 6% notes. There will be no change in the amount of first preferred shares outstanding. This will result in placing in the hands of the trustees \$300,000 of these Chamber Investment Trust debentures (now pledged as collateral for notes) of which \$200,000 will be retained by the Realty trustees. \$100,000 of these debentures will be retired in exchange for the return and retirement of \$100,000 of the 2d preferred shares now held by the Chamber Investment Trust and for the agreement of the Chamber to give up any right to have the impairment of its investment in the capital of the Trust made good before the payment of dividends on the first preferred shares. This will require the Chamber of Commerce obligated to pay the interest and retire the principal of \$900,000 of these debentures which will be its investment in addition to the amount of \$100,000 which it has paid for the common shares.

The financial structure if this plan is adopted will then be as follows:

Mortgage (as at the present time).....	\$3,920,000
5% cumul. prior preference shs. (issued in place of 6% notes now outstanding).....	550,000
7% cumul. 1st preferred shares.....	1,500,000
7% non-cumul. 2d preferred shares.....	1,581,000
Common shares (no par value).....	10,000 shs.

- The adoption of the plan will have the following effect:
- The trustees will pay a dividend on the 1st preferred shares of 1 1/4% on May 1 1928, and expect to pay 1 1/4% on Dec. 1 and thereafter will continue to pay dividends to the extent that earnings permit.
- It is the hope of the trustees that the rate for 1928 will be more than 3% but they cannot of course give any definite assurance.
- The substitution of prior preference shares for the present outstanding notes will remove any possibility of the trustees being required to arrange for the retirement of the \$550,000 in notes before paying dividends on the first preferred shares.
- The plan provides for the trustees turning back to the Chamber Investment Trust \$100,000 of debentures on which the Realty Trust is now receiving \$6,500 a year interest. The substitution of 5% prior preference shares for the \$550,000 of 6% notes, however, will save the Realty Trust approximately \$5,500 a year in interest until 1932 so that the net loss on these debentures will be only about \$1,000 a year in income.
- The Chamber of Commerce has no right it may have to object to the payment of dividends on the first preferred shares before any impairment of its investment in common shares is made up.
- If the \$200,000 debentures held by the Realty Trust should be sold or retire the entire proceeds will be used to retire prior preference shares.

Deposits should be made at the office of B. J. Baker & Co., Inc., 209 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

As soon as the necessary assets of 75% of the first preferred shareholders are received the dividend of 1 1/4% will be paid. The trustees are Amory Eliot (Chairman), Henry I. Harriman, Frederic S. Snyder, Howard Conoley, and George R. Nutter.

The trustees, in a recent letter to the 1st pref. shareholders, say in substance:

When the 1st preferred shares were offered to the public the financial structure of the trust was as follows: Mortgage, \$3,600,000; 1st preferred shares, \$1,500,000; 2d preferred shares, \$681,000; and 10,000 common shares, no par value, for which the Boston Chamber of Commerce paid \$100,000 in cash.

At the time this financial structure was established it seemed sufficient for the erection of a 12-story building, which was then the limit of height permitted in the City of Boston. After the building had been begun, but before it had reached the fourth story, the law was altered and buildings of 14 stories were permitted. It seemed to the trustees that they should take advantage of this change. The trustees, therefore, went forward with the erection of a 14-story building, which has been completed, and which we believe compares favorably with any similar building, either in Boston or elsewhere, in beauty of structure and in usefulness of arrangement.

The addition of these two stories, delays in construction of the building, and unforeseen costs in excess of estimates combined to make the cost of the completed building much larger than the proposed financial structure. The trustees therefore increased the mortgage to \$4,000,000, and sold to the Chamber Investment Trust \$1,000,000 additional 2d preferred shares, receiving in payment therefor \$1,000,000 6 1/2% debentures of the Chamber Investment Trust, guaranteed by the Boston Chamber of Commerce as to both principal and interest.

Approximately \$700,000 of these debentures were sold and the money applied toward the erection of the building. \$300,000 of the debentures were deposited as collateral for loans of approximately \$300,000 from various banks in Boston. These loans are still outstanding in an amount of approximately \$292,000. The late James J. Storror, who was greatly interested in the Chamber, loaned to the Trustees \$250,000, which is likewise outstanding. The trustees, therefore, are faced with a total indebtedness of about \$550,000, due to the various banks and to the Storror Estate and secured, so far as the banks are concerned, by these Chamber Investment Trust debentures.

So far as the operation of the building is concerned an increase in the number of office buildings erected not anticipated when this building was projected, has resulted in a surplus of office buildings and we have been brought into sharp competition with other buildings which will, of course, continue until the increasing business of the City has caught up with this overbuilding. The tax rate, which at the time the first financial structure was established, was \$24.70, the highest in the history of the City, was raised in 1926 to \$31.80, which resulted in an addition of \$38,517 to the cost of operation. The operating expenses also ate into the capital contributed by the Boston Chamber of Commerce to the amount of \$93,448 as of Dec. 31 1926.

Dividends on the first preferred shares prior to the completion of the building were charged to the cost of construction. When the building was completed, however, it was not possible to pay dividends except from earnings or surplus. Under these circumstances it was impossible to continue the dividends on the first preferred shares and a financial readjustment became necessary.

For the years 1926 and 1927 earnings of the Trust as audited by Lybrand Ross Bros. & Montgomery, accountants, were as follows:

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.
Total income.....	\$715,753	\$679,246
Operating expenses and taxes.....	385,299	375,938
Leases assumed and other extraordinary charges.....	7,163	38,196
Interest paid (less interest received).....	229,360	228,578
Depreciation.....	47,000	47,000
Provision for Federal income tax.....	3,500	—

Balance..... *prof*\$43,431 *loss*\$10,466

The mortgage is being paid off at the rate of \$80,000 a year, which in every 3 1/4 years, adds another 1% for the 1st pref. shareholders. If the trustees sell, as they are now planning, the property adjacent to the present Chamber Building, another 1% would probably be paid. The mortgages will have to be refinanced at the end of 1932, and if the present market interest rates hold there should be a substantial saving in the interest payable upon the mortgages, which should result in another 1%. As the vacant

space in the Chamber Building gradually fills up, the dividends to the first preferred shareholders will increase correspondingly.—V. 122, p. 614.

Briggs Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net profit after charges and Fed. taxes.....	\$697,428	\$1,514,656	\$2,947,342	\$2,388,861
Earns. per sh. on 2,003,225 shs. common stock (no par).....	\$0.34	\$0.75	\$1.47	\$1.11

—V. 126, p. 1665.

Brockway Motor Truck Corp.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock (par \$100), and 179,891 shares common stock, no par value (auth. 500,000 shares) all outstanding, with authority to add 60,000 shares of common stock or any part thereof upon official notice of issuance on conversion of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock.—V. 126 p. 2481.

Brown Co.—Listed.—
There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list 2,500 shares. (par \$100), 6% preferred stock, with authority to add thereto on or after May 1, 97,500 additional shares.—V. 126, p. 2481.

Brunswick Terminal & Ry. Securities Co.—Earnings.

Results for Quarter Ended March 31 1928.	
Net income after charges.....	\$15,229
Earns per share on \$100,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par).....	\$0.15

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Mar. 31'28.	Dec. 31'27.	Liabilities—	Mar. 31'28.	Dec. 31'27.
Rt. Int. Impts., &c.....	\$1,494,675	\$1,468,473	*Capital stock and surplus.....	\$2,234,290	\$2,188,862
Investments.....	598,375	531,300			
Cash.....	67,512	60,254			
Accts. & notes rec.....	73,728	118,010			
Other assets.....	—	10,825	Total (each side).....	\$2,234,290	\$2,188,862

* Represented by 100,000 no-par shares.—V. 126, p. 1511.

Building Products, Ltd.—Earnings Cal. Year 1927—

Profit after taxes, &c.....	\$331,737
Preferred dividends.....	50,750
Common dividends.....	32,958
Balance.....	\$248,029

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Land, bldgs., equip., etc.....	\$999,164	\$889,825	Prof. stock.....	\$700,000	\$750,000
Inventories.....	429,020	424,320	Com. stock.....	1,098,600	1,098,600
Accts. & bills rec.....	486,013	440,899	Accts. payable.....	186,104	102,587
Investments.....	503,517	396,244	Div. payable.....	45,208	13,125
Cash.....	358,381	176,391	Reserves.....	351,231	218,233
Deferred charges.....	7,317	9,106	Surplus.....	402,269	154,240
Total.....	\$2,783,412	\$2,336,785	Total.....	\$2,783,412	\$2,336,785

—V. 125, p. 3486.

(F. N.) Burt Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Profits for year.....	\$757,022	\$664,727	\$801,040	\$574,657
Res. for depreciation.....	166,701	138,844	162,123	205,585
Written off patents.....	26,349	25,695	25,321	24,996
Federal taxes.....	67,000	100,000	80,000	74,035
Net profits.....	\$496,972	\$400,188	\$533,596	\$267,041
Prof. dividends (7%).....	6,316	7,649	12,294	24,930
Common dividends (12%).....	\$319,173	\$316,887	\$295,970	\$236,905
Balance surplus.....	\$171,483	\$75,652	\$225,333	\$5,206
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$858,763	\$687,279	\$1,146,403	\$1,095,106

—V. 124, p. 2596.

Bush Terminal Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Total gross earnings.....	\$2,200,020	\$2,202,900	\$2,219,957	\$2,160,054
Total operating expenses.....	1,139,015	1,130,279	1,221,036	1,170,767
Taxes.....	349,888	336,043	328,606	321,981
Depreciation.....	51,951	43,989	43,989	43,243
Int. on bonded debt, &c.....	258,439	242,509	266,644	272,398
Balance, surplus.....	\$400,727	\$450,080	\$359,682	\$351,665
Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par).....	216,747	137,770	137,770	x68,899
Earns per share.....	\$0.72	\$1.25	\$0.59	\$2.91

x Par \$100.—V. 126, p. 2152.

(A. M.) Byers Co.—To Increase Capitalization.—
The stockholders will vote July 11 on increasing the authorized capita stock (no par value) from 200,000 shares to 325,000 shares, the additional stock to be held in the treasury for future requirements.—V. 126, p. 2796

Cabot Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net profit after all charges.....	\$251,271	\$137,082	\$202,939

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Real est. & mach., water pwr.rts & devlop'ts.....	\$2,370,678	\$2,385,697	Capital stock.....	2,000,000	2,000,000
Inventories, notes & accts. receiv., & cash.....	1,311,325	1,836,564	Notes payable.....	370,000	657,500
Prepd. ins. & int.....	15,183	16,537	Accounts payable.....	107,446	26,448
Total.....	\$3,697,185	\$3,738,798	Res. for Fed. inc. t'xs.....	39,329	18,506
			Res. for contngs.....	50,000	—
			Surplus.....	1,130,411	1,036,344
Total.....	\$3,697,185	\$3,738,798	Total.....	\$3,697,185	\$3,738,798

x After deducting \$946,701 for depreciation.—V. 124, p. 3072.

California Ink Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Earnings for 3 Months Ending Dec. 31 1927.	
Gross profit.....	\$120,847
Operating expenses.....	56,628
Operating profit.....	\$64,219
Federal tax.....	8,669
Net profit available for dividends.....	\$55,549

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1927.

Assets—	1927.	1926.	Liabilities—	1927.	1926.
Cash.....	\$209,244	\$228,827	Accounts payable.....	\$44,917	\$2,896
Accounts and notes receivable.....	534,295	534,295	Federal taxes.....	35,512	—
Inventories.....	a555,090	366,000	Dividends payable.....	—	50,000
Plant and equipment.....	366,000	366,000	Reserve for contingencies.....	—	—
Goodwill, etc.....	42,885	—	Capital stock.....	x\$1,773,014	—
Miscellaneous assets.....	—	—	Total.....	\$1,936,339	\$1,936,339
Total.....	\$1,936,339	Total.....	\$1,936,339		

a After deducting \$407,166 for depreciation. x Represented by 40,000 shares A stock and 54,885 shares B stock.—V. 125, p. 1585.

Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry Co.—Earnings.—
Net profit for the 3 months ended March 31 1928, after depreciation, interest and reserve for Federal income tax at 13 1/4%, totaled \$435,064, equivalent on 209,548 shares of capital stock outstanding to \$2.08 per share. Net current assets as of March 31 were \$1,159,583 compared with \$829,105 at Dec. 31.—V. 126, p. 2152.

Cambridge Apartments, Philadelphia.—Bonds Offered.
—American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc., recently offered \$1,500,000 6% 1st (closed) mtge. serial bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due serially 2½ to 12 years. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) will be collectible through Franklin Trust Co. of Philadelphia, trustee. The bonds will be the individual obligation of C. Benton Cooper.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a closed 1st mtge. executed by C. Benton Cooper on the land owned in fee fronting 345 feet 8½ inches on School House Lane, West of Wissahickon Ave., with a total area of approximately 2¼ acres, irregular in shape, and a 12 story fireproof housekeeping apartment building to be constructed, which will be known as the Cambridge Apartments. This building will be 100% co-operative, consisting of 72 six-room apartments and 47 five-room apartments. The property is a part of an original 27 acre estate known as Alden Park, located in Germantown, one of the most exclusive residential districts in Philadelphia.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,953 additional shares of stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 463,327 shares. The stock will be offered to employees at \$25 per share.

Quarter Ended March 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net sales	\$2,372,425	\$1,919,590	\$1,648,384
Costs and expenses	1,604,090	1,262,270	1,217,353
Operating profit	\$768,335	\$657,320	\$431,031
Other income	13,862	17,871	16,997
Gross income	\$782,197	\$675,191	\$448,028
Other deductions	77,739	60,359	36,217
Depreciation	35,767	27,774	13,968
Interest	833	3,900	
United States & Canadian taxes	78,450	75,050	49,040
Net income	\$589,407	\$508,108	\$348,802
Earnings per share	\$1.28	\$1.13	\$0.77

—V. 126, p. 1816.

Canada Iron Foundries, Ltd.—Earnings.

Period Ending—	15 Mos. End. 12 Mos. End.	
	Dec. 31 '27.	Sept. 30 '26.
Operating profits	\$454,820	\$320,027
Other income	52,744	82,704
Total income	\$507,564	\$402,731
Depreciation	\$243,824	\$195,059
Interest	72,754	59,899
Maintenance	6,529	8,950
Net income	\$184,457	\$138,823
Dividend (4%)	155,112	155,112
Surplus	\$29,345	def\$16,289
Previous surplus	4,853	21,142
Profit and loss surplus	\$34,198	\$4,853

—V. 123, p. 3188.

Canadian Bronze Co., Ltd. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.

Operating profits from subsidiary companies	\$365,837
Net revenue from investments, int. & rentals	12,979
Total gross profits before providing for deprec. of income tax	\$378,816
Gross profits for 3 mos. end. Mar. 31 1927, absorbed by sub. cos. prior to formation of Canadian Bronze Co., Ltd.	51,240
Gross profits for 9 mos. end. Dec. 31	\$327,576
Reserve for depreciation	18,750
Provision for income tax	26,000
Net profits for 9 mos. from Apr. 1 to Dec. 31 1927	\$282,826
Preferred dividends	65,125
Balance, surplus	\$217,701

—V. 126 p. 2152.

Canadian Department Stores, Ltd.—Acquired by T. Eaton Co., Ltd.

The purchase by the T. Eaton Co., Ltd. of Toronto of 21 department stores of the Canadian Department Stores, Inc., was announced last week, the deal being the largest transaction of its kind on record. The purchase price was \$4,000,000 in cash, of which \$2,500,000 will be used to retire \$2,500,000 1st mtge. bonds of Canadian Department Stores, Ltd. (See V. 126, p. 2796) which were sold a little over a year ago by Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc. of New York. As a result of its new acquisition, the T. Eaton Co., Ltd. becomes the largest department store chain in Canada. The chain now extends from the Pacific to the Atlantic Coast throughout the entire Dominion.

The Canadian Department Stores, Ltd., a consolidation of 21 department stores principally in the Province of Ontario, found itself in difficulties during the 1927 holiday season because of lack of working capital and the pressure of trade creditors. A move was made to throw the company into receivership but this was avoided when Edmund Seymour & Co. in behalf of the mortgage bondholders, asked the Canadian Courts to appoint an Interim Receiver in the belief that a way might be discovered which would allow the company to work out of its more pressing difficulties. During the breathing spell afforded by the Court, the bankers placed before the Interim Receiver an offer from a large American chain store organization to purchase the entire properties at a price which would permit retirement of all first mortgage bonds at par and interest. Canadian interests then came forward with an even better offer, agreeing to purchase the company's entire assets and also to carry on its business. This offer was accepted and on the strength of this settlement, the bondholders, who several months ago faced probable loss, will now get back their principal, accruing interest and a premium of ½ point on each bond which was sold originally at 99½. They have been advised that they may deposit their bonds for payment up to May 15. The full interest will be paid to May 15 regardless of how soon the bonds may be offered. Payment of interest and sinking fund have been maintained throughout the entire negotiation without interruption.—V. 126, p. 2796.

Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years End. Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net after expenses	\$2,551,189	\$1,796,742	\$1,473,387	\$1,478,455
Depreciation	240,000	250,000	245,000	246,000
Dominion taxes	187,000	140,000	131,000	136,000
Donation to pension fund	50,000	40,000	20,000	20,000
Net income	\$1,074,190	\$1,366,742	\$1,077,387	\$1,076,455
Patents, rights, &c.	499,999			
Dividends paid	838,116	743,290	743,290	743,290
Balance, surplus	\$736,074	\$623,452	\$334,097	\$333,165
Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	90,000	74,329	74,329	74,329
Earn. per sh. on capt. stk	\$17.49	\$18.39	\$14.49	\$15.33

—V. 124, p. 3073.

Capital Realty Associates, Inc., Newark.—Organized.

Announcement of the organization of this corporation, recently formed to acquire improved and unimproved property located in the metropolitan district of Newark, N. J., has been made by Mayer Krasner, President of Capital Securities Co., Inc. The new company will be operated by the latter under a management contract covering a period of 5 years. The authorized capital stock of Capital Realty Associates, Inc., is 1,000,000 shares, of which 225,000 shares are to be issued at this time. Stockholders of the Capital Securities Co. will receive warrants for the purchase of approximately 90,000 shares of capital stock of the new company on the basis of one share for every two shares now held in the Securities company. The balance of the present issue is to be sold to the Capital Securities Co. and to the directors of both companies, and warrants not

executed on or before May 28 1928 will automatically revert back to the Realty company. There will be no public offering of stock at this time.

The new company, which is already actively engaged in business, recently consummated the purchase of Military Park Building, one of the most complete modern office buildings in Newark, as the first of its major operations.

Capital Securities Co., Inc., Newark, N. J.—Stockholders to Receive Warrants for Purchase of Stock of Capital Realty Associates, Inc.—

See latter corporation above.

Carling Breweries, Ltd.—Earnings.

Earnings for Period June 11 1927 to Dec. 31 1927.	
Net operating profit	\$358,971
Reserve for depreciation	51,201
Reserve for contingencies	74,530
Allowance for income tax	18,892
Net income	\$214,347
Dividends	160,007
Balance, surplus	\$54,340

Casein Co. of America (N. J.).—Extra Dividend.

The Casein Co. of America (Del.) has declared an extra dividend of 1% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1½%, both payable May 15 to holders of record May 7. An extra of 1% was also paid on May 15 and Aug. 15 1927.—V. 125, p. 2534.

Celene Corp. of America.—Production Capacity.

See advertisement on page XXII of last week's "Chronicle."—V. 126, p. 1666.

Celite Co., Los Angeles.—Acquires Magnesia Company.

The company announces that effective April 30, they have purchased the plant and property of the National Magnesia Manufacturing Co. at Redwood City, about 25 miles south of San Francisco. The business of the latter company will be continued under the name of the National Magnesia Co.

Both the Celite Co. and the National Magnesia Manufacturing Co. started in business in 1912 and since that time have built up businesses of national and international scope.

The announcement further states: "The manufacturing plant of the Celite Co. is located at Whitehills (near Lompoc), California. This is the largest plant in the world engaged in the manufacture of diatomaceous earth products (including heat insulating materials, filter aids, admixtures for concrete and many grades of mineral fillers).

"The business at Redwood City includes the manufacture of magnesia, asbestos and diatomaceous earth insulating materials. This business will be continued and the scope of its service enlarged under the new name National Magnesia Co."—V. 125, p. 3203.

Central Alloy Steel Corp.—Earnings.

The corporation reports for the first quarter of 1928 a profit of \$1,108,100 after charges and depreciation, but before Federal taxes. This compares with a profit of \$684,905 in the first quarter of 1927.—V. 126, p. 1816.

Century Ribbon Mills, Inc.—Comparative Bal. Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Mar. 31'28	Dec. 31'27	Mar. 31'28	Dec. 31'27		
Plant, equip., &c.	\$2,237,422	\$2,267,178	Preferred stock	\$1,547,500	\$1,547,500
Investments	19,700	19,500	Common stock	2,536,814	2,536,814
Treasury stock	11,110	—	Notes payable	1,425,000	1,725,000
Cash	515,179	63,974	Acceptance against letters of credit	179,778	104,641
Notes & tr. accept.	1,629,409	29,969	Accounts payable	18,038	132,815
Accts. receivable	1,751,791	—	Surplus	940,337	886,485
Inventories	2,144,290	2,140,908			
Other curr. assets	52,315	28,142			
Prepaid expenses	38,042	41,792			
Total	\$6,647,467	\$6,933,255	Total	\$6,647,467	\$6,933,255

x Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value. y After deducting reserve for depreciation.—V. 126, p. 2652.

Centrifugal Pipe Corp.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Royalties	\$433,801	\$503,741	\$362,973	\$326,324
Other income	10,300	41,431	7,082	7,085
Total income	\$444,102	\$545,171	\$370,055	\$333,409
Expenses, tax, &c.	13,289	26,726	21,349	29,972
Profit before amortization of patents	\$430,813	\$518,445	\$348,706	\$303,437
Dividends	299,774	391,569	354,950	106,485
Balance, surplus	\$131,039	\$126,876	def\$6,244	\$196,952
Shares of cap. stock outstanding (no par)	428,531	427,457	283,960	283,960
Earn. per sh. on cap. stk	\$1.00	\$1.21	\$1.23	\$1.07

—V. 125, p. 785.

Certain-tyed Products Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$6,079,200 pref. stock (par \$100), with authority to add to the list \$2,107,800 on official notice of issue and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$8,186,500.

An aggregate of 78,865 shares (out of the 81,865 shares) were authorized to be issued in exchange for previously outstanding certificates for shares (par \$100) of the 1st pref. and 2d pref. stocks at the rate of 1 2-10 shares of pref. stock for each share of the 1st pref. stock and 1 1-10 shares of pref. stock for each share of the 2d pref. stock. There were authorized to be issued to the Beaver Board Cos. such number of shares of pref. stock, not exceeding 3,000 shares thereof (the balance of the 81,865 shares) as the Beaver Board Cos. might elect to take in part payment for its properties and assets in lieu of cash at the rate of one share of pref. stock in lieu of \$100 in cash.

The officers of the corporation are authorized to sell for cash at \$100 and divs. such shares of pref. stock out of the 81,865 shares as may not be issued in exchange for shares of the 1st pref. stock or the 2d pref. stock of the corporation or to the Beaver Board Cos. in lieu of cash as above.

As of March 31 1928 the corporation acquired by purchase all of the assets and properties of the Beaver Board Cos. and the Beaver Products Co., Inc. of Buffalo, N. Y., manufacturers of a complete line of gypsum products, beaver board (wood fibre wallboard), asphalt roofings, newsprint, asbestos products and other allied lines. The corporation and its subsidiaries now have 36 plants, and has acquired large land holdings comprising timber bearing property in Canada, and gypsum beds in various parts of the United States of America.—V. 126, p. 2796.

Chain Stores Depot Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

Oliver J. Anderson & Co., Stix & Co., and Geo. H. Burr & Co., St. Louis, and Watson, Williams & Co., New Orleans, are offering at par and int. \$660,000 1st mtge. 6% coll. gold bonds.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due Mar. 1 1940. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Int. payable M. & S. at American Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee. Red. all or part at any time upon 60 days' notice at 103 and int., if red. on or before Mar. 1 1933, and thereafter a reduction of ½ of 1% for each year elapsed, but not less than 101 and int.

Security.—Bonds are secured by the deposit with the trustee of first mortgages covering the two warehouses and bakery leased to the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. All of these buildings were designed by the engineering department of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. The locations for the buildings were selected by the lessee after comprehensive surveys of present and future conditions. These warehouses will serve as distributing centers for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. in Chicago and Garden City, while the bakery will serve the lessee in the Milwaukee territory.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides that 40% of the net income of the company shall be used semi-annually in retiring these bonds in the open market or at their call price. This fund is calculated to reduce this issue to approximately \$116,000 in ten years.

Geo. H. Burr & Co. and Stix & Co. are also offering at par and int. \$250,000 10-year debenture sinking fund 6½% gold bonds (carrying the right to receive without cost common stock at the rate of 10 shares for each \$1,000 bond).

Dated March 1 1928; due March 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c^s. Int. payable M. & S. at the American Trust Co., St. Louis Mo., trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' prior notice at 105 and int., if redeemed on or before March 1 1930, and thereafter a reduction of 1% of 1% for each ensuing year.

Security—These bonds are a direct obligation of the corporation. Additional bonds may be issued under certain restrictive clauses in the deed of trust only for the acquisition of additional income-producing properties. *Sinking Fund*—Indenture provides that 60% of the net income of the company shall be used semi-annually in retiring these bonds in the open market or at their call price. This fund is calculated to reduce this issue to approximately \$459,000 in 10 years, which amount is considerably less than the present appraised value of the ground alone.

Stock Warrants—Each \$1,000 bond will carry upon issue a detachable stock warrant entitling the holder thereof, as a bonus, to 10 shares of the 16,667 no par value shares of the capital stock of the company; each \$500 and \$100 bond will carry a proportionate warrant. At or before the time of delivery of the debenture bonds, stock will be deposited with the trustee, which stock will be held in escrow for the exercise of the warrants in connection with this offer.

Valuation—The properties securing these bonds have been valued independently as follows: Land, \$469,436; buildings (on completion), \$639,393; total valuation, \$1,108,829.

Company—At present time corporation owns, through subsidiaries, two modern, three-story, fire-proof, reinforced concrete warehouses now under construction, one located in Garden City, L. I., and one located in Chicago, Ill., together with a modern, fire-proof, reinforced concrete bakery being constructed in Milwaukee, Wis. Company was organized to acquire or construct such properties leased or to be leased to the leading chain store companies in the United States. The present properties above described are leased to the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. for a period of 10 years from date of completion for a gross annual rental of \$98,200. All leases contain a provision for renewal for two additional terms of five years each.

Income—The properties are leased to the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. for a yearly rental of \$98,200. This rental which constitutes an operating charge of the lessee will be paid direct to the trustee and disbursed for interest, sinking fund and taxes. The leases provide that the lessee shall also maintain all buildings with the exception of exterior repairs. The lessee will also install at its expense, a large amount of refrigeration and other necessary machinery and equipment in each of these properties.

Chicago Electric Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.	
Net sales	\$846,485
Cost of goods sold	730,101
Selling and general expenses	116,889
Income charge	27,514
Gross loss	\$28,019
Income credits	11,961
Net loss for the year	\$16,058
Surplus at beginning of the year	183,274
Gross surplus	\$167,216
Dividends on Class A stock	43,750
Recapitalization expense	2,651
Surplus at end of the year	\$120,815

—V. 126, p. 1045.

Chickasha Cotton Oil Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,013,570 capital stock (par \$10), with authority to add 1,143 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for 762 shares \$100 par value stock outstanding in the ratio of 15 shares \$10 par stock for 1 share \$100 par stock.

Comparative Statement of Income.

	Years Ended June 30			
	Jan. 31 1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$13,998,486	\$15,188,672	\$19,056,702	\$19,721,986
Gn earnings	97,841	732,211	626,499	836,277
Cost of sales, oper. and administrative exp.	13,250,249	14,136,271	18,102,422	18,406,380
Net profit	\$846,077	\$1,784,611	\$1,580,779	\$2,151,883
Other income	157,328	205,547	121,333	175,680
Total income	\$1,003,405	\$1,990,159	\$1,702,113	\$2,327,563
Deduct—Interest paid	76,350	35,030	28,179	42,705
Depreciation	193,046	286,713	230,492	197,572
Federal income tax	96,876	221,509	190,022	236,289
Net income	\$637,132	\$1,446,905	\$1,253,418	\$1,850,995
Dividends paid		670,700	670,700	402,420
Balance	\$637,132	\$776,205	\$582,718	\$1,448,575
Per share earnings—figured on 202,500 shs.	\$3.14	\$7.14	\$6.18	\$9.14

—V. 126, p. 1986.

Childs Co., New York.—April Sales.—

1928—April—1927.	Decrease.	1928—4 Mos.—1927.	Decrease.
\$2,171,315	\$2,443,065	\$2,771,750	\$8,991,237
\$831,018	\$831,018	\$9,822,255	\$831,018

—V. 126, p. 2796, 2653.

Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 21,000 additional common shares without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 126,000 shares. The 21,000 shares are offered for subscription at \$50 per share to shareholders of record April 16 in the proportion of one additional share for each 5 shares held. Subscriptions are payable in full in Toronto funds before the close of business May 15 at National Trust Co., Ltd., 20 King St. East, Toronto, or at Bank of Montreal, 64 Wall St., New York.

Earnings for Calendar Years—			
	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross income	\$888,100	\$758,642	\$557,325
Expenses	489,484	466,192	450,439
Interest, Federal taxes, &c.	80,597	72,517	65,500
Net income	\$318,019	\$219,933	\$41,386
Preferred dividends	42,591	57,538	33,766
Common dividends	104,096	72,806	
Balance, surplus	\$171,331	\$89,590	\$7,620
Earnings per share on common	\$2.93	\$1.99	\$0.09

—V. 126, p. 1986.

Clark Lighter, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 65 cents per share on the convertible "A" stock, no par value, payable June 1 to holders of record May 18. See offering in V. 126, p. 1358.

Clark-Lincoln Bldg. Corp., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—

The National Republic Mortgage Co., Chicago are offering at 100 and int. \$675,000 1st mtge., fee 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated April 2 1928; due serially April 2 1931-1940. National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, trustee.

Security—These bonds will be secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land owned in fee and the 13 story and basement reinforced concrete, fireproof structure now under construction at the intersection of Clark Street, Wells Street and Lincoln Avenue, Chicago. The lot fronts 90 feet on Clark St., 83 feet on Wells St. and 81 feet on Lincoln Ave.

Purpose—Proceeds will be used to complete the building now in the process of construction.

Cockshutt Plow Co., Ltd.—Plan Approved.—

The stockholders on April 30 approved the plan of recapitalization, as outlined in V. 126, p. 1205.

Coco-Cola Co. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet.—

Mar. 31 '28		Dec. 31 '27		Mar. 31 '28		Dec. 31 '27	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
a Prop. plants. &c	6,125,076	6,127,581	Capital stock	25,000,000	25,000,000		
Cash	b1,221,240	9,766,174	Acc'ts pay., &c.	952,455	544,976		
Govt. securities	4,000	4,013	Accrued accounts	3,205	2,497		
Inventories	2,293,519	2,116,131	Fed'tax & contin-				
Acc'ts & nts. rec.	10,923,879	1,699,252	gent reserve	5,289,371	5,240,997		
Deferred charges	61,120	39,745	Surplus	10,630,188	49,956,075		
Misc. assets	439,881	245,972					
Good-will, &c.	20,806,504	20,745,677					
Total	41,875,219	40,744,545	Total	41,875,219	40,744,545		

a After depreciation. b Includes call loans. c Represented by 1,000,000 shares of no par value. d After stock dividend amounting to \$9,990,000. The usual comparative income account for the first quarter of 1928 was published in V. 126, p. 2796.

Coleman Lamp & Stove Co., Wichita, Kan.—Stock Offered.—

Public offering was made last week of 30,000 shares of common stock by Fold, Buck & Co. at \$57 per share of the offering, 10,000 shares have just been issued and proceeds will be used to retire all outstanding preferred stock and for additional working capital. The remaining 20,000 shares have been acquired from individuals and do not represent new financing. The issue has been oversubscribed.

Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax. Exempt from personal property tax in Kansas.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Data from Letter of W. C. Coleman, President of the Company.

Company—A Kansas corporation. Is the largest manufacturer in the world of gasoline lighting and heating appliances. The business was started in 1901 and in 1907 it was first incorporated with a capital of only \$25,000. It has grown to its present size largely through profits retained in the business.

Coleman gasoline pressure appliances generate their own gas from ordinary motor gasoline, bringing to rural communities and towns where artificial gas is impractical, the conveniences of city gas service. Company's principal products are lamps, lanterns, kitchen stoves and ranges, heaters, folding camp stoves, flat-irons, mantles and accessory items. They are sold under the well established trade names "Coleman," "Quick-Lite," and "Air-Gas," which have been advertised consistently in such national publications as "Country Gentleman," "Farm & Fireside," "Farm Journal," "Household Magazine" and "Farmer's Wife."

The company has perfected, in its own research laboratories, a new process which vaporizes cold gasoline, permitting almost instantaneous ignition and eliminating the delay and inconvenience of generating gas before lighting. This improvement has met with an enthusiastic reception among jobbers and dealers who handle Coleman products and has been responsible for a remarkable stimulus to sales. Present orders on hand for lamps and lanterns are sufficient to keep them running at capacity on these items for the next 6 months and call for more irons than were sold in the entire year 1927.

Coleman stoves and heaters were placed on the market for the first time in 1925. Until this year, owing to relatively large development expenses and limited production, no profit has been realized from this division of the business. Recently a large volume of production was reached and the margin of profit on all items is now very satisfactory, with sales running over 50% ahead of last year.

Approximately 30% of sales consist of mantles and generators used on lamps and lanterns of which some 2,500,000 are now in use, each requiring about 10 or 12 mantles and three generators annually. This is a very profitable part of the business and is highly desirable because of the stable demand which exists for these accessories.

Company's manufacturing plants are located at Wichita, Kan., and Chicago, Ill. Branch distributing houses are located at Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Toronto.

Balance Sheet—The consolidated balance sheet of the predecessor company and subsidiaries as of March 29 1928 after giving effect to the present financing and the consummation of the transactions incident thereto, shows total current assets of \$2,739,545 compared with total current liabilities of \$676,587, leaving combined net working capital of \$2,062,958. The total net worth applicable to the 100,000 shares of no par Common stock amounts to \$3,566,149.

Earnings—Throughout 27 years of existence the business has shown a profit in every year. The combined net earnings of the predecessor company and subsidiaries after all charges except certain non-recurring losses chargeable to a division of the business operated recently by a subsidiary which has been dissolved, as certified to by independent auditors, have been as follows:

Period from April 1 1927 to Mar. 29 1928	Net Earnings as Above Avail.		Earnings per Share on	
	for Com. Stk.	Share.	for Com. Stk.	Com. Stk.
Year ending Mar. 31 1927	\$630,378	\$6.30	6.11	6.11
Year ending Mar. 31 1926	611,964	6.11	7.97	7.97
Year ending Mar. 31 1925	797,584	7.97	7.15	7.15
Average	715,306	7.15	6.88	6.88

Dividends—The Directors have signified their intention of placing this stock on a \$4 per annum dividend basis, payable at the rate of \$1 per share quarterly on the first day of July (initial payment), Oct., Jan. and April. Listed.—Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.—Earnings.—

Quar. End. Mar. 31—		1927.		1926.		1925.	
Gross receipts	\$11,471,531	\$11,642,979	\$10,363,570	\$10,866,067			
Operating expenses	9,774,236	8,991,043	8,475,201	9,429,862			
Net earnings	\$1,697,295	\$2,651,936	\$1,888,369	\$1,436,205			
Inc. from other sources	29,098	55,268	55,638	107,490			
Total	\$1,726,394	\$2,707,204	\$1,944,007	\$1,543,695			
Bond int., taxes, sinking fund, &c.	542,443	519,260	455,333	716,761			
Depreciation	661,930	568,587	534,426	257,182			
Surplus	\$522,021	\$1,619,348	\$954,248	\$569,753			
Earns. per sh. on 340,505 shs. com. stk. (par \$100)	\$1.41	\$4.63	\$2.68	\$1.55			

—V. 126, p. 1986.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—		1927.		1926.	
Net profit after int., depre. & Fed. taxes	\$685,953	\$523,629	\$326,965	\$326,965	
Shares of com. stk. outstanding (no par)	250,000	250,000	194,662	194,662	
Earnings per share on common	\$1.77	\$1.83	\$1.33	\$1.33	

—V. 126, p. 1817.

Consolidated Distributors, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—		1927.		1926.	
Sales	\$265,714	\$345,120	\$328,449	\$328,449	
Costs & expenses	279,273	367,716	315,416	315,416	
Operating profit	16,441	loss\$22,594	\$13,033	\$13,033	
Other income	859	5,315	2,111	2,111	
Total profit	\$17,300	loss\$17,279	\$15,144	\$15,144	
Other deductions	8,824	8,818	11,220	11,220	
Net profit	\$8,476	loss\$8,461	\$3,924	\$3,924	

—V. 126, p. 1987.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 90,000 additional shares common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, the total amount applied for 710,000 shares. Of the 90,000 shares 11,500 will be issued to purchase the business of the Southern Can Co. Of the balance 68,262½ shares is being offered to both preferred and common stockholders of record May 5 at the rate of one share

for each 10 shares of common or pref. stock held at \$100 per share. Rights expire May 25.

The balance, 10,237 1/2 shares, is being offered to officers, whether directors or not, and to other employees for subscription as of May 15 1928. -V. 126, p. 2654.

Continental Baking Corp.—Earnings.—

Results for 15 Weeks Ended— Apr. 14 '28' Apr. 9 '27. Net earnings \$1,810,648 \$2,408,637 Other income 145,343 129,200

Contocook Mills Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. Net sales \$418,043 \$395,104 Cost of manufacturing 377,432 373,177 Depreciation 9,443 9,443

Crown Willamette Paper Co.—Earnings.—

Net earnings of the company and wholly owned subsidiaries, excluding Pacific Mills, Ltd., for the quarter ended Mar. 31 last, amounted to \$534,802 (as compared with \$607,274 in 1927), after charging off depreciation, depletion, bond interest and Federal income taxes.

Cuba Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Earnings for 9 Months Ended Mar. 31 1928. Earnings: Railroads \$15,924,048 Sugar mills, land & miscellaneou 5,571,636

Cuyamel Fruit Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Quar. End. Mar. 31— 1928. 1927. 1926. Net after expenses \$503,662 \$174,997 \$657,401

Dartmouth Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets— 1927. 1926. Real est. & mach. \$4,184,260 \$4,087,625 Cotton, stock in process & mdse. 2,110,535 1,882,146

Davega, Inc.—April Sales.—

1928—April—1927. Increase. 1928—4 Mos.—1927. Increase. \$208,587 \$189,086 \$19,501 \$960,367 \$842,694 \$117,673

Davis Coal & Coke Co. (& Sub. Cos.)—Annual Report.

Sales— 1927. 1926. 1924. \$3,482,440 \$3,665,248 \$3,343,040 \$2,418,647 Oper. costs, sell. & gen. expenses, taxes, &c. 3,213,221 3,427,679 3,149,655 2,642,927

Dealers Lumber Co., Canton, Miss.—Bonds Offered.—

An issue of \$100,000 6% 1st mtge. gold bonds was recently offered at par and int. by Mississippi Bond & Securities Co. Jackson, Miss.

Dated Jan. 1 1928; due serially July 1928-Jan. 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Canton Exchange Bank, Canton, Miss. (at par). Exempt from ad valorem taxation in Mississippi.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct (closed) first mortgage on 32,435,000 feet of merchantable pine timber situated in Madison and Leake counties (cruised during the month of January 1928 by R. D. Batson of Hattiesburg, Miss., also modern planing mill operated by the company at Canton, Miss. and 6,453,343 feet of lumber.

Guarantors.—In addition to the above security, prompt payment of principal and interest when due is unconditionally guaranteed severally and jointly by the following, who are officers and stockholders of the company, whose statements are on file showing net worth as follows: C. L. Wright, \$116,479; J. H. Wright, \$116,170; S. C. Young, \$19,954.

Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co.—Announce Plan for Financing Detroit-Canada Tunnel.—

Construction of a tunnel, about one mile long, is to be started soon between Detroit and Windsor, Ont., under the Detroit River. The tunnel will have terminals in the heart of Detroit's business and shopping district and that of Windsor.

The entire tunnel development will be owned and operated by the Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co. and a wholly owned Canadian subsidiary. Buses will be operated through the tunnel and trucks and private automobiles will make use of it. The tunnel in many respects will be patterned after the Michigan Central R.R. Tunnel between Detroit and Windsor, and the Holland Tunnel between New York and New Jersey.

In order to finance the project the company has sold \$8,500,000 of 1st mtge. bonds to Harris, Forbes & Co., New York; the Guardian Detroit Co., Inc.; the Chase Securities Corp., and Bertles, Rawles & Donaldson, Inc. The company has also sold \$8,500,000 of convertible debentures to the Guardian Detroit Co., Inc.; the Chase Securities Corp., and Bertles, Rawles & Donaldson, Inc., and in addition a substantial block of shares of no par common stock to Bertles, Rawles & Donaldson, Inc.

The valuation of the tunnel completed and in operation has been estimated at \$23,000,000, and engineers estimate that earnings of the property may be expected to correspond with a fair rate of return on this valuation. The enormous increase of the number of private cars and the necessity of relieving the consequent traffic congestion is said to have prompted the building of the tunnel.

Diamond Match Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31— 1928. 1927. 1926. Operating income \$699,207 \$739,473 \$785,636 Depreciation and amortization 144,969 146,511 155,082

Dominion Engineering Works, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. Profits after income tax, &c. \$675,063 \$758,646 Reserve for depreciation 195,753 198,675

Dominion Foundries & Steel, Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. Profit from operations \$208,561 \$151,512 \$54,839 Interest paid, accrued, &c. 29,254 40,728 44,287

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. Sales \$19,280,716 \$15,256,878 \$12,616,588 Net profit 531,145 412,245 291,849

Drumheller Consolidated Collieries, Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.—Bonds Offered.—Lougheed & Taylor, Ltd., Calgary, Alberta are offering \$500,000 7% 15-yr. 1st mtge. sinking fund bonds at par and int., carrying a bonus of no par value common stock, on the basis of one share of stock for each \$100 par value of bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1928; due Feb. 1 1943. Prin. & int. (F. & A.) payable at holder's option in Canadian currency at Bank of Montreal in Calgary; Edmonton, Lethbridge, Vancouver, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, Canada, or in United States gold coin, or its equivalent, at the Agents of the Bank of Montreal in New York City.

Capitalization.—7% 1st mtge. sinking fund bonds \$500,000 Authorized Outstanding... Common stock (no par value) 15,000 shs. 15,000 shs.

Data from Letter of C. J. Yorath, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. under Dominion Charter for the following purposes, (a) To acquire the Drumheller Land Co's Coal leases in the Drumheller Valley, comprising some 1,550 acres, together with about 890 acres surface rights above or adjoining said coal leases.

Purpose.—Bonds are issued to complete the purchase of the above mentioned assets of the Drumheller Land Co., to provide funds for the acquisition of additional coal properties and for the acquisition of plant or plants for the development of the company's properties and to provide necessary development and working capital.

Security.—Bonds, direct obligation of the company, and constitute a 1st mtge. against all the company's assets and revenue, both present and future, and be issued under a trust deed in favor of the Montreal Trust Co.

Earnings.—Company's present holdings produced \$300,000 in revenues during the past five years (an average of \$60,000 per year) and for the five months' period, Aug. 1 1927 to Dec. 31 1927, gross royalties amounting to \$33,505, from which temporary allowances have been deducted.

Durham Hosiery Mills.—Recapitalization Approved.—The stockholders have approved the plan of the committee appointed to formulate a report on the reorganization of the capital structure.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Extra Dividend of 75 Cents.—An extra dividend of 75 cents a share has been declared on the common stock in addition to the regular dividend of \$1.25 both payable July 1 to holders of record May 31. Like amounts were paid on the common stock in the previous seven quarters.

New Subsidiary.—The Eastman Teaching Films, Inc., a new subsidiary, has been incorporated in New York with an authorized capitalization of \$1,000,000, to develop a program of motion pictures to be used for instruction in schools, colleges, universities, technical institutions and medical schools.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Calendar Years— 1927. 1926. 1925. Operating revenues \$12,166,375 \$11,508,242 \$11,112,837

(T.) Eaton Co., Ltd.—Ag. Canadian Dept. Stores Co.—See Canadian Department Stores, Ltd., above.—V. 124, p. 3780.

Eddy Paper Corp. (& Sub.).—Income Account.—Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1927. Sales, net \$6,293,286 \$5,495,678

(Otto) Eisenlohr & Bros., Inc.—Earnings.—3 Mos. Ended— Mar. 31 '28. Apr. 2 '27. Apr. 3 '26. Gross manufacturing profit \$207,814 \$383,054 \$307,362

Electric Auto-Lite Corp.—Proposed Merger.—Preliminary steps for the merger of this company and the USL Battery Corp. have been taken according to C. O. Miniger, President of both concerns.

Electric Controller & Mfg. Co.—Annual Report.—Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1927. Net operating profit \$531,622 Federal taxes (estimated) 68,300

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1927. 1926. Cash \$109,432 \$102,426

Electric Shovel Coal Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Stroud & Co., Inc.; McClure, Jones & Co.; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and James C. Willson & Co. are offering at \$47.50 and div., 62,500 shares \$4 cum. partic. pref. stock

the amount of the div. paid upon each share of common stock in excess of \$2 per share in such year. In case of dissolution, the partic. pref. stock is entitled to be paid \$60 per share and divs. before any payment may be made on the common stock.

Data from Letter of J. B. F. Melville, President of the Corporation. Company.—Incorporated in Delaware in 1924 for the purpose of acquiring and operating coal properties and has since been engaged in the business of bituminous coal mining in the Middle West by means of the "stripping" method.

Sinking Fund.—Commencing May 1 1928 and as long as any of the partic. pref. stock is outstanding, the corporation covenants that it will set aside each month a sum equal to 15c. for each and every ton produced by it from any of its properties and shipped during the month next preceding, which sum shall be applied as follows:

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. \$4 cumulative participating pref. stock (no par) 100,000 shs. 62,500 shs. Common stock (no par) 425,000 shs. 157,500 shs.

Earnings—12 Months Ended Dec. 31. (Actual). (Estimated). (Estimated). Production (tons of 2,000 lbs.) 566,851 720,000 1,560,000

Eljer Co. (Pa.)—Calif. Concern Merges With Subs.—The California Sanitary Pottery Co. has been consolidated with the recently formed Eljer California Co., a subsidiary of the Eljer Co. of Pennsylvania.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.—Earnings.—Quar. End. Mar. 31— 1928. 1927. 1926. 1925. Gross income \$2,332,945 \$1,836,285 \$2,455,168 \$2,030,340

Federated Capital Corp.—Initial Common Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial dividend of 37½ cents per share on the common stock for the quarter ended Mar. 31, payable to holders of record May 15.

First National Stores, Inc.—Earnings.—Income Statement for Quarter Ending Dec. 31 1927. Net operating profit before taxes & depreciation \$505,822

Financial & Industrial Securities Corp.—Report.—The report of corporation for the 12 months ending Jan. 31 1928 shows a total net operating profit for the year (exclusive of market appreciation) of \$14,038,425.

After payment of dividends on the corporation's outstanding preferred stock, the earnings, without appreciation, per share on the average number of shares of outstanding common stock was \$9.18; including appreciation for the year, the earnings per share on the average number of outstanding common stock was \$30.10.

The corporation had no liabilities other than outstanding capital stock, consisting of 154,458 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock, amounting to \$15,445,800, and 1,563,865 1/4 shares of common stock (including scrip) carried at \$27,667,992. This showed a surplus at book of \$11,009,082, and at market of \$44,124,834.—V. 126, p. 2154.

Florsheim Shoe Co.—Registrar.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the class A common stock and class B common stock. See also V. 126, p. 2483.

(H. D.) Foss & Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1927.	1926	1927.	1926.
Cash.....	\$54,428	Notes payable.....	\$235,533
Notes receivable.....	62,051	Accts. payable.....	66,609
Accts. receivable.....	312,569	Res. for taxes & rents.....	1,572
Inventory.....	218,842	Res. for bad debts.....	297
Securities.....	110,850	Res. for deprec.....	25,000
Mach. & fixtures.....	342,953	Class "A" divs.....	19,500
Goodwill.....	80,000	Due employees.....	11,631
Other assets.....	30,292	Cap. stk. & surp.....	810,391
Total.....	\$1,181,693	Total.....	\$1,181,693

x Represented by 6,500 class "A"; 2,768, "B"; 3,116, "C." and 1,500, "D" shares, all of no par value.—V. 124, p. 930.

Four Fifty Sutter Building, San Francisco, Calif.—

Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int., \$2,700,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% serial coupon gold bonds.

Exempt from personal property tax in Calif. Dated Feb. 1 1928; maturities 9 1/2 to 16 1/2 years. United States Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%, paid by mortgagor.

Data from Letter of F. E. Morgan, Pres. of the Mortgagor Corporation.

Security Under Mortgage.—These bonds are the direct obligation of Four Fifty Sutter Corp. and are secured by a direct closed 1st mtge. on the land owned in fee and the building to be erected.

The land fronts 138 feet, 2 1/2 inches on the northerly side of Sutter St. midway between Stockton and Powell Sts. and comprises approximately 23,200 sq. ft. It was formerly occupied by Temple Emanu-El, for many years a notable landmark of San Francisco.

The building is to be a 26-story and basement office, store and garage structure, rising 340 feet above the Sutter St. level, of full fireproof, steel frame construction surfaced with architectural terra cotta and tile, designed especially to meet the office requirements of physicians, dentists and surgeons. It will contain net rentable floor area approximately as follows: 174,300 sq. ft. of office space, 8th to 26th floors, inclusive; 30,400 sq. ft. of loft space, 3rd to 7th floors, inclusive; garage space for 500 car stalls, basement to 7th floors, incl.; and 95 feet of store frontage on Sutter St.

Valuation & Earnings.—The value of the mortgaged property is independently appraised as follows:

	Lower Valuation.
Land, by Coldwell, Cornwall & Banker, realtors, San Francisco.....	\$625,000
Land, by James G. Stafford & Associates, Inc., appraisal engineers, San Francisco.....	\$600,000
Completed Building, by James G. Stafford & Associates, Inc.....	4,149,627

Total valuation, based on lower land appraisal.....\$4,749,627
This bond issue, therefore, amounts to less than 57% of the minimum appraised value of the mortgaged property.

More than 66% of the office space is already under lease agreements to 256 tenants for periods averaging 6 1/2 years. Net annual earnings of this property, available for the service of this bond issue, are conservatively estimated at \$431,060. This is more than 2 1/2 times the greatest annual interest charge and is \$193,120 in excess of the greatest combined annual int. and serial principal payment requirements under this bond issue.

Freeport Texas (Sulphur) Co.—Earnings.—

	Quarter Ended—			
	Feb. 29 '28.	Feb. 28 '27.	Feb. 28 '26.	Feb. 28 '25.
Gross sales.....	\$2,413,677	\$2,785,802	\$1,972,926	\$1,351,374
Cost of goods sold.....	1,753,048	1,822,784	1,374,271	1,239,791
Shipping and gen exp.....	219,937	199,722	272,252	—
Profit.....	\$440,692	\$763,296	\$326,403	\$111,583
Other income.....	33,800	34,046	20,174	8,793
Total income.....	\$474,492	\$797,342	\$346,577	\$120,376
Depreciation.....	41,331	50,906	62,011	73,779
Taxes.....	28,001	27,584	18,742	55,182
Net income.....	\$405,160	\$718,852	\$266,824	def\$8,585
Dividends paid.....	1,277,227	364,922	—	—
Balance, surplus.....	def\$872,067	\$353,930	\$265,824	def\$8,585

Consolidated Balance Sheet Feb. 29.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Plant, equip, &c.....	\$9,200,322	Capital stock.....	x7,323,022
Real estate.....	789,522	Accts payable, &c.....	790,517
Oil & sulphur wells.....	190,447	Deferred liabilities.....	641,903
Cash.....	2,497,503	Deprec. reserve.....	3,817,657
U. S. Gov. bonds.....	1,013,750	Sulph. sold not deliv.....	155,630
Investments.....	67,417	Res for amort & tax.....	419,442
Accounts recv.....	821,743	Surplus.....	5,879,440
Notes recv.....	16,077		6,388,449
Inventories.....	3,782,999		
Deferred assets.....	647,840		
Total.....	19,027,621	Total.....	19,027,621

x Represented by 729,844 no-par shares.—V. 126, p. 1800.

Fulton Finance Co.—Notes Offered.—

Mercantile Trust Co. and Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis recently offered at 100 and int. \$400,000 6% coll. trust serial gold notes. Unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by endorsement of the Fulton Iron Works Co.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due \$200,000, June 30 1931 and \$200,000, June 30 1932. Authorized \$2,500,000. Outstanding, \$1,300,000, maturing 1928 to 1932, incl. Prin. & int. (J. & D.) payable at Mercantile Trust Co. St. Louis, trustee. Denomination, \$1,000 and \$500. Redeemable on 60 days' notice at 101 and int. if red. within two years before maturity, with successive increases to 102 if redeemed within 5 years before maturity. Interest payable without deduction for Federal tax now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2%.

Company.—Organized in Delaware in Oct. 1925, in order to provide the Fulton Iron Works Co. with a convenient means of financing its deferred payment contracts on sales of machinery and Diesel engines, and to assist it in taking care of the increasing business of this character.

Security.—These notes are secured by collateral deposited with the trustee and under the Trust Agreement the collateral must at all times be in a ratio of 133 1/3% of the par value of the notes outstanding.

The net worth of the Fulton Iron Works Co., guarantor of these notes, according to their balance sheet of Dec. 31 1927, was in excess of \$2,900,000.—V. 121, p. 2527.

Gardner Motor Co., Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after May 10 stamped certificates for \$250,000 additional capital stock (par \$5), on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making total amount applied for \$1,250,000. The purpose of the issue is to obtain additional funds for general corporate purposes. \$250,000 capital stock are contracted for at a price of not less than \$9 per share.

Quarter Ended March 31—

	1928.	1927.
Net sales of cars, parts, etc.....	\$1,578,576	\$1,415,384
Material, transportation, production, labor, etc.....	1,328,811	1,254,693
Depreciation.....	4,500	4,299
Selling, advertising & gen'l expense.....	143,376	136,451

Net profit from operation.....\$101,889 \$19,941
Interest on bank balance.....500 834
Miscellaneous income.....3,090 5,042

Gross income.....\$106,029 \$25,817
Interest paid.....987 1,967
Uncollective accounts receivable.....599 721
Loss on sale of company cars.....66 690
Miscellaneous charges.....109 1,927

Net income.....\$104,268 \$20,512
Shs. of capital stock outstanding.....200,000 155,000
Earnings per share.....\$0.52 \$0.13

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Cash.....	\$302,077	Accts. pay. (not due).....	\$193,013
Notes receivable.....	25,003	Accr. accts. pay.....	44,473
Accts. rec. (less reserve).....	466,131	Dealers' deposits.....	30,131
Materials & supplies.....	620,391	Deferred credits & res. for quantity discount.....	4,174
Co. cars & trucks (less deprec.).....	17,634	Report card fees.....	10,091
Building meh. & equip (less res.).....	356,810	Capital stock, stated value.....	1,500,000
Prepaid rent, inc., taxes, etc.....	48,034	Surplus.....	64,291
Goodwill.....	1		
Advertising.....	12,289		
Investments.....	5,714		
Total (each side).....	\$1,836,082	Total (each side).....	\$1,660,697

—V. 126, p. 2483.

General Cable Corp.—Quarterly Earnings.—

3 Months Ending March 31 1928.	
Gross profit.....	\$1,582,119
Selling & administrations.....	902,560
Operating profit.....	\$679,559
Miscellaneous charges (net).....	30,835
Interest.....	220,000
Federal taxes.....	57,879
Net income.....	\$370,845
Earnings per share on 400,000 shs. class A stk. (no par).....	\$0.27

—V. 126, p. 2656.

General Cigar Co., Inc.—Quarterly Earnings.—

Quarter Ending March 31—	
1928.	1927.
Net profit after charges & Federal taxes (est.).....	\$393,571
Shares common stock outstanding (no par).....	407,570
Earnings per share.....	\$0.75

—V. 126, p. 1515.

General Electric Co.—New Director.—

Henry C. McEldowney, President of the Union Savings Bank and the Union Trust Co., both of Pittsburgh, has been elected a Director of the General Electric Co., increasing the number of Directors to 21.—V. 126, p. 2798.

General Ice Cream Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years.—	
1927.	1926.
Gross sales.....	\$7,984,266
Costs and expenses.....	6,361,508
Operating profit.....	\$1,622,757
Other income.....	78,157
Total profit.....	\$1,700,914
Depreciation.....	551,084
Interest.....	75,259
Federal taxes.....	145,097
Net profit.....	\$929,504

—V. 126, p. 2321.

General Motors Corp.—Extra Dividend of \$2 Per Share.—

The directors on May 10 declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding 17,400,000 shares of common stock, par \$25 each. The extra distribution will be made on July 3 and the regular dividend on June 12, both to holders of record May 19. On Jan. 3 last, an extra cash distribution of \$2.50 per share was made on this issue.—V. 126, p. 2798, 2656.

Goldblatt Bros. Department Store, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co. Inc., recently offered \$1,150,000 6% 1st & refg. mtge. gold bonds at prices to yield from 5 1/2% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated Apr. 15 1928, maturities 1 to 10 years. Prin. & int. (A. & O.) payable at principal offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Denoms. \$500, \$1,000 and \$100 c*. Trustee, Melvin L. Straus, Chicago. Red. on any int. date in whole or in part at 101 and int., Federal income taxes not in excess of 2% paid by borrower; Kan. 5 mills money and credit; Ken. 5 mills personal property and Okla. 4 mills personal property, money and credit and-mortgage exemption taxes refunded by borrower upon proper application made within 60 days of payment of tax.

Data from Letter of Morris Goldblatt, Pres. of the Goldblatt Bros. Inc.

Property & Security.—These bonds are the direct obligation of Goldblatt Bros. Inc., and are secured by a direct mortgage on the land and building owned in fee by this corporation, located at 1609-1635 West Chicago Ave., Chicago. The mortgage will, upon completion of this financing, constitute a first lien on all of the property except the East 72 feet of the West 120 feet thereof, which is subject to a 6% 1st mtge. gold bond issue of \$350,000 secured by a prior lien.

The entire property with the exception of the 24 feet on the East is improved with modern steel, concrete and wood constructed buildings, of which 192 feet frontage is 5 stories in height and 48 feet frontage is 3 stories in height. The building on the east 24 feet is 4 stories in height, of ordinary construction. All buildings are connected so that they may be operated as a unit.

Borrowing Corporation.—Goldblatt Bros., Inc., was recently organized to acquire the mortgaged property and the department store business formerly conducted by Goldblatt Bros., a co-partnership. Over 90% of the stock of Goldblatt Bros., Inc., is owned and controlled by Morris and Nathan Goldblatt, the founders of the department store.

Business.—Founded in 1914 by Morris and Nathan Goldblatt, Goldblatt Bros. Store has shown a steady growth with increased earnings from year to year. The original store had a frontage of only 25 feet, but additional sections were added in 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924 and 1927, so that the store has a present frontage on Chicago Ave. of 266 feet. The store specializes in popular-priced merchandise, handling staple and inexpensive articles, and as a consequence, volume of sales is practically unaffected by changes in general business conditions. Earnings are derived from a large volume of sales, with a smaller margin of profit than is customary in connection with the merchandising of higher priced commodities. Sound merchandising methods are reflected by the following record of net sales.

Net Sales.		Net Sales.	
1922	1925	1923	1926
.....	\$825,323	\$1,825,903
.....	1,136,262	2,971,536
.....	1,391,243	3,698,329

Earnings.—The following is a comparative account of the income for the years 1926 and 1927 (after the elimination of non-recurring items and

before depreciation and amortization of discount on funded debt) available for the payment of interest charges and Federal taxes.

Table with 2 columns: Net Sales, Net Profits. Rows for 1927 and 1926 with values like \$3,698,329 and 2,971,536.

The average net profits for the two years as indicated above were \$237,393, which is in excess of 2 1/2 times the greatest annual interest charges on this issue of bonds and the underlying encumbrance on the East 72 feet of the West 120 feet of said premises.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds will be used to effect the retirement on or before Oct. 20 1928 of all present encumbrances on the mortgaged property with the exception of the underlying bond issue on the East 72 feet of the West 120 feet of the property, for additional working capital, and for other corporate purposes.

Guaranty.—The payment of interest and principal on bonds of this issue is guaranteed by Morris Goldblatt and Nathan Goldblatt, President and Treasurer, respectively, of the borrowing corporation.

Graham-Paige Motors Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 374,377 shares common stock no par value, on official notice of issue and payment in full, and 374,377 shares common stock (v. l. c.), on official notice of deposit of additional common stock, no par value, under the terms of the common stock voting trust agreement...

Purpose of Issue.—In accordance with plan of recapitalization, the stockholders on May 25 1927 and the directors on May 27 1927 and April 30 1928 authorized the issue of the stock now applied to be listed for issue to the Graham brothers on payment to the company thereof of \$10 per share.

No. of Cars Produced—Transfer Agent.—

Table with 5 columns: Month of—, April, Mar., Feb., Jan., Total. Rows for 1928 and 1927 with production figures.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been authorized as transfer agent to issue 374,377 additional shares of common stock of the Graham-Paige Motors Corp.—V. 126, p. 2799.

Graton & Knight Co., Mass.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31, 1927. Rows for Sales, Gross profit, Interest, Federal taxes, etc., with values.

Great Lakes Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., Bond & Goodwin, Inc and Folds, Buck & Co., are offering at 100 and int. \$10,000,000 first mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds, series A.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due Mar. 1 1930, Int. payable M. & S. without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2%. Prin. & int. payable at office of Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minn., or at the offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., in Chicago and New York, or in Canadian gold coin at the offices of the Dominion Bank in Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Winnipeg, and Vancouver.

The company holds under agreement with the Province of Ontario valuable timber and pulpwood limits in Ontario accessible to its mills, sufficient to supply mills with 200,000 tons annual capacity for over 50 years. Security.—Secured by a direct first lien on all of the physical property of the company now or hereafter owned against which any bonds can be issued under the mortgage, and by a direct or collateral first lien on all such property acquired by a subsidiary (as defined in the mortgage) for or on account of which any bonds secured by the mortgage are issued.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company from newsprint at present market price which is below normal, as estimated, together with earnings from sale of surplus groundwood and sulphite, and by-products from forest operations, after depletion, local taxes and liberal charges for maintenance and repairs, but before providing for interest, depreciation and income taxes, are given below.

Calendar Years—

Table with 2 columns: 1929, 1930. Row for Net earnings (as above) with values \$1,812,000 and \$2,265,000.

Although the first unit of the paper mill is only scheduled to commence operations by May 1928 and the second unit by May 1929, nevertheless earnings as above from operations, and including interest earnings on funds held for construction, for the calendar year 1928 are estimated to be more than sufficient to cover interest charges on these bonds during the year.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund, sufficient to retire all Series A bonds by maturity, will be provided which will acquire either by purchase or redemption and cancel on or before March 1 of each year the principal amounts set forth in the schedule below:

Table with 2 columns: 1941-42, 1943-45, 1946-48, 1949-50. Rows for amounts like \$100,000, \$200,000, \$350,000, \$1,150,000.

Additional Bonds.—After entire proceeds from sale of Series A bonds has been expended in connection with the mortgage premises, then additional bonds of other series, bearing such rates of interest, maturing at such times and having such other provision as directors at the time of issuance may determine, may be issued, at any time for general corporate purposes, to the extent of 75% of the cost value, whichever is less, of additions and betterments to the company's properties or of physical property acquired by the company or a subsidiary (as defined in the mortgage) upon which these bonds will be secured by a direct or collateral first lien.

Management.—Company will be wholly owned through ownership of all outstanding stock, except directors' qualifying shares by the Backus-Brooks Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., which also owns over 85% of all outstanding capital stock of the Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co.—V. 126, p. 2799.

Great Western Timber Corp., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—

Royal Financial Corp., Ltd., Vancouver, recently offered \$300,000 6 1/2% 1st mtge. 10-yr. sinking fund bonds at 98 3/4 and int.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due Mar. 1 1938. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at any branch of the Dominion Bank in Canada. Toronto General Trusts Corp., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable on 6 months' notice as follows: Up to and incl. Mar. 1 1930 at 100; from Mar. 2 1930 to Mar. 1 1932 at 101; from Mar. 2 1932 to Mar. 1 1934 at 102; from Mar. 2 1934 to maturity at 103

Sinking fund of \$25,000 per year which is to be used for redeeming bonds through purchase in the open market at or below the call price. The first payment of sinking fund to be made on Mar. 1 1929.

Security.—The bonds are secured by a first charge on the following properties: (a) Vancouver property.—This property is under option at the present time to a group of prominent Vancouver investors for \$225,000 and the sum of \$3,000 has been paid on account of this option.

(b) San Juan Timber (Port Renfrew).—This property consists of 32 timber licenses covering approximately 16,000 acres. Brown & Brown, timber engineers, estimate the timber on this tract at 1,460,000,000 and the marketable timber at 1,000,000,000 feet. Their estimate of value is approximately \$600,000.

(c) Graham Island Timber.—This tract consists of 150 licenses, containing 88,729 acres. Brown & Brown estimate the timber on this tract at 2,800,000,000 feet.

This timber has been sold on a stumpage basis to the Los Angeles Lumber Products Co., at 1.32 per 1,000 feet of saw logs—a total purchase price, based on Brown & Brown's cruise, in excess of \$3,500,000. Under this agreement this company must pay a minimum of \$39,600 per year, and in addition all license fees, taxes, and other carrying charges. These payments have been promptly made since the timber was purchased in 1920.

(P. H.) Hanes Knitting Co.—Com. Div. of 15 Cents.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% (15 cents per share) on the common and "B" common stock (par \$10), payable June 1 to holders of record May 19. A like amount was paid on March 10 last, which was the first distribution on the common shares since Jan. 1 1921, on which date a quarterly dividend of 2% was paid.

The directors have also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 20.—V. 126, p. 1047.

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Quarter Ended March 31—, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows for Operating profit, Interest, Depreciation and depletion, Federal taxes.

Net income def. \$111,766 x \$33,749 def. \$47,529 x Equivalent to 30 cents a share on 111,994 shares of 7% preferred stock.—V. 126, p. 1820.

(The) Hartford Times, Inc.—Initial Pref. Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the partic. preference stock, no par value, payable May 15, to holders of record May 10. See offering in V. 126, p. 725.

Hathaway Baking Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Calendar Years—, 1927, 1926. Row for Net after all chgs. incl. deprec. & Fed. taxes. Values: \$172,566 and \$175,610.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Complex table with 4 columns: Assets—, 1927, 1926, Liabilities—, 1927, 1926. Rows include Prop. plant and equipment, Cash in banks, Acc'ts receivable, Inventories, etc.

Total \$2,463,898 \$2,423,315 Total \$2,463,898 \$2,423,315 x Represented by 12,359 shares of class A (no par) and 86,043 shares of common (no par).—V. 124, p. 3359.

(D. C.) Heath & Co.—Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Jan. 1, '28, Dec. 31 '26. Rows for Assets—, 1928, 1926, Liabilities—, 1928, 1926.

Total 6,872,614 6,146,804 Total 6,872,614 6,146,804 x Including royalty earned but not due until Nov. 15 1928.—V. 92 p. 959

Herman Nelson Corp., Moline, Ill.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1927. Rows for Net operating profit, Interest, discounts & rentals earned.

Table with 2 columns: 1929, 1930. Rows for Total income, Reorganization expense amortized, Net cost of corp. life insurance, Provision for Federal income tax.

Net income \$312,530 Surplus as at Dec. 31 1926 638,173

Total surplus \$950,703 Development expenditures, &c. 174,603 Cash dividends (per share) 124,248 Stock dividends 25,450

Surplus as at Dec. 31 1927 \$626,402 —V. 125, p. 3206.

Heywood-Wakefield Co. of Mass. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1927. Rows for Earnings from operations after deducting depreciation & other normal charges.

Inventory markdowns occasioned by declining price levels & disposition of obsolete merchandise 193,820 Unabsorbed burden resulting from sub-normal operations 461,827

Net earnings 1927 \$12,028 Previous surplus 8,740,332

Total surplus \$8,752,361 Cash dividends, preferred stock 470,267 Common dividends 60,000 Sundry adjustments 12,229

Balance at Dec. 31 1927 \$8,209,865

Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Complex table with 4 columns: Assets—, 1927, 1926, Liabilities—, 1927, 1926. Rows include Cash, Acc'ts receivable, Notes receivable, Inventories, etc.

Total \$21,493,289 22,319,936 Total \$21,493,289 22,319,936 —V. 125, p. 3069.

Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.—Income Account.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Net income, Dividends, and Surplus.

Table with columns for Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (1927, 1926) and rows for Assets (Real est., bldgs., Cash, Securities, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accts. pay., etc.).

-V. 124, p. 3077.

Hill Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended (Dec. 31 '27, Dec. 24 '26, Dec. 26 '25) and rows for Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Operating profit, Dividends received, etc.

Net loss for year surp. \$17,178 \$161,765 \$87,431 x Includes \$9,375 profit on sale of bleachery stock.—V. 124, p. 3077.

Holmes Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.—

Table with columns for Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (1927, 1926) and rows for Assets (Land, bldgs., Inventory, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accts. pay., etc.).

-V. 125, p. 790.

Hollingsworth & Whitney Co., Bost.—Bal Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (1927, 1926) and rows for Assets (Real est., mach., tools, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accts. payable, etc.).

-V. 124, p. 3077.

Honokaa Sugar Co., Honolulu.—Proposed Consolidation.

The directors of this company and the Pacific Sugar Mill on Feb. 3 recommended to the stockholders of both companies that the two plantations be amalgamated or combined into one plantation (corporation) with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, par \$20; that stockholders of the Honokaa Sugar Co. accept one share of stock in said amalgamated plantation for every 3 1/2 shares of stock they own, and stockholders of the Pacific Sugar Mill accept one share of new stock for every 2 shares of stock they own.

The stockholders of both companies will meet May 15 to vote on this plan.

The Honokaa Sugar Co. is capitalized for \$2,000,000, viz., 100,000 shares of \$20 each par value, and Pacific Sugar Mill for \$850,000 or 42,500 shares, \$20 each. All of these shares are at present outstanding.

After exchange on above basis, the consolidated corporation will have outstanding 49,821 shares. The balance, 179 shares, will remain in the treasury.

Hotel Lennox, St. Louis.—Bonds Offered.—Greenebaum

Sons Security Corp. is offering an issue of \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds. The bonds dated May 1 1928 and due semi-annually from Nov. 1 1930 to May 1 1940, and are priced to yield 5.57 to 6% according to maturity. Proceeds of this issue will be used to complete the building now under construction.

Secured by the Hotel Lennox, now under construction, together with land, owned in fee, located on the northeast corner of Washington Avenue and Ninth Street, in the heart of the retail shopping district of St. Louis.

The property covers an area of 7,500 square feet, fronting 50 feet on Washington Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares in St. Louis, and 150 feet on Ninth Street. The Hotel Lennox, upon completion, will be of fireproof construction, 23 stories high with two basements, and will contain 320 guest rooms, each with bath and shower. The furnishings and equipment will be most modern in every particular. The value of the land and building, when completed, has been appraised at \$2,350,000, and estimated net income is given as \$264,792, or 2.94 times the maximum annual interest charges on the entire issue.

Hotel Lexington (Lexington Hotel Corp.), New York City.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. are offering at par and int. \$3,900,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bond certificates, series A (being a first and prior interest in a first mortgage of \$4,500,000; of which \$600,000 Series B certificates are secured by a junior participation.)

Dated May 1 1928; due Nov. 1 1943. Int. coupons due M. & N. Denom \$1,000, \$500 and \$1000*. Manufacturers Trust Co., trustee.

Security.—This issue is secured by a consolidated first mortgage on the land owned in fee by this corporation, located on the southeast corner of Lexington Avenue and 48th Street, and a 25-story popular priced commercial hotel building to be erected thereon.

Earnings.—The net annual earnings of the hotel are estimated at \$939,600, after deducting estimated operating costs, taxes, insurance and a liberal allowance for vacancies.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quarter Ended Mar. 31 (1928, 1927) and rows for Gross earnings, Oper. & gen. exp. & taxes, Income from operations, Other income credits, Total income, Abandoned leases & retirements, Int., amortization & Federal taxes, Depreciation & depletion, Net income, Shares of common stock outstanding, Earnings per share on common.

-V. 126, p. 2657.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Quarter Ended (1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Gross earnings, Expenses, taxes & c., Interest and discount, Operating profit, Deprec. & depletion, Federal taxes, (est.)

Table with columns for (1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Net loss, Earnings per sh. on 500,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par) y Profit.—V. 126, p. 1516.

India Tire & Rubber Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1927, 1926) and rows for Sales (net), Cost of goods sold, selling, admin. exp., etc., Operating profit, Reserve for Federal tax, Other deductions, Net income.

Table with columns for Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (1927, 1926) and rows for Assets (Cash, Cust. nts. & accts. rec., & c., Cred's' debit bals., Merchandise inv., Notes rec. for cap. stk. sold, Notes rec. (empl.), Miscell. invest'g, adv., & c., Plant, mch., eqp., & c., Suppl. inven. and prep'd exp.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Trade accept. for purch., Accts. payable, Accrued Fed., & c. taxes, Res. for cont'g., Prof. stock, Com. stock, Surplus).

-V. 125, p. 3070.

Inland Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31 (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Net profits after expenses, Deprec'n and depletion, Interest & Federal taxes.

Table with columns for (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Net income, Earnings per sh. on 1,182,799 shs. com. stk. (no par) -V. 126, p. 2657.

International Business Machines Corp.—Quar. Earnings.

Table with columns for 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31 (1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Net after bond interest, reserve, deprec'n, & c., Estimated Federal taxes, Balance, surplus, Earnings per sh. on 578,643 shs. cap. stk. (no par) -V. 126, p. 2486, 2463.

International Cement Corp.—Expansion.—

In connection with the purchase of the Phoenix Portland Cement Co. and the Warrior Cement Corp., The International Cement Corp. announces:

The Phoenix plant will be operated by the Lone Star Cement Co. of Pennsylvania, a subsidiary of the International Corp., whose principal office will be located in Philadelphia. The Warrior plant will be operated by the Alabama Portland Cement Co., another International subsidiary, which now operates the plant at Birmingham, the Warrior plant to be known as Plant No. 2 and the Birmingham plant to be designated as Plant No. 1.

The 13 mills which now comprise the International System are operated by eleven subsidiary companies, the stock of which is owned in whole or in major part by the International corporation. Besides the mills at Birmingham, Demopolis and Nazareth, the International System includes a plant at Hudson, N. Y., serving the New York-New England market; one at Greencastle, Ind., serving the Central-West; one at Kansas City, Kansas, serving the West, the Norfolk mill serving Virginia and adjacent states, a plant at New Orleans and two mills located at Dallas and Houston serving Texas and the Southwest, in addition to plants in Cuba and Uruguay and Argentina in South America.

Listing of Debentures and Additional Common Stock.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$18,000,000 20-year 5% conv. gold debentures, due May 1 1948. The Exchange further authorized the listing of additional shares of common stock without par value as follows: (a) 58,250 shares upon official notice of issuance and payment in full; and (b) 198,000 additional shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for \$18,000,000 20-year 5% conv. gold debentures, maturing May 1 1948, making the total amount applied for \$38,750 shares of common stock.—V. 126, p. 2800.

International Holding & Investment Co., Ltd.—

Chairman and New Directors Elected.— Sir Herbert Holt, of the Royal Bank of Canada, has been elected chairman of the board. Together with Sir Herbert Holt, J. H. Gundy (of Wood, Gundy & Co.) and Prentiss N. Gray (President of the J. Henry Schroeder Banking Corp.) have been elected directors. See also V. 126, p. 2486.

International Nickel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31 (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Earnings after exp., repairs and maintenance, Other income, Gross income, Exp., Federal tax, & c., Deprec., deplet., & c., Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Shs. com. outs. (no par), Earnings per share on com.

Table with columns for Balance Sheet March 31 (1928, 1927) and rows for Assets (Property, Investments, Inventories, Accts. & bill rec., Advances, Govt. securities, Loans on call, Cash) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 10-yr. 5% purch. notes, Accts. payable and tax reserve, Prof. divs. payable, Reserves, Surplus).

-V. 126, p. 1673.

Investment Trust of New York, Inc.—To Sell Shares

to Investors in England, Scotland and France.— The corporation announces that it has given an option on 1,000,000 of its collateral trustee shares to Oscar Grosslicht, a retired capitalist with

many years of contact with European bankers, and who is representing certain European interests. Mr. Grosslicht has taken the option on contract and will arrange for distribution of the shares of this American trust abroad.

The Investment Trust of New York purchases units of one share each of the stocks of 75 leading American railroads, public utilities and industrial corporations, and deposits these units with the National Park Bank of New York, trustee.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—Table with columns for 1928, 1927, and 1926, showing net profit after deprec., deple. & Fed. taxes, etc.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—Table with columns for 1928-4 Weeks-1927, 1928-16 Weeks-1927, and 1927, showing sales and average number of sales routes.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Quarterly Earnings.—Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing net after taxes, depreciation and depletion, interest, net income, preferred dividends, common dividends, surplus, etc.

Kalamazoo Stove Co.—Earnings.—Table with columns for 1927 and 1926, showing gross profit, selling gen. & admin. expenses, other deductions, federal taxes, net profit, shares of stock outstanding, earned per share.

Karstadt (Rudolph) Inc., (Rudolph Karstadt Aktien-gesellschaft).—To Pay Cash Dividend of 12%—Increase in Stock—Rights.—Table with columns for 1927 and 1926, showing gross profit, selling gen. & admin. expenses, other deductions, federal taxes, net profit, shares of stock outstanding, earned per share.

The stockholders will vote May 24 on approving the following proposals: 1. Adoption of resolution declaring a cash dividend of 12% on the par value of the shares of the company.

Shareholders desiring to participate in the meeting are requested to deposit their shares, at the latest, by May 19 1928 with Barmer Bankverein Hinsberg Fischer & Co. Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien in Duesseldorf with Commerz und Privat Bank Aktiengesellschaft in Hamburg, with Darmstadter und National Bank Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien in Berlin, with Bankhaus Delbruck Schickler and Co., in Berlin, with Dresdner Bank in Berlin, with Bankhaus Siegfried, Falk, Duesseldorf with Frankfurter Bank in Frankfurt, with Bankhaus Z. H. Gumpel in Hannover, with Bankhaus Simon Hirschland in Essen and Hamburg, with Bankhaus Ferdinand Kaufmann in Basle, with Bankhaus Muenchmeyer & Co. in Hamburg, with Bankhaus M. M. Warburg & Co. in Hamburg, or one of their branch offices, with A. Levy in Cologne, with American Exchange Irving Trust Co. in New York, with International Acceptance Bank, Inc. in New York, with a German notary at Germany "Effekten giro" banks ("Sammel-depot" firms) or at the office of the company, Steinstrasse 10, Hamburg.

Keynee Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Acquires Hecht & Co.—Announcement has been made by the company of the acquisition of the business of Hecht & Co., manufacturers of boys' wash suits.

(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons, Inc.—Capital Stock Sold.—Baker, Trubee & Putnam, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y., announce the sale at \$157 per share of 13,000 shares capital stock (par \$100).

Capitalization Outstanding—Table showing 15-year 6% gold debenture bonds, 500,000; retired by sinking fund \$575,000; held in treasury \$72,000; Capital stock (par \$100) authorized \$25,000,000, issued \$11,953,900, held in treasury \$1,953,900.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company as reported by the company, after all charges including interest and Federal income taxes, for the three years ended Oct. 1 1927, and for the periods of 24 weeks to Mar. 19 1927, and to Mar. 17 1928, have been as follows:

after all charges including interest and Federal income taxes, for the three years ended Oct. 1 1927, and for the periods of 24 weeks to Mar. 19 1927, and to Mar. 17 1928, have been as follows:

Table with columns for Fiscal Years Ended— and Twenty-four Weeks to—, showing Net After All Chgs., Incl. Int. & Fed. Taxes, and Net Per Sh. on Cap. Stk.

* Before deducting special charge of \$500,000 to reduce book value of company's investment in a subsidiary company, operations of which were discontinued in 1927. The amount at which this investment is now carried, \$500,000, represents its realizable value, in the opinion of the management.

Since incorporation of the present company in 1912, the business has shown a net profit in every year and dividend payments have been uninterrupted. Cash dividends have been paid quarterly on the company's capital stock since Oct. 1 1925, at the rate of 6% per annum, with extra cash dividends of 1% on Oct. 15 1926, and Oct. 20 1927.

Kelvinator Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 135,000 additional shares of capital stock, without par value, upon official notice of issue and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 1,186,909 shares.

Kinnear Stores Co.—April Sales.—Table with columns for 1928-April-1927, 1928-4 Mos.-1927, and 1927, showing sales and increase.

Knox Hat Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Table with columns for 1927, 1926, and 1925, showing calendar years, net sales, net earnings after Federal taxes, and net including sales of Long's Hat Stores Corp.

Kolster Radio Corp.—Subscriptions.—Subscriptions to the new common stock of no par value (see Federal-Brandes, Inc. in V. 126, p. 2483), are payable either at the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., New York City, or at the United Security Bank & Trust Co., 631 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

Kraft-Phenix Cheese Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$466,875 additional common stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance in payment for the real estate and physical properties, also patents, patent rights, franchises, leases and goodwill of 13 business organizations now operating in Northern New York, which are to be consolidated in the Miller-Richardson Co., Inc., a New York corp. whose entire capital stock is to be owned by Kraft-Phenix Cheese Co., making a total amount applied for of \$12,267,425.—V. 126, p. 2156.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—April Sales.—Table with columns for 1928-April-1927, 1928-4 Mos.-1927, and 1927, showing sales and increase.

Lamson Building Co.—Bonds Offered.—Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, O., recently offered at prices ranging from 99 and int. to 100 and int. according to maturity, \$500,000 1st (closed) mtge. leasehold 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Mar. 1 1928; due serially Mar. 1 1931-1943. Int. payable (M. & S.) at Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, O., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c's. Red. all or part, on any int. date, or 30 days' notice at 103 and int. Mr. Julius G. Lamson, President of The Lamson Brothers Co., writes to us as follows:

Company.—Company has leased a parcel of land in Toledo, O., on which it will erect a modern 5-story department store building. The 2-story structure now on the Erie St. frontage will be remodeled, improved and made an integral part of the new building. The entire property will be occupied by The Lamson Brothers Co. All of the common shares of The Lamson Building Co. are owned by The Lamson Brothers Co., except directors' qualifying shares. These it has the option to acquire.

Lease.—The land, buildings and equipment are leased by The Lamson Building Co. to The Lamson Brothers Co. for a period of 75 years at an annual rental in excess of the annual requirements for ground rentals under the 99-year lease and the interest and serial installments of principal on these bonds.

Purpose.—The Lamson Building Co. will deposit the proceeds of this issue with the trustee, together with other funds, advances and certificates representing its preferred shares in an amount estimated to be sufficient to pay for the new construction and improvements and the equipment and furnishing of the buildings, and to pay all carrying charges and expenses thereon and in connection therewith maturing and due on or before Jan. 1 1929.

Lamson Brothers Co., Lessee.—The Lamson Brothers store was established in 1885 and has been expanded from time to time as the business grew. In its more than 42 years of existence it has never had an unprofitable year, with the exception of 1921.

Earnings of the company, after eliminating non-recurring charges for rentals and taxes paid at the old location, averaging \$82,931 annually, were as follows: Table with columns for Years Ending January 31: 1926, 1927, 1928, showing net profit before Fed. income taxes applicable to rent on new location.

Lamson Brothers Store Building Site, Toledo.—Land Trust Certificates Offered.—Hayden, Miller & Co., Collins, Norton & Co. and Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, O., are offering land trust certificates representing 1,300 equal undivided shares of equitable ownership in the fee simple title to the Lamson Brothers Store Building Site, Toledo, O. The certificates, issued by Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, O., trustee, are priced at \$1,010 plus accrued rental for each share.

Certificates are dated as of March 1 1928, and rental as received by the trustee will be payable to registered holders of certificates on March, June, Sept., and Dec. in the annual amount of \$52.50 for each share. These certificates are not required to be listed for personal property tax.

Property.—The property to which the trustee takes title comprises approximately 38,520 square feet of land in Toledo, O., with frontages of 200 ft. on Huron St., 128.4 ft. on Jefferson St., and 100 ft. on Erie St. On the corner of Huron and Jefferson Sts. there is to be erected a 5-story modern fireproof department store building. The 2-story structure on the Erie frontage will be remodeled, improved and made an integral part of the new building. The entire property will be occupied by the Lamson Brothers store.

The property has been leased by the trustee for the benefit of the owners of these certificates to The Lamson Building Co. for a term of 99 years, renewable forever. (See below.) The Lamson Building Co. has subleased the property for a period of 75 years to The Lamson Brothers Co., which has assumed payment of all ground rents and other amounts payable under the 99-year lease, including trustee's charges, taxes, charges and assessments on the leased premises and the sum of \$68,250 per annum which will be subject to distribution to the registered holders of these certificates.

Depreciation Fund and Purchase Option.—In addition to the amount provided for rental, the lease calls for the payment quarterly of additional amounts, beginning June 1 1928, into a depreciation fund until such fund shall equal \$1,000,000. This fund is to be held by the trustee and invested either in the obligations of the U. S. Government or in the above certificates. The trustee may purchase these certificates for the depreciation fund in the open market or may call them at the option price of \$1,030 for each share, plus accrued rental. The lessee has the option to purchase the entire property by payment to the trustee of \$1,339,000 plus accrued rental, less the amount in the depreciation fund, thus enabling the trustee to distribute to certificate holders \$1,030 for each share, plus accrued rental.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Total enrollment fees, less refunds	\$5,252,249	\$6,874,449	\$8,250,621
Reserve for cancellations and losses	1,843,350	2,400,665	2,914,104
Net income	\$3,408,899	\$4,415,784	\$5,366,517
Enrollment sales to corporations	56,133	20,005	—
Sales of books, &c.	42,018	45,493	67,474
Total	\$3,507,051	\$4,481,283	\$5,433,992
Expenses	3,391,005	4,207,931	5,026,721
Interest and exchange, &c.	21,000	28,366	11,890
Net income	\$95,046	\$244,986	\$395,381
Preferred dividends	70,000	70,000	47,691
Common dividends	66,000	132,000	104,250
Net profit—	def \$40,954	\$42,986	\$243,440
Total surplus—	\$595,116	\$2,859,322	\$3,800,082

Lektrophone Corp.—Extends Policy of Licensing Manufacturers.

In accordance with a program recently adopted by this corporation, which owns and controls the basic patents and improvements on controlled-edge radio cone speakers, the company has extended its original policy of licensing and will make Lektrophone patents available to all major radio manufacturers in the United States who can qualify to the company's standards, it is announced.

The Victor Talking Machine Co., Brunswick-Balke Collender Co., and Columbia Phonograph Co., use speakers licensed under Lektrophone patents covering the employment of the Hopkins and Lektrophone principles at the present time, and the following manufacturers have been licensed to build radio speakers and speaker chassis employing Lektrophone patents: American Bosch Magneto Corp., Amplion Corp. of America, Brandes Products Corp., Farrand Mfg. Co., Marcus C. Hopkins, O'Neil Radio Corp., Pathe Phonograph & Radio Corp., Radio Corp. of America, Radio Foundation, Inc., Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co., J. S. Timmons, Inc., United Radio Corp., and Utah Radio Products Co.

Because of the increasing demand of the radio trade for controlled-edge speakers to eliminate distortion and the blasting common to "free-edge" speakers, especially since the tendency towards more powerful speakers has come into active manifestation, application of the basic Lektrophone principle of control has been considerably widened in scope and it is expected the corporation will extend licenses to all principal manufacturers of cone speakers under the new policy.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$5,628,464	\$5,400,000	\$4,527,726
Net earns. after deprec. & Fed. taxes.	256,234	384,708	321,293
Current assets as of Dec. 31 1927 totalled \$1,114,959 as against total current liabilities of \$148,559. Cash in banks and on hand amounted to \$276,245.—V. 126, p. 260.			

Lever Bros., Ltd.—Resumes Dividend.—The company has resumed dividends on the ordinary shares by the declaration of 5%. The year's profit was £5,390,000 after £451,000 debenture interest and ample provision for depreciation. There was placed £273,000 to reserve and £102,000 was carried forward.—V. 121, p. 208.

Six Months Ended March 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net profit after int., deprec., &c.	\$4,725 loss	\$111,089	\$220,964

1928.		1927.		1928.		1927.	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks and on hand	160,718	228,634	Notes payable	—	2,709,114	—	—
Accts. receivable	1,532,372	1,416,558	Accounts payable, commissions, &c.	576,088	—	344,273	—
Notes receivable	3,540,490	3,892,671	Reserve for Federal taxes	—	61,407	174,209	—
Inventories	1,848,847	2,245,618	Dividend payable	—	33,266	—	—
Investments	41,979	44,889	1st M. conv. 6s.	—	2,603,000	4,000,000	—
Property accounts	6,106,414	6,250,194	Miscellaneous reserves	—	427,935	405,871	—
Trustee cash	60,534	—	Cap. & initial sur.	—	8,801,268	6,252,470	—
Deferred charges	22,507	48,408	Accrued expenses	—	213,842	—	—
Good-will, patents, process, &c.	1	1	General surplus	—	597,356	151,095	—
Total	\$13,314,162	\$14,127,032	Total	\$13,314,162	\$14,127,032		

a Represented by 147,073 shares of common stock without nominal or par value (as adjusted).—V. 125, p. 3207.

Loew's, Inc.—25% Common Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a 25% stock dividend on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly cash distribution of 50c. per share. The stock dividend is payable June 18 to holders of record June 9 and the cash dividend June 30 to holders of record June 20. Thus the common stockholders will receive the cash dividend on their present holdings and on the additional stock received as a stock dividend.

In a statement announcing the dividend action of the board, President Nicholas M. Schenck, says: The directors on May 9 declared a 25% stock dividend to holders of common stock. The board considered that the common stockholders of the company were entitled to receive some of the benefits of the prosperity that the company had enjoyed and felt that the value of its property, its earnings, and its cash position justified the declaration of a stock dividend in addition to the declaration of the regular cash dividend.—V. 126, p. 1992, 588.

1928—April—1927.	Decrease.	1928—4 Mos.—1927.	Decrease.
\$760,141	\$892,227	\$132,086	\$2,427,044
V. 126, p. 2322, 1518.		\$2,622,881	\$195,837

Lyons Metal Products, Inc., Aurora, Ill.—Merger.—Consolidation of two pioneer companies forming the largest concern engaged in the manufacture of steel cabinets, tables and other steel products, is announced in the formation of the Lyons Metal Products, Inc., of Aurora, Ill. Figuring in the merger are Lyons Metallic Manufacturing Co. of Aurora and Durand Steel Locker Co. of Chicago Heights, Ill. The new company will continue to operate existing plants with additional assembly plants at Jersey City, N. J., and Los Angeles, Calif. Public financing for the new corporation is expected in the near future through A. B. Leach & Co.

McCaskey Register Co., Alliance, O.—Annual Report.—The company reports net earnings, after taxes for the year ending Dec. 31 1927, \$193,966.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$45,075	Notes payable	\$75,000
Accounts receivable (net)	1,013,512	Accounts payable	159,445
Inventory	366,653	Accrued taxes & interest	39,436
Life insurance	61,036	Def. lab. for purch. of equip.	67,010
Personal, agents & miscell.	67,579	6% coupon serial gold notes	200,000
Securities of McCaskey Systems, Ltd.	—	1st pref. stock	623,400
Land, bldgs., m'ch'y & equip.	129,782	2d pref. stock	919,400
Patents, good will, &c.	894,553	Common stock	566,000
Prepaid expenses, &c.	424,690	Surplus	524,296
Total	\$3,173,987	Total	\$3,173,987

—V. 125, p. 3492.

Quar. Ended Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales	\$8,418,110	\$7,911,930	\$6,878,298
Expenses, Federal taxes, &c.	8,019,710	7,595,389	6,594,179
Net profit	\$398,400	\$316,541	\$284,119
Shs. of combined cl. B & com. stk. outstanding (no par)	456,633	455,848	450,965
Earns. per sh. on combined stks.	\$0.77	\$0.58	\$0.51
Period End. Apr. 30—	1928—Month—	1927.	1928—4 Mos.—1927.
Sales	\$3,097,997	\$3,314,500	\$11,478,114

—V. 126, p. 2157, 1518.

McKeesport Tin Plate Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 285,693 shares of capital stock, without par value, with authority to add 4,873 shares of capital stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding interim certificates and with further authority to add 9,434 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for \$471,700 outstanding capital stock (par \$100) on the basis of 2 shares without par value in exchange for 1 share of \$100 par value; making the total amount applied for 300,000 shares.—V. 126, p. 1674.

1928—April—1927.	Increase.	1928—4 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$912,493	\$910,135	\$2,355	\$3,105,112
—V. 126, p. 2322, 1823.		\$2,729,710	\$382,402

Quarter Ended Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Copper produced (lbs.)	\$8,049,539	\$7,386,059	\$7,115,386
Net earns. after exp. but bef. deprec. & taxes	\$440,970	\$389,515	\$422,826
Earns. shs. on 408,155 shs., cap. stk.	\$1.08	\$0.95	\$1.03

—V. 126, p. 2323.

Marion Steam Shovel Co.—100% Stock Dividend.—The directors have called a special meeting of the stockholders on June 19 to consider and act on their recommendation that the common stock be increased from 50,000 shares without par value now outstanding to 100,000 shares and that a 100% dividend be declared.—V. 126, p. 1674.

Gr. earn. from oper. cos	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Selling & administrative expenses	\$1,886,587	\$2,145,114	\$2,099,899	—
Gross profits	767,402	799,531	698,118	—
Inc. from investments	\$1,119,185	\$1,345,583	\$1,401,781	\$414,005
Total income	77,832	42,031	29,385	49,862
Charges not applicable to operations	\$1,197,018	\$1,387,614	\$1,431,166	\$463,867
Federal taxes	48,432	57,620	27,600	142,661
Net profit	187,500	205,600	x	x
Prof. divs. 7% stock	\$961,086	\$1,124,394	\$1,403,476	\$321,205
Com. divs.	40,297	18,637	95,298	—
	(\$3.75)	1115683	(\$2.50)	841037
	—	—	(\$1.08)	260013
Balance surplus—def	\$154,597	\$243,060	\$957,776	\$225,907
Shs. com. stk. (no par)	357,145	343,761	256,225	282,805
Earned per share	\$2.70	\$3.15	\$4.75	\$0.60
x No Federal taxes due to previous years' losses.	—	—	—	—

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$784,412	\$611,562	\$653,373	\$478,785
Depreciation	106,130	—	—	—
Expenses, &c.	187,137	192,376	199,669	234,015
Balance	\$491,145	\$419,186	\$453,704	\$244,770
Other income	33,740	19,742	2,388	5,245
Total income	\$524,885	\$438,928	\$456,092	\$250,015
Federal taxes	74,269	66,676	62,046	—
Preferred dividends	—	—	14,635	47,649
Common dividends	267,858	257,821	165,843	55,701
Balance surplus	\$182,758	\$114,431	\$213,568	\$146,665
Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par)	357,145	343,761	331,668	256,225
Earns. per share	\$1.26	\$1.08	\$1.14	\$0.79

—V. 126, p. 1674.

Marvel Carburetor Co.—Merger.—See Borg & Beck Co. above.—V. 126, p. 2800.

Maytag Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Blyth, Witter & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. offered May 7 at 101 and div., to yield 5.94%, 84,500 shares of no par value cumul. \$6 1st pref. stock. Of the stock offered 10,000 shares are being purchased from the company and the remainder to be issued to stockholders pursuant to a proposed plan of recapitalization, is being acquired from individuals and involves no new financing by the company.

Preferred as to assets and dividends. Dividends payable Q-F. (first dividend payable Aug. 1 1928). Redeemable as a whole or in part and for sinking fund on 30 days' notice at \$110 per share and divs. Entitled to receive \$110 per share and divs. in event of voluntary liquidation and \$100 per share and accrued divs. in event of involuntary liquidation. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax.

Registrars, seaboard National Bank, New York and Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. Transfer agents, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.
Earnings.—Net earnings for 1927 are over 10 times the annual dividend requirements on the 1st preferred stock to be presently outstanding. Such net earnings for the four-year period ended Dec. 31 1927, averaged over 8 times such annual dividend requirements.
Preferred Stock Provisions.—The amended Certificate of Incorporation will contain certain limitations upon the issue of the remainder of the authorized but unissued first preferred stock. The 1st preferred stock will be non-voting except in special instances to be specified in the certificate of incorporation as amended. Company agrees to provide, out of surplus (after dividends on the 1st preferred stock and cumulative preference stock) an annual sinking fund beginning May 1 1929, sufficient to retire 2% of the largest amount of 1st preferred stock outstanding at any time; such fund to be used either to purchase stock at or below 110 or, if not so obtainable, for its redemption.
Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.
The present management will continue. F. L. Maytag, chairman of the Board, E. H. Maytag, President, and their associates will own over 80% of the 1,600,000 shares of the new common stock to be presently outstanding. See also V. 126, p. 2800.

To Vote on Recapitalization Plan.—

The stockholders will vote May 21 on approving the creation of an authorized issue of 200,000 cum. \$6 1st pref. stock (no par value) and 320,000 shares of cum. pref. stock (no par value). The common stock of which there is an authorized issue of 2,400,000 shares, no par value (1,600,000 shares outstanding), remains unchanged.—V. 126, p. 2800.

Mechanics Machine Co.—Merger.—

See Borg & Beck Co. above.

Mengel Co., Louisville, Ky.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Period, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Gross profits, Interest, Depreciation, Net prof. bef. Fed. tax.

The net sales to customers for the first three months of 1928 were \$4,071,128 and for the same period in 1927 were \$3,144,113.

The unfilled orders as of Apr. 1 1928 were \$2,490,000 and Apr. 1 1927 were \$1,825,000.

The net sales to customers for the month of April 1928, were \$1,400,000 (estimated) and for April 1927, were \$1,100,000.

The unfilled orders as of May 1 1928, were \$2,690,000 (estimated) and on May 1 1927, were \$1,634,000.

The capital stock outstanding is \$9,360,300 of which 60,000 shares (par \$100) are common and 33,603 shares (par \$100) are preferred (7% cumulative).—V. 126, p. 2323.

Metro-Goldwyn Picture Corp.—Earnings.—

Results for Twenty-Eight Weeks Ended— Mar. 11 '28 Mar. 31 '27

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Gross profit, Operating expenses, Operating profit, Miscellaneous income.

Net profit before income taxes \$3,032,838 \$1,974,178 —V. 126, p. 424.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—April Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928-April-1927, Decrease, 1928-4 Mos.—1927, Increase, \$017,562, \$1,000,337, \$82,775, \$3,274,088, \$3,148,809, \$125,279.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Quarter, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Manufacturing profit, Expenses, Operating profit, Interest, Depreciation, Federal taxes.

Profit \$630,551 \$603,048 \$768,094 \$656,361 —V. 126, p. 1674.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Tenders—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, will until May 16 receive bids for the sale to it of 20-year 5% conv. s. f. gold bonds, due Mar. 1 1936, of an amount sufficient to absorb \$895,900, at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 124, p. 2919.

Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.—Definitive Ctls.—

Definitive certificates of 7% cum. conv. pref. stock and com. stock are now ready for delivery in exchange for temporary stock certificates at the National Bank of Commerce in New York and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago. (For offering, see V. 125, p. 2538).—V. 126, p. 2489.

Mohawk Rubber Co., Akron, O.—Earnings.—

[Includes Mohawk Rubber Company of New York, Inc.]

Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1927. Rows include Net sales, Manufacturing & operating cost, Net profit from operations, Other income, Total income, Interest, Depreciation, Net profit from all sources.

Morgan Lithograph Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1927, net income of \$446,585 after all charges but before Federal taxes, equivalent to \$4.46 a share on the 100,000 no par common shares outstanding. This compares with \$2.137 or \$2.81 a share in the corresponding period of 1926.—V. 125, p. 2398.

Motor Wheel Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Quarter, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Profit before Fed'l taxes, Federal taxes, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Surplus, Earnings per sh. on 550,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Balance Sheet March 31.

Balance sheet table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Land, buildings, machinery, etc., Constructive work in progress, Cash, U. S. bonds, Customers' notes, Inventories, Other assets, Prepaid taxes, bond disct., etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Accrued taxes, royalties and interest, Est. Fed. Inc. tax, Res. for cont., etc.).

x After depreciation. y Represented by 550,000 shares of no par value.—V. 126, p. 1365.

Municipal Service Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Quarter, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net profit after charges, Total gasoline sales for the quarter increased from 9,656,510 gallons in 1927 to 18,946,121 gallons in the first quarter of 1928, and increase of over 98%.—V. 126, p. 2489.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—April Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928-April-1927, Increase, 1928-4 Mos.—1927, Increase, \$929,824, \$870,958, \$58,866, \$2,988,623, \$2,723,944, \$264,679.

Nashawena Mills.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1927, 1926. Rows include Calendar Year— Net sales, Net profits after all charges, incl. depreciation, x Before depreciation.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with 4 columns: 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Plant & fixed asset, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Investments, Prepaid accounts) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Notes payable, Accts payable, Res. for deprec'n., Surplus).

National Acme Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 3 Months Ended March 31—, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Net profit after charges but bef. taxes, Shs. of cap. stk. outst'd g (par \$10), Earnings per sh. on cap. stock.—V. 126, p. 1519.

National Distillers Products Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Quarter Ended March 31—, 1928, 1927. Rows include Operating net, Taxes, Minority interest, Balance, Interest, x Loss, x Before depreciation, amortization of brands, trademarks, etc.—V. 126, p. 1365.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—April Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928-April-1927, Increase, 1928-4 Mos.—1927, Increase, \$7,364,379, \$4,856,299, \$2,508,080, \$27,408,779, \$18,612,141, \$8,796,638.—V. 126, p. 2324, 1675.

Nauheim Pharmacies, Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.—J. & W. Seligman & Co., New York, and Jackson, Stoner & Co. of Boston are offering privately at \$37.50 per share and div. 45,000 shares (no par) cumulative convertible preferred stock. The same bankers also offer 45,000 shares of common stock (no par) at \$28.50 per share.

Preferred as to assets in liquidation to the extent of \$60 per share and as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2.50 per annum payable quarterly from May 1 1928. Red. all or part on any div. date at \$60 per share and div. on not less than 30 days' notice. Convertible share for share into common stock at any time on or before May 1 1938, and prior to date fixed for redemption if called. Transfer Agent, National Bank of Commerce in New York; Registrar, Central Union Trust Co. of New York.

Capitalization—Authorized, Outstanding. Cumul. convertible pref. stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 45,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) 200,000 shs. 90,000 shs. * 45,000 shares reserved for conversion of cumulative convertible preferred stock.

Data from Letter of A. M. Stoller, President of the Company. Company.—Has been organized in Delaware to acquire through wholly subsidiary corporations organized under the laws of New York, 26 pharmacies located in New York City and the metropolitan area. The principal subsidiary corporation to be acquired will succeed to the business of Nauheim Pharmacy, a partnership, in successful operation in New York City since 1878. During this period the Nauheim pharmacies have established themselves as pharmacies of standing and reputation. The stores which have been selected for this operating group have been chosen for their professional standing, large volume of sales, desirable locations, favorable leaseholds and adaptability to further development under chain store merchandising direction. These stores have been in operation on an average of over 19 years and have leases which run on an average for nine years.

Earnings.—Sales of the 26 stores proposed to be included in this operating group for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, amounted to \$2,789,743, an average of \$107,290 per store. The net profits accruing to the former proprietors for the same period, after providing for depreciation, State and Federal taxes at present rates, and a net deduction in adjustment of salaries and payroll approved by the management, as established by Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., amounted to \$385,002, equivalent to 3.42 times the total dividend requirements of the preferred stock to be outstanding. After deducting preferred stock dividend requirements, earnings as above amounted to \$3.02 per share on the 90,000 shares of common stock.

It is proposed to establish a central management for the company, the cost of which it is estimated will increase expenses by about \$80,000 annually. This central management will provide wholesale purchasing and inventory control which it is estimated will result in substantial economies. Consolidated Balance Sheet, May 28 1928 (Giving Effect to Acquisition, &c.)

Assets—Cash, Merchandise inventories, Furniture & fixtures, Leaseholds & improvements, Goodwill, trade marks, etc. Liabilities—Cumul. conv. pref. stock, (45,000 shs. and com. stk.), 90,000 shs., Reserve for contingencies, Surplus.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—April Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928-April-1927, Increase, 1928-4 Mos.—1927, Increase, \$1,302,894, \$1,086,719, \$216,175, \$4,325,252, \$3,080,417, \$1,244,835.—V. 126, p. 2324, 1675.

Nichols Copper Co., New York.—Stock Sold.—

This company with offices at 25 Broad st., New York, announces the sale of 140,000 shares class B stock (without par value).

Class A stock is entitled to preferential dividends at the rate of \$1.75 per annum from date of issue up to June 30 1930. Class B stock is entitled to such dividends as may be declared thereon by the directors after paying 7% on outstanding preferred stock, if any, and \$1.75 per annum on class A stock. After June 30 1930, class A stock and class B stock are in all respects on a parity. Transfer agent: Central Union Trust Co., New York. Registrar: Title Guaranty & Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of C. Walter Nichols, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in New York. Owns and operates an electrolytic copper refinery at Laurel Hill, Queens County, L. I. It is one of the oldest and largest electrolytic refineries in the United States and is at present operating at approximately 300,000,000 pounds per annum. The present company was incorporated in 1905, succeeding to the business of The Nichols Chemical Co., the successor of G. H. Nichols & Co., which had operated on the same site since 1872. The "L. N. S." brand of electrolytic copper produced by the company is recognized throughout the world for its purity. The company is also the largest producer of copper sulphate in the United States, its "Triangle" brand being the standard product.

Capitalization—Authorized, Outstanding. 6% debenture bonds, due 1932 \$3,000,000 \$788,600 7% preferred stock (par \$100) 40,000 shs. 23,126 shs. Class A stock (no par) 100,000 shs. None Class B stock (no par) 300,000 shs. 210,000 shs. a 92,504 shares are reserved for conversion of 23,126 shares 7% pref. stock at ratio of 4 for 1. Holders of more than 85% of pref. stock have already elected to exercise this right of conversion.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these 140,000 shares of class B stock will be used exclusively for the construction of a new electrolytic refinery to be located in the Southwest at a site to be chosen by the representatives of this corporation, Phelps Dodge Corp., Calumet & Arizona Mining Co. and New Cornelia Copper Co., so as to gain all economic advantages of close association with the producing properties as well as its proximity to important consuming territories.

Earnings.—It is estimated that after the completion of the new refinery in the Southwest, the earnings from the present plant of the corporation at Laurel Hill, together with estimated earnings from the new refinery will be sufficient to meet all fixed charges, including ample depreciation reserves, and leave a surplus sufficient to pay at least \$1.75 per share on all the class A and class B stock which will then be outstanding.

Management.—The management of the corporation will be unchanged. Officers and directors will be as follows:
Directors.—C. Walter Nichols (Pres.); W. H. Nichols (Chairman Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.); Walter Douglas (Pres. Phelps Dodge Corp.); Cleveland E. Dodge (V.-Pres. Phelps Dodge Corp.); Gordon Campbell (Pres. Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.); James S. Douglas (Pres. United Verde Extension Mining Co.); Archibald Douglas (Douglas, Armitage & McCann); P. Pizart (Mng. Dir. Societe Generale de Minerais); Edgar Senfier (Mng. Dir. Union Miniere du Haut-Katanga); Henry B. Paull (New Cornelia Copper Co.)—V. 119, p. 2270.

North American Car Corp.—Pref. Stock Approved.—The stockholders on May 1 approved the creation of an authorized issue of 50,000 shares of 1st pref. stock, no par value, of which 20,000 shares, designated as series A \$6 cumul. pref. stock, were offered last week. See V. 126, p. 2801.

North Butte Mining Co.—Recapitalization Approved.—The stockholders on Apr. 16 approved an amendment changing the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares par \$10 each to 1,500,000 shares par \$2½ each (not no-par-value as previously reported). It had been recommended by the ways and means committee that the stock be changed from \$10 to no-par shares, but this recommendation was later modified. New \$2½ par stock will be issued in exchange for the present \$10 par stock on a share-for-share basis.

The stockholders of record Apr. 30 have been given the right to subscribe on or before June 1 for additional capital stock at par (\$2½) on the basis of one new share for each share held. Subscriptions may be paid for in 5 equal payments on or before June 1, July 1, Aug. 1, Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 1928. Pres. Paul A. Gow says: "The directors believe that, based on a fair intrinsic valuation of the properties of the company and with the liquidation of all indebtedness as proposed and provided for, the stock so offered to stockholders has a real value of at least \$12.50 per share, or 5 times the amount at which stockholders may purchase stock from the company at this time under these "rights." Purchase of stock will be made through J. J. Harrington, trustee, 75 Harbour Building, Butte, Montana.

Holder of bonds of the North Butte Mining Co., Tuolumne Copper Mining Co., and Tuolumne Copper Co. are given the privilege, subject to the prior right of stockholders to purchase capital stock from the company, to exchange their bonds on the basis of par plus accrued interest to May 1 1928 for stock at \$2.50 per share. Bondholders desiring to surrender their bonds for stock should forward their bonds to George U. Hill, trustee, First National Bank, Butte, Mont.

All moneys received from stockholders for purchase of stock and all bonds surrendered for exchange into stock of the company will be held by the trustees until an amount sufficient to liquidate all indebtedness has been received and unless sufficient funds are received together with a sufficient amount of bonds surrendered for exchange the trustees will return the funds and bonds so received to the respective stockholders and bondholders without deduction of any expense. Every dollar received from the sale of capital stock to either stockholders or bondholders will go into the treasury of the company without the payment or deduction of any commission or other expense.

The directors have been directed to take such action as may be authorized by law to dissolve the receivership. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: President, Paul A. Gow; First Vice-Pres., William P. Jahn; Second Vice-Pres., Arthur Perham; Sec.-Treas., J. J. Harrington; General Counsel, Charles R. Leonard, and J. A. Poore.

President Gow April 26 says: "You have been previously advised concerning the activities of the bondholders' committee and their efforts to institute foreclosure proceedings. Their petitions for leave to file a foreclosure suit in Montana is before the Federal Court in Minnesota. It is probable that this petition will be granted but before any such action can be started permission of the Federal Court in the District of Montana must be secured. If such permission is sought in Montana it will be resisted by the company and in view of the efforts being made to promptly liquidate all of the indebtedness of the company, such action on the part of the bondholders' committee must lead to the conclusion that they desire to deprive the company of its properties rather than secure the payment of the obligation. Demand is being made by a number of bondholders who have deposited their bonds with the bondholders' committee for the return of their bonds in order that they may be surrendered to the trustee in Butte for exchange into stock."

"A considerable amount of bonds have been deposited with the trustee in Butte to be exchanged for stock on the basis of \$2.50 per share and bondholders owning in excess of \$175,000 have already expressed their intention of immediately surrendering their bonds to the trustee to effect such exchange."

Financial Statement as of April 26 1928 (After Giving Effect to Financing as Authorized by Annual Meeting of Stockholders).

Assets		Liabilities	
Mines and mining claims	\$12,684,664	Capital stock (par \$2½)	\$3,161,640
Machinery & equipment	3,000,000	Res. for deple'n & deprec.	4,000,000
Current assets—Cash	850,820	Surplus	9,373,844
Total	\$16,535,484	Total	\$16,535,484

Note.—The above statement is based on the proposed sale of capital stock to the extent of 632,328 shares @ \$2.50 per share and the payment therefrom of all indebtedness and anticipated liabilities, leaving a cash balance of \$850,820 as working capital and for future operations, as well as 235,344 shares of treasury stock.—V. 126, p. 2801.

Ohio Leather Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net earnings after est. Federal taxes	\$216,349	loss \$52,402	\$77,238	\$128,890
Preferred dividends	34,850	15,972	63,888	79,706
Balance, surplus	\$181,499	xdef \$68,374	\$13,350	\$49,184

x Before inventory adjustment and reserve of \$25,257.
 First pref. stock div. in arrears Dec. 31 1927 amounted to \$62,730, and second pref. stock divs. in areas amounted to \$237,725.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets		Liabilities	
Plant & equip., &c. less deprecia'tn.	\$908,345	First pref. stock	\$697,000
Cash	7,235	Second pref. stock	790,800
U. S. Treas. notes & acc. interest	50,491	Com. stock	a677,609
Acc'ts & notes rec. less discount	488,922	Acc'ts pay. & accr. accounts	124,174
Inventory	1,229,079	10-yr. 6% notes	158,931
Prepaid expense	10,492	Cont'g'les reserve	800,000
		Divs. payable	34,850
		Cont'g' res. res.	59,342
		Liability ins. res.	29,211
		Conting. cred. res.	20,634
		Federal tax res.	34,000
		Balance	226,942
			13,674

Total (each side) \$2,694,564 \$3,271,745
 a Consisting of 48,657 shares of no par value.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net profit after charges but before Fed. taxes	\$99,574	\$47,372	loss \$9,962	\$41,245

—V. 126, p. 1825.

Otis Steel Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating profits	\$3,051,500	\$3,395,777	\$2,884,119	\$151,473
Depreciation	720,000	720,000	720,000	763,355
Operating profit	\$2,341,500	\$2,675,777	\$2,164,119	loss \$111,882
Other income	46,793	37,659	7,672	175,158
Gross profit	\$2,388,293	\$2,713,436	\$2,171,791	loss \$436,724
Other deductions	785,413	766,121	767,404	1,042,417
Prov. for est. Fed. tax.	220,000	40,000		
Net income	\$1,382,880	\$1,907,315	\$1,404,388	df \$1,479,141
Profit and loss surplus	\$3,352,843	\$2,583,128	\$2,679,474	\$1,340,341

Results for Quarter Ended March 31.

	1928.	1927.
Net profit after all charges including depreciation and Federal taxes	\$821,288	\$497,924

—V. 126, p. 2802.

North Packing & Provision Co.—Bal. Sheet Jan. 1.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Real est., bldgs. machinery, &c.	1928. \$1,508,204	1927. \$1,613,553		
Cash	425,619	466,677		
Acc'ts receivable	1,682,566	1,783,671		
Inventory	1,980,686	2,065,851		
Invest. & secur.	533,962	507,124		
Total	\$6,131,038	\$6,436,875	Total	\$6,131,038

x All taxes deducted.—V. 124, p. 3364.

Overseas Securities Co., Inc.—Earnings.

<i>Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.</i>		
Profits on purchase & sale of securities (net)		\$366,028
Interest & dividends		60,801
Gross earnings		\$426,829
Interest accrued on debentures		12,500
Other interest paid		13,983
Miscellaneous expenses		23,858
Gross income		\$376,489
Provision for Federal income tax		44,073
Provision for directors' compensation		14,594
Provision for managers' compensation		18,242
Net income before provision for investment reserve		\$299,581

—V. 126, p. 2160.

Pacific Coast Biscuit Co.—Quarterly Earnings.

<i>3 Months End. March 31—</i>		1928.	1927.
Net profit after depreciation & Federal taxes		\$107,996	\$92,754
Earns per sh. on 120,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)		\$0.46	\$0.33

—V. 126, p. 2661.

Pacific Sugar Mill (Corp.) Honolulu.—Proposed Consolidation.—See Honokaa Sugar Co. above.—V. 126, p. 1996.

Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—Block Booking Decis. The Federal Trade Commission May 7 announced it had rejected a report of compliance of the Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. sent in response to the commission's order to cease and desist from certain unfair trade practices in so far as the report of compliance concerned "block booking" of motion pictures. Two other parts of the report of compliance relating to alleged conspiracy to restrain trade in the motion picture business and acquisition of theaters for alleged intimidation of exhibitors in connection with booking Paramount films, the commission accepted as "unobjectionable."

The commission rejected the report of compliance in so far as it related to block booking stating that "the facts alleged as to the manner and form in which respondents are complying, and have complied with paragraph two (that in which block booking is prohibited) of said order to cease and desist," are "insufficient to show a compliance with said paragraph two."

The Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. stated in its report of compliance submitted April 15 that it had adopted the new standard contract as drawn up and recommended by a committee appointed for that purpose last October at the trade practice conference of the motion picture industry held in New York under auspices of the commission.

The next step has not been determined. The commission has the right to petition for enforcement in a U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the respondents have the right to petition for vacation of the commission's order.

The commission declares in its "order rejecting in part respondent's report of compliance" that "the sole question to be decided, and that is decided, by the commission upon said report of compliance, is the sufficiency of the facts alleged in said report to constitute compliance with so much of said order to cease and desist as requires respondents to file a written report or written reports as to the manner and form of their compliance with paragraphs one, two, and three of said order to cease and desist; the question of actual compliance with said order, or any part thereof, not being determined by the commission, but being left open at all times to investigation, challenge, allegation and proof, under the terms of the Federal Trade Commission Act."—V. 126, p. 2661.

Peerless Motor Car Corp.—Earnings.

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross sales	Not Avail.	\$3,522,246	\$4,460,878	\$3,349,816
Net prof. after deprec. and taxes	loss \$193,624	loss \$168,798	205,802	loss \$280,514

Comparative Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Plant equip.	3,852,585	4,224,202	Capital stock	6,927,560
Pats., good-will	1	1	Accts. pay. for purch.	1,225,990
Cash & U. S. Govt. securities	1,979,688	2,701,521	Customers' depts. & credit balance	40,552
Receivables	187,043	338,760	Accr. real & personal taxes	86,430
Inventories	3,671,516	3,815,937	Res. for conting.	131,456
Other assets	37,504	69,242	Surplus	1,728,304
Deferred charges	371,402	56,680		2,679,409
Total	\$10,099,742	\$11,206,342	Total	\$10,099,742

—V. 126, p. 2326.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—April Sales.

1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
\$1,137,696	\$1,026,148	\$1,111,548	\$4,456,591

April—1927. Increase. \$3,887,911 \$568,680
 —V. 126, p. 2326, 2160.

Penick & Ford, Ltd., Inc.—Earnings.

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$1,041,851	\$1,175,500	\$1,125,246	\$1,237,273
Expenses	509,629	545,040	526,289	525,814
Depreciation	173,038	151,243	122,797	157,500
Interest	47,983	57,004	60,599	64,494
Net inc. before Fed. taxes	\$311,201	\$422,212	\$415,561	\$489,465

—V. 126, p. 1825.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Sales.

Comparative Sales of 822 Stores for Month and 3 Months Ending April 30.	
1928—Month—	1927. Decrease.
\$11,766,427	\$13,644,289
1928—4 Mos.—	1927. Increase.
\$37,845,194	\$36,446,597

At April 30 1928 the company operated 945 stores as compared with 832 on April 30 1927. Comparative sales for this number of stores will be found in V. 126, p. 2802.

Penn-Mex Fuel Co.—\$1.25 Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.25 a share on the capital stock, payable May 31 to holders of record May 19. An initial dividend of 50c. a share was paid May 21 1925; none since. Over 54% of the stock is owned by the South Penn Oil Co. which has active control of its operations. The directors of the company who recently returned from Mexico said that the intrusion of salt water on the company's leases has necessitated the curtailment of production about 30%.—V. 124, p. 3223.

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 5,888 additional shares (par \$100) series 7% cumul. pref. stock, with authority to add to the list 8,332 additional shares of common stock without par value, upon official notice of issuance on conversion of the preferred stock; making the total amounts applied for \$13,588,800, of preferred stock, and 603,832 shares of common stock. The company has bought at a sheriff's sale the plant and properties of the Pyramid Portland Cement Co. of Iowa. These properties are subject to a lease to the Pyramid Portland Cement Co. of Del. In order to acquire immediate possession and the ability to operate the plant and properties of the Iowa corp., the company has acquired the total authorized number of shares of stock of the Pyramid Portland Cement Co. of Del. (1,000 shares, without par value), thus obtaining control of the lease, together with \$446,500, aggregate principal amount, 1st mge. bonds of the Pyramid Portland Cement Co. of Iowa, for \$224,266 in cash, and 5,888 shares of its series "A" conv. 7% cumul. preferred stock.

The stockholders' meeting which was scheduled for May 2 for the purpose of voting on the merger of the Pennsylvania company and the North American Cement Corp. has been postponed.—V. 126, p. 2490.

Pierce Oil Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash on deposit	1,748	1,707	Preferred stock	15,000,000	15,000,000		
Treasury stock	44,493	44,493	Common stock	29,622,831	29,622,831		
Investment	34,917,817	34,917,817					
Deficit	9,658,773	9,658,815					
Total	44,622,831	44,622,831	Total	44,622,831	44,622,831		

x 1,103,419 1/2 shares of cap. stock of Pierce Petro. Corp.—V. 125, p. 2400.

Pierce Petroleum Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

1927.		1926.		1925.		x1924.	
Gross profit	\$8,501,134	\$8,117,531	\$8,193,137	\$6,903,461			
Mktg., gen. & adm. exp.	7,103,884	6,983,042	7,143,375	6,299,068			
Interest	211,416	227,857	194,571	273,249			
Prov. for uncol. accts. rec.	114,000	72,000	42,950	99,000			
Depreciation	1,061,175	920,906	706,141	609,613			

Balance... prof\$10,658 loss\$86,275 prof\$100,100 yloss\$377,471
x During first 4 months Pierce Oil Corp., and remaining 8 months Pierce Petroleum Corp. y This amount comprises a loss of \$511,187 for the period May 1 1924 to Dec 31 1924, subsequent to the reorganization of the company, less a profit of \$133,716 for the period Jan. 1 1924 to April 30 1924.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash	1,102,327	510,721	Accounts payable	1,822,492	2,008,392		
Notes & accts. rec., less reserves	2,404,462	3,070,690	Notes payable	1,850,000	2,337,500		
Inventories	5,076,054	6,121,306	Trade acceptances	137,803	97,364		
Invest. & adv.	126,221	115,000	Reserve for claims in litigation or contested	2,061,102	2,061,102		
Capital assets (book value) b.	16,219,711	16,094,736	10-year 8% sinking fund debentures	900,000	1,017,000		
Cash with trustee	79,547	—	Capital stock	419,134,519	19,134,519		
Deferred charges	436,734	454,290					
Deficit	460,857	289,134					
Total	25,905,916	26,665,876	Total	25,905,916	26,665,876		

a Real estate, buildings, plant and equipment, tank steamers and barges, pipe lines, &c. (oil lands and oil leases are not capitalized on the books of the companies), \$19,317,250, less reserves for depreciation, \$3,097,518.
b Notes payable on demand, \$1,200,000—secured by pledge of demand note of Pierce Pipe Line Co., Inc. (a subsidiary company), for \$3,073,876; the validity of these notes and of this pledge is challenged by the corporation, and suit is in progress to cancel the notes, set aside the pledge and for an accounting, Empire Petroleum Co., \$208,643 open account; liability on this open account is also denied by the corporation; various other miscellaneous unsettled and contested claims. d Authorized, issued and outstanding, 2,500,000 shares of no par value.

Results for Quarter Ended March 31.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross profit	\$2,058,377	\$1,936,749	\$1,781,949	\$1,958,400
Expenses	1,733,929	1,737,867	1,632,627	1,620,212
Interest, &c.	75,208	75,809	73,610	71,902
Depreciation	283,505	252,569	230,300	157,248
Net loss	\$34,266	\$129,496	\$154,588	prof\$109,038

—V. 125, p. 2400.

Pompeian Corp., Baltimore, Md.—Debentures Offered.—

Hitt, Farwell & Co., New York, are offering \$650,000 6 1/2% 12-year sinking fund gold debentures (with stock warrants attached) at 102 and int.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1940. Int. payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. all or part by lot on any int. date on not less than 30 days' notice at 105% plus int. to date of redemption. Corporation will reimburse holder, upon proper application, for certain income, personal property and securities taxes of certain states, including Penn., Md., Mass., Conn. and Calif. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Principal and int. payable at Union Trust Co. of Maryland, trustee, Baltimore, or at Equitable Trust Co., New York.

Sinking Fund.—Semi-annual sinking fund payments \$16,250, first payment Nov. 1 1930, to be applied to the redemption of debentures by lot or to the purchaser of debentures at not exceeding the redemption price.

Capitalization.—Authorized, Outstanding, 6 1/2% 12-year sinking fund gold debentures—\$650,000 shs. \$650,000. Common stock (no par value)—60,000 shs. *60,000 shs. * Includes 6,500 shares to be deposited with the trustee against the exercise of stock warrants.

Data from Letter of Nathan Musher, President of the Corporation.

Business.—Corporation is presently to acquire substantially all the assets, including the business and good will, and to assume certain liabilities of The Pompeian-Romanza Corp.; and also to acquire the assets of American Mayonnaise Corp., which owns perfected formulae and processes for the production of mayonnaise and salad dressings. The Pompeian-Romanza Corp. succeeded to a business established in 1906 and is one of the largest importers and distributors in the United States of virgin olive oil, sold under the trade name "Pompeian."

Among the assets to be acquired is a modern oil storage, blending and packing plant situated on a 7 1/2 acre tract of land in Baltimore, Md. The plant contains 185,000 sq. ft. of floor space and is equipped with glass-lined tanks having oil storage capacity of 1,250,000 gallons.

Sales & Profits.—Ernst & Ernst, who have examined the books of account and record of The Pompeian-Romanza Corp. (the old company) report for the 6 years ended Dec. 31 1927 net sales and net profits before interest charges, depreciation and Federal income taxes, as follows:

Calendar Years—	Net Sales.	a Net Profits.
1922	\$1,494,096	\$128,789
1923	1,396,640	167,524
1924	1,448,413	134,494
1925	1,339,445	196,184
1926	1,170,649	100,148
1927	1,209,994	88,446

a Before interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes. b Do not include the operation of an affiliated selling organization which marketed output of The Pompeian-Romanza Corp. from March, 1925 to June, 1926.

Stock Warrants.—With each debenture will be given a non-detachable stock warrant entitling the warrant holder to receive, without cost, one share of the corporation's common stock without par value (as constituted upon exercise of the warrant) for each \$100 debenture, upon presentation of such debenture and warrant at the principal office of the trustee for detachment and cancellation of the warrant. Warrants may be exercised at any time after April 30 1930 (or earlier in case of dividends, reclassification, reorganization, dissolution, etc.), and prior to Nov. 1 1930 or, if such debenture shall be called for redemption and the redemption date thereof fixed as prior to May 1 1930, then such warrant may be exercised at any time after such call for redemption and on or prior to the redemption date.

Pond Creek Pohontas (Coal) Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1928.	1927.
Net income after deprec. & depletion (est.)	\$46,000	\$15,000

—V. 126, p. 1998, 426.

Pontiac Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Backus, Fordon & Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. \$245,000 1st mtge. (fee) 6 1/2% gold bonds.

Dated Apr. 1 1928; due serially Apr. 1 1930-40. Detroit Trust Co., trustee. This issue of bonds is the direct obligation of the corporation and is secured by an absolute first mortgage on 73 modern buildings consisting of 43 single houses and 30 two-family dwellings, located on Marshall Blvd., Pontiac, near the new General Motors Yellow Cab plant. The former contains 5 and 6 rooms each and the latter 9 and 10 rooms. All have full basements, furnaces, gas, electricity, sewer, and water.—V. 125, p. 3494.

Powdrell & Alexander, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.
Gross sales (less returns)	\$5,032,435	\$4,316,180
Cost of sales & operat. expenses (incl. depreciation)	4,629,833	3,968,709
Reserved for State & Federal taxes	62,000	46,907
Net profit	\$340,602	\$300,562

Profit and loss account follows: Balance at credit, Jan. 1 1927, \$97,901. Net profit as above, \$340,602. Total \$438,503. Deduct: 2% cash dividend old stock, \$16,175; \$3.06 1/4 per share on 50,000 shares no par common stock, \$153,125; additional 1924 Federal income tax, \$440. Earned surplus, Dec. 31 1927, \$268,763.—V. 126, p. 1998.

Remington Arms Co., Inc.—Earnings for 1927.—

Sales for the year 1927 were \$19,733,055. Net earnings available for interest, after depreciation charges, were \$1,606,479; interest on funded debt was \$713,316; other interest \$90,337; amortization of discount and financing expense \$162,384; making a total net income for the year, \$640,442. This figure in 1926 was \$368,361 (exclusive of the item of \$1,953,295 income from non-recurring royalties received during that year), showing an increase of \$272,081.—V. 125, p. 2276.

Richfield Oil Co. of California.—Quarterly Report.—

The statement for the first quarter of 1928 is given in full on a subsequent page.—V. 126, p. 2803.

Rich Products Corp., Battle Creek, Mich.—Stocks Offered.—Keane, Higbie & Co., Inc., and Nicol-Ford & Co., Detroit, recently offered 42,451 units of stock, each unit consisting of 1 share of class A pref. and 2-3 share class B common at \$46 per unit.

Class A convertible preferred stock is preferred as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2.50 per annum; preferred as to assets up to \$35 per share and divs. Red. at \$35 per share and divs. Class A stock is convertible into the class B stock, share for share, at the option of the holder, any time on or before the fifth day prior to the date of redemption. Class B stock has full and exclusive voting power. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax, exempt from present Mich. personal property tax. Transfer Agent, Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, Registrar, Union Trust Co., Detroit.

Capitalization.—Authorized, *Outstanding, Class A conv. preferred stock (no par) 60,000 shs. 60,000 shs. Class B common stock (no par) 120,000 shs. 60,000 shs. * These shares will be outstanding upon acquisition of 100% of the present outstanding stock of the Rich Steel Products Co. as noted below. Data from Letter of C. H. L. Flintermann, President of the Corporation.

Company.—Company, with plants located at Battle Creek and Marshall, Mich., is the largest exclusive producer of automotive valves and tappets in the world. Company owns many valuable patents. The present business has been built from an original investment of \$25,000. The products of the company are sold direct to manufacturers and to replacement parts jobbers. The corporation has been organized in Michigan to acquire all or the major portion of the common stock of the Rich Steel Products Co.

Rich Steel Products Co.'s authorized capitalization consists of 350,000 shares of non-par stock, of which 283,748 shares will be presently outstanding. Of the total shares to be outstanding 200,754 shares, or 70.7%, have been acquired by the Rich Products Corp.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after all charges, including Federal taxes, with the elimination of certain non-recurring charges, as certified by Messrs. Ernst & Ernst, were as follows:

Year—	Rich Steel Products Net Profit.	—Rich Products Corp.— Per Sh. On Cl. A Pref. After Cl. A Divs.	
1924	\$209,504	\$3.49	\$0.99
1925	228,888	3.81	1.31
1926	248,494	4.14	1.64
1927	412,440	6.87	4.37

Estimated 1st quarter 1928 108,000 At rate of \$7.20 At rate of \$4.70

Value.—Class A preferred stock has a book value as shown on the Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1927 of \$45.14 per share. Class B stock represents a book value of \$10.14 after allowing for the class A stock at the call price of \$35 per share. Current assets are in excess of 3.8 times current liabilities.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these units on the Detroit Stock Exchange.

Rich Steel Products Co.—New Control.—

See Rich Products Corp. above.—V. 116, p. 2523.

Rio Grande Oil Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—

The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1928 net income of \$126,843 after expenses, taxes, depreciation and depletion. Sales for the quarter were \$1,569,789.—V. 126, p. 1999.

Royal Dutch (Petroleum) Co.—Final Dividend.—

Royal advices received by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York report that the directors of the Royal Dutch Co. have declared a final dividend of 14% on the ordinary shares. Announcement as to the amount of div. and date of payment will be made by the Equitable Trust Co. at a later date. This makes a total of 24% for the year 1927 as compared with 23 1/2% for 1926, and 23% for 1925.—V. 126, p. 262.

Ruhr Chemical Corp. (Ruhrchemie Aktiengesellschaft).—Listed.—

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$4,000,000 6% sinking fund mortgage bonds, series A, dated April 1 1928 and due April 1 1948. See offering in V. 126, p. 2803.

St. Lawrence Paper Mills Co., Ltd.—Stock Offering.—

Public offering was being made yesterday of the stock of the company by a group headed by Dillon, Read & Co. and including Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; Otis & Co., and Shields & Co., Inc. The offering consists of 190,000 allotment certificates, representing one share (par \$100) of 6% cum. pref. stock (\$50 paid) and one share (no par) common stock, together with common stock subscription warrants, priced at \$78 for the unit. A substantial portion of the allotment certificates has been withdrawn for offering in Canada and Europe. In addition to the common stock represented by the certificates, 130,000 shares of common have been sold at \$32 a share. These 130,000 common shares were offered for public subscription May 10 by Flood, Barnes & Co., Ltd., Montreal; Shields & Co., Inc., New York; Flood, Potter & Co.; Hansons & Macaulay, Montreal; Mara & McCarthy, and Osler & Hammond, Toronto.

Each allotment certificate unit represents one share of preferred stock (\$50 of purchase price paid in the first instance), one share of common stock (fully paid) and a subscription warrant relating to one-half share of common stock. Further payments on each allotment certificate unit (on account of the preferred stock) are to be made as follows: \$25 on Oct. 15 1928, and at the election of the company \$25 plus accrued dividend on one-quarter share of preferred stock, on any date between April 1 1929 and Dec. 31 1929 fixed by the company. Stock certificates and warrants will be deliverable to holders of allotment certificates on such final payment or, in case the company does not call for such final payment, there will be deliverable not later than Nov. 2 1929, the full number of common shares and subscription warrants, but only \$75 par value of preferred stock in respect of each allotment certificate unit. Pending such delivery, holders of allotment certificates upon which payments due have been made will

be entitled to receive dividends paid on the shares of stock represented thereby, dividends in respect of preferred shares to be in proportion to the amount theretofore paid on account of the purchase thereof.

Common stock subscription warrants, when delivered as stated above, will entitle holders to subscribe, on or before April 15 1933, for common stock at \$40 a share.

Allotment certificates, and preferred stock when delivered, transferable in New York City, Boston, Montreal and Toronto. Common stock transferable in New York City, Montreal and Toronto. Dividends on allotment certificates and preferred stock registered in New York City or Boston payable in United States currency at par of exchange.

Preferred stock is preferred over the common stock as to cumulative dividends at the rate of 6% per annum and as to assets, in event of liquidation, to the extent of \$105 a share if liquidation is voluntary, or \$100 a share if liquidation is involuntary, in either case plus accrued dividends. Dividends payable Q-J. (Cumulative from April 15 1928) re-tem. as a whole or in part, at any time, on 30 days' notice, at \$105 a share and divs.

Listed.—The allotment certificates are listed on the Boston Stock Exchange and the company has agreed to make application in due course to list the allotment certificates, and subsequently the preferred and common stocks, on the New York Stock Exchange. The company also plans to make application to list the allotment certificates, preferred stock and common stock on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of Pres. Ernest Rossiter, Montreal, Can., May 9.

Company.—Organized under the laws of the Dominion of Canada on May 1 1928. Has acquired the entire business and assets of St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Ltd. The latter company has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of newsprint paper since June 1923.

The plant is located at tidewater on the St. Lawrence River in the city of Three Rivers, Can., approximately half way between the cities of Montreal and Quebec and is advantageously situated with respect to pulpwood supply power, water supply, labor and transportation. In addition to water transportation facilities the company has a direct spur connection with the main line of the Canadian Pacific Ry., thus affording means for receiving raw material and shipping paper by rail or water. The plant consists of a well-balanced 4-machine newsprint paper mill with a productive capacity of 300 tons a day, or about 90,000 tons a year, equipped to manufacture its entire sulphate and groundwood pulp requirements.

The output of the mill for the calendar year 1928 has been sold under contracts for varying periods to 41 publishers located throughout the United States and Canada, and a contract has recently been made for the sale of 45,000 tons of newsprint a year for 10 years beginning in 1929. In order to handle this new business, the company proposes to install 2 additional newsprint machines with a combined daily capacity of 150 tons, thus increasing total capacity to 450 tons a day, or about 135,000 tons a year. The company believes that sales will justify another increase of capacity before 1930, and in that event it plans to install two more newsprint machines, thereby further increasing its capacity to 600 tons a day or about 180,000 tons a year.

Pulpwood Resources.—The company, directly or through a wholly-owned subsidiary, has licenses from the Province of Quebec, covering 787 sq. miles of timber limits along the Magpie and St. John Rivers, 341 square miles along the River du Loup and 306 square miles along the watershed of the Big Trinity, Little Trinity and Calumet Rivers. These limits are estimated by R. O. Sweezy, forestry engineer, to contain approximately 9,000,000 cords of pulpwood. In addition the company has a contract for the delivery to it of a minimum of 50,000 cords of pulpwood each year to and including the year 1943. These sources afford the company, when operating at full proposed capacity of 180,000 tons of newsprint a year, a supply of pulpwood sufficient to last more than 40 years, without allowance for reforestation, growth, or purchases from other sources.

Purpose of this Financing.—Part of the initial payment on account of the allotment certificates and the proceeds from the sale of 310,000 shares of common stock has been used by the company to purchase, for approximately \$19,500,000 cash, the entire business and assets subject to all liabilities except funded debt, of St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Ltd., and the balance is available to the company for development of timber resources and for additional working capital. The cash paid to the predecessor company will be used by it to retire its entire outstanding funded debt, amounting as of March 31 1928 to \$9,068,800, principal amount, and to liquidate its entire outstanding preferred and common stocks.

The next payment on account of the allotment certificates, due Oct. 15 1928, and amounting to \$4,750,000, will be used to defray the expense of installing the first two additional newsprint machines, increasing capacity to 135,000 tons a year.

The final payment on account of the allotment certificates will be called for only in case the company has determined to install the second two additional newsprint machines, to increase capacity to 180,000 tons a year. It is estimated by Hardy S. Ferguson, consulting engineer, that the cost of installing the four additional machines will be \$8,120,000.

Operations of Predecessor Company.—The predecessor company (St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Ltd.) began operations in 1923 with two newsprint machines. Sales increased steadily and in Dec. 1926, capacity was doubled by the installation of two additional machines.

Net earnings of the predecessor company, and of its wholly-owned subsidiary from date of acquisition in Oct. 1925, before interest on funded debt but after income taxes at the present rate and capital stock taxes based on the capitalization of the new company, for the 4-year period ended June 30 1927, as certified by Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchison, chartered accountants, and for the year ending June 30 1928, as certified by such accountants for the first 9 months and as estimated by the company for the last 3 months, have been as follows:

Year End, June 30—	Sales of Newsprint (Tons)	Net Earnings, as Above	Depreciation and Depletion	Net Earnings after Deprec. & Depletion
1924	36,984	\$764,409	\$271,265	\$493,144
1925	42,664	803,621	271,265	532,356
1926	45,479	936,617	332,618	603,999
1927	52,194	1,025,388	414,963	610,425*
1928 (3 mos. est.)	70,600	1,230,000	480,000	750,000

a Does not include profit from the sale of investments amounting to \$117,902. b Does not include depletion for 1924, 1925 and 1926 fiscal years during which periods the company purchased its entire pulpwood requirements.

Estimated Earnings of New Company.—The plant is now operating at capacity (90,000 tons per annum) and the present output, together with the output of the first two machines to be installed, has been sold under contract.

Based on sales of newsprint at current prices and on expected operating costs as estimated by Hardy S. Ferguson, consulting engineer, from studies made by him of present operating costs, the mill arrangement and the effect of the enlargement as planned by the company, it is estimated by the company that with productive capacity increased to 135,000 tons and 180,000 tons per annum, respectively, net profits after all charges including taxes, depletion, and depreciation at normal rates will be as follows:

Estimated Sales (Tons)	Net Profit Avail. for Divs.	Ann. Div. Requr. on Pref. Stk. 75% Paid.	Ann. Div. Requr. on Times Such Div. per Share of * Balance Earned.
135,000	\$1,857,000	\$855,000	2.17
180,000	2,563,000	\$1,140,000	2.25

* Based on 500,000 shares of common stock.

(Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet of March 31 1928.)

Assets—	Amount	Liabilities—	Amount
Cash	\$528,753	Bank credit—secured	\$954,227
Call loan	75,000	Accounts payable & accrued charges incl. income tax	75,000
Marketable securities	1,274,995	6% cum. pref. stock	9,500,000
Accounts & bills receivable	653,816	Common stock (500,000 shs.)	11,980,000
Inventories & advances	1,618,549	Surplus	356,747
Timber limits	11,188,602		
Real estate, bldgs., &c.	2,605,063		
Mill machinery & equip't.	5,163,882		
Investment in & advances to St. Lawrence Sales Co.	27,783		
Accounts receivable	59,342	Total (each side)	\$23,260,350
Deferred charges	64,565		

Management.—N. A. Timmins, President of the predecessor company, is Chairman of the board of directors, and Ernest Rossiter, V.-President & Gen. Mgr. of the predecessor company, is President of the new company. These men, together with the other executives who have been responsible for the success of the predecessor company, will continue in the management of the new company.

St. Lawrence Paper Mills, Ltd.—Successor Company.—See St. Lawrence Paper Mills Co., Ltd., above.—V. 125, p. 2540.

St. Louis National Stock Yards.—Earnings.—Income Account Year Ending Dec. 31 1927.

Gross earnings	\$1,763,869
Expenses (including repairs)	880,501
Depreciation	159,265
Interest charges	78,402
Net income	645,701
Dividends received	30,000
Total income	\$675,701
Dividends paid	584,768
Balance surplus	\$90,933
Previous surplus	59,132
Special charges to surplus	4,984
Surplus December 31 1927	\$145,081

St. Regis Paper Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Pref. Called.—The company has called for redemption on June 1 1928, at \$105 a share all its preferred stock then outstanding. Payment will be made at The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City.—V. 126, p. 731.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—April Sales.—1928—April—1927. Increase.

\$7,421,973	\$5,923,095	\$1,498,878	\$30,121,350	\$21,635,300	\$8,486,050
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—V. 126, p. 2327, 1678.

Schiff Co.—Sales.—Period End. Apr. 30—1928—Month—1927. 1928—4 Mos.—1927.

Sales	\$416,341	\$337,074	\$1,276,804	\$954,878
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—V. 126, p. 2491, 1055.

(B. F.) Schlesinger & Sons.—Stock Offering.—Public offering was made May 10 by Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., of the subscribed portion of B. F. Schlesinger & Sons, Inc., 7% cum. pref. stock and class A common stock. The pref. is priced at \$98 a share and the "A" stock at \$25.

The Schlesinger company recently made an offering to stockholders of 6,997 shares of the preferred and 8,699 shares of class A common, purchase rights expiring on April 24 1928. This issue was underwritten by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc.; Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc.; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and Wm. Cavalier & Co. Approximately 60% was taken up and the remainder constitutes the present public offering.

The company was chartered under Maryland law in March 1925 for the purpose of operating a chain department store system. Gross earnings of the company for the year ending Jan. 31 1928 were \$20,378,900, an increase of \$1,320,000 over the year before. Net available for dividends amounted to \$551,070, an increase of \$157,184.—V. 126, p. 2491.

Scott Paper Co.—Listing.—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 150,000 shares (of a total authorized issue of 300,000 shares) of the common stock of this company, no par value, with authority to add to the list 150,000 additional shares, upon official notice of issuance and payment in full. Transfer agent, Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, Phila., Pa. Registrar, Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 126, p. 2162.

(Frank G.) Shattuck Co.—Earnings.—Quar. Ended Mar. 31—1928. 1927. 1926. 1925.

Net profit after deprecia. & Federal taxes	\$542,123	\$390,779	\$316,596	\$258,179
Earnings per sh. on stk. on present basis	\$1.54	\$1.30	\$1.05	\$0.86

—V. 126, p. 1678.

Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Final Dividend.—The company has declared a final dividend of 15%, making 25% for the year 1927, the same as was for the previous year. The dividend is free from income tax.—V. 126, p. 263.

Simmons Co.—Stock Increased—Rights.—The stockholders have increased the authorized capital stock (no par value) from 1,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares. The additional stock will be offered to the stockholders at \$50 per share. See V. 126, p. 2162.

Skelly Oil Co., Tulsa, Okla.—Earnings.—The company reports net earnings for the quarter ended March 31, after depreciation, depletion and interest, of \$69,085, or a little more than 6 cents a share on the 1,093,000 shares of common stock outstanding, as compared with \$67,260, or 51 cents per share in the corresponding three months a year ago. The company, it is stated, lost money in Jan. and Feb. but in March, when the turn in the industry occurred, a substantial profit was made.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$4,343,978	\$5,654,557
Operating expenses	2,748,014	3,740,673
Interest charges	242,441	127,923
Depreciation, depletion	1,284,438	1,218,700
Surplus for quarter	\$69,085	\$567,260
Previous surplus	8,770,012	9,519,120
Total surplus	\$8,839,097	\$10,086,381
Cash dividend	546,842	546,834
Balance surplus	\$8,292,255	\$9,539,546

—V. 126, p. 1999.

Sloan & Zook Producing Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Wells, Deane & Singer, Inc., Glover & MacGregor and McLaughlin, McAfee & Co., Pittsburgh, recently offered at \$100 per share (with 1/2 share common stock) \$250,000 7% cum. pref. stock.

Preferred over the common stock in the event of liquidation, to the extent of \$100 a share and divs. Dividends payable QJ. Cumulative from April 1 1928. Red. all or part, on any dividend date on 60 days' notice, at \$110 per share and divs. Dividends free of present normal Federal income tax. Free of Penn. 4 mill tax. Commonwealth Trust Co., Pittsburgh, transfer agent. Peoples Savings and Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Registrar.

The proceeds from the sale of \$500,000 10-yr. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, together with the sale of preferred stock and 16,000 shares of no par value common stock will be used in the acquisition and development of the property.—V. 126, p. 2805.

Southern Dairies, Inc.—Earnings.—Quarter Ended March 31—

Net sales	\$2,313,729	\$2,520,854
Cost of goods sold, exp., etc.	2,156,125	2,408,413
Balance	\$157,604	\$112,441
Other income	13,681	
Total income	\$171,285	\$112,441
*Subsidiary charges	278,527	294,066
Interest, amortiz. of discount, etc.	57,882	
Net loss	\$165,124	\$181,625

*Includes depreciation, interest, amortization of discount, etc.—V. 126, p. 2491.

Sonatron Tube Co.—Stock Offered.—C. L. Schmidt & Co., Inc., are offering 29,000 shares common stock (no par value) at \$22.50 per share.

Company manufactures and distributes a full line of radio tubes. The company has no funded debt, bank debt or preferred stock.

Earnings for the year ended Mar. 31 1928 were \$3.33 per share and earnings for the three months ended Mar. 31 were \$6.16.

Southern Asbestos Co.—Sales.—

Table with 5 columns: Month of, April, March, February, January, 4 Mos. Rows for 1928 and 1927.

Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Balance sheet table with columns for 1927 and 1926, and rows for Assets and Liabilities.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 126, p. 2807. Standard Plate Glass Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Standard Plate Glass Co. with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925.

Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,786,400 pref. stock (par \$100) and 3,234,486 shares common stock without par value.—V. 126, p. 2807.

Stanley Works (Conn.)—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Stanley Works with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924.

Superior Steel Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Superior Steel Corp. with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925.

Swedish Match Co.—10% Dividend.— The company in April declared a final dividend of 10% making the total for the year 15%, the same as in the previous year.—V. 125, p. 2949.

Sylvania Insurance Co., Philadelphia.—Stock Heavily Oversubscribed—Offers 25,000 Additional Shares.—

Due to the heavy oversubscription of the recent offering of 55,000 shares of capital stock of the company, Corroon & Reynolds, Inc., under whose management the new company will begin operations, announce that 25,000 additional shares will be issued immediately, bringing the capital and surplus funds up to \$3,000,000.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925.

United States Rubber Co.—New Directors.— William O. Cutler and Percival W. Bixon were recently elected directors.—V. 126, p. 2163.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.— See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 126, p. 2635.

United Steel Works Corp., Germany.—Report.— Every department of the corporation, the largest iron and steel company on the continent, showed a marked expansion in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1927, according to the Company's second annual report just received in this country.

United States Steel Corp.—New Director.— J. E. Morley has been elected a director to succeed the late C. R. Miller.—V. 125, p. 2949.

Earnings table for John R. Thompson Co. with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925.

Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 125,000 shares common stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 7,237,078 shares.

Tonopah Mining Co.—New Director.— J. E. Morley has been elected a director to succeed the late C. R. Miller.—V. 125, p. 2949.

Trans-Lux Daylight Picture Screen Corp.—Enjoined.— The New York Stock Exchange has served an injunction on the above corporation issued by the U. S. District Court enjoining the Trans-Lux company from further leasing any stock quotation projectors like or similar to those which the Trans-Lux company had heretofore made embodying the invention and improvements described in the New York Patent which the Court declared was infringed by the Trans-Lux company. See also V. 126, p. 2809.

Earnings table for Traveler Shoe Co. with columns for 1927, 1926.

(The) 126 St. Store Corp. (Del.)—Initial Dividend.— The directors have declared an initial quarterly div. of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable May 15 to holders of record the same date. See also offering of stock in Illinois Co. in V. 126, p. 2809.

United Biscuit Co. of America.—Earnings.— The company and subsidiary companies report for the quarter ended March 31 1928 net profits after all charges including Federal taxes, of \$178,394.—V. 126, p. 2663.

United States & British International Co., Ltd.—Debtures Offered.—Harris Forbes & Co. New York, are offering \$6,000,000 5% gold debentures at 95 and int. to yield 5.40%.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1948. Int. payable M. & N. at office of Harris, Forbes & Co. in New York, Chicago or Boston. Callable on any int. date on 60 days' notice; at 103 through May 1 1931; thereafter at 102 1/2 through May 1 1934; thereafter at 102 through May 1 1937; thereafter at 101 1/2 through May 1 1940; thereafter at 101 through May 1 1943; thereafter at 100 1/2 through May 1 1946; and thereafter at 100; accrued int. to be added in each case. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.* National Park Bank, New York, trustee. Company will agree to pay interest without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, Calif. personal property taxes up to 5 mills per dollar of prin. per annum and any Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% of such interest per annum refunded.

Data from Letter of Ashton Hawkins, President of the Company. Company.—Organized in Maryland to conduct the business of an investment trust of the general management type. The business of the company is the investment and reinvestment of its resources in domestic and foreign securities conforming to its clearly defined investment standards and, to a limited extent, participation in the underwriting of eligible securities. Its assets now include over 400 different governmental, railroad, public utility, industrial and other securities representing investments in over 30 different countries. In addition it has a substantial investment in Trans-Oceanic Trust, Ltd., an investment trust, which was organized and is operated in Great Britain along conventional British lines.

Assets.—Cash and investments (at cost) of the company (not taking into account its investment of approximately \$2,500,000 in Trans-Oceanic Trust, Ltd.), will upon completion of this financing exceed \$13,000,000—an amount over 215% of its total funded debt, which will then consist of these \$6,000,000 5% debentures. The aggregate present market value of the investments is in excess of the aggregate cost. The debentures are to be senior to 140,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock and to 145,000 shares of class A and 300,000 shares of class B common stock. The actual amount received in cash for these stocks was in excess of \$10,000,000.

Management.—Company commands the investment service of American Founders Trust, whose experience in serving other investment trusts of the general management type qualifies it to supervise the investments of the company (under the direction and control of its Board of Directors) in a capable and conservative manner. The net paid in bond and share capital of American Founders Trust and the group of investment trusts which commands its investment supervisory service exceeds \$100,000,000.

Earnings.—The first fiscal year of the company does not end until Nov. 30 1928 and accordingly the year's earnings are not available. International Securities Corp. of America (and its predecessor) and Second International Securities Corp., whose investments are likewise supervised by American Founders Trust, have each shown since organization average annual net earnings before interest and Federal taxes in excess of 9% on their average annual assets invested and available for investment. Interest charges on this issue of debentures will require a return after expenses of less than 2 1/2% on the assets of this company invested and available for investment.

Indenture.—Company may not issue or assume any additional funded debt except debentures (of this or other series) under the terms of the indenture and no additional debentures may be issued unless upon the issue and sale thereof, the company's current resources (to be defined in the indenture) would amount to at least 200% of its entire funded debt then to be outstanding. Certain of the provisions of the indenture or of any supplemental indenture may be modified upon the affirmative vote of holders of at least 85% in principal amount of the outstanding debentures, with the consent of the company.

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing). Common stock (o par value) class A.....145,000 shs. Class B.....300,000 shs. Cumulative preferred stock (no par value) \$3 dividend series.....140,000 shs. 5% gold debentures due 1948.....\$6,000,000 —V. 126, p. 2328, 733, 592.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.— See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 126, p. 2635.

United Steel Works Corp., Germany.—Report.— Every department of the corporation, the largest iron and steel company on the continent, showed a marked expansion in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1927, according to the Company's second annual report just received in this country.

Average production per working day of the company's coal mines increased 11% as compared with the previous fiscal period. Coke production increased 34.1%. Despite the improvement in the productivity of the laborer, this expansion called for about 10,000 more workers, making a total of salaried employees and workmen of about 199,000, including 94,000 in the company's coal mines.

CURRENT NOTICES.

The total output of pig iron for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1927 amounted to about 6,351,000 tons. The previous fiscal year extended over a period of 6 months only, from Apr. 1 1926 to Sept. 30 1926. The monthly average production of pig iron in that period was about 379,000 tons which was increased to approximately 529,000 tons in 1927. The company's production of raw steel also reached the high figure of 6,837,644 tons for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1927, which represented a monthly average of about 570,000 tons as compared with about 423,000 tons during the previous fiscal period.

The company is the leading member of some nine iron and steel associations on the continent. The most important of these groups are the Raw Steel Association and the Pig Iron Association in each of which the company's quota amounts to over 38% of the total.

The coal mining operations of the company at the beginning of the fiscal year were stimulated by the strike in the British coal mines. After the termination of this strike, the mines were still able to maintain their output owing particularly to the greatly increased fuel consumption of the corporation's steel plants.

Total production of coal and of coke for the last fiscal year amounted to about 26,000,000 tons and 8,204,000 tons respectively, which was a very large increase over the previous year and represented about 22% of the entire coal output of the Ruhr territory and 27% of the entire coke output.

The company's total sales (excluding inter-company sales) for the fiscal year amounted to about \$337,000,000. To this must be added an amount of more than \$214,000,000 as the pro rata share of the gross sales of the production and trading enterprises in which the company participates.—V. 126, p. 1680.

USL Battery Corp.—Proposed Consolidation—Earnings.—

See Electric Auto-Lite Corp. above.			
3 Months Ended March 31—			
	1928.	1927.	
Profit after charges but before Federal taxes.....	\$456,167	\$244,019	
Earnings per sh. on 160,000 shs. com. stock (no par).....	\$2.39	\$1.07	
—V. 126, p. 2002.			

Victor Talking Machine Co.—Earnings.—

(Including Sub. Cos.—Wholesale Distributing Cos. in U. S. wholly owned).			
Quarter Ended March 31—			
	1928.	1927.	
Sales less returns & allowances.....	\$10,346,744	\$10,213,019	
Costs and expenses.....	8,388,078	8,996,410	
		7,824,617	
Operating profit.....	\$1,958,666	\$1,216,609	
Other income.....	227,427	225,972	
		109,637	
Total income.....	\$2,186,093	\$1,442,581	
Depreciation.....	391,892	321,046	
Federal taxes.....	226,000	119,550	
		x	
Net profit.....	\$1,568,201	\$1,001,985	
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par).....	744,731	567,189	
Earnings per share.....	\$1.54	\$0.81	
		\$1.08	
x No tax liability due to previous year losses.—V. 126 p. 2811.			

Warner Gear Co.—Merger.—

See Borg & Beck Co. above.—V. 125, p. 3498.

Westinghouse Air Brake Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—

3 Months Ended March 31—			
	1928.	1927.	
Net income after depreciation and Federal taxes..	\$1,447,968	\$2,802,798	
Shares common stock outstanding (no par).....	3,172,111	x793,027	
Earnings per share.....	\$0.45	\$3.53	
x par \$50.—V. 126, p. 152.			

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Quarterly Earnings.—

Quarter Ended Mar. 31—			
	1928.	1927.	
Operating profit (after taxes).....	\$3,595,533	\$3,489,506	
Maintenance and repairs.....	1,321,884	1,282,436	
Net operating income.....	\$2,276,649	\$2,207,070	
Depreciation.....	874,726	914,895	
Exhaustion of minerals.....	10,310	13,953	
Interest.....	367,400	383,469	
Net profit.....	\$1,024,213	\$894,753	
Profit on sale of investments.....		97,498	
Net income.....	\$1,024,213	\$992,251	
Regular preferred dividends.....	663,320	663,395	
Deferred preferred dividends.....		199,018	
Surplus for the quarter.....	\$360,893	\$129,838	
Net per share Pfd. A.....	\$3.09	\$2.98	
Net per share Pfd. B.....	3.87	3.75	
Net per share common.....	0.91	0.83	
—V. 126, p. 2165.			

Wilcox Products Corp.—Earnings.—

The annual report for 1927 shows a net profit, after all charges and allowances for Federal taxes, of \$283,692. This is more than 3.4 times the annual dividend requirements on the class A stock and equals \$4.03 per share on the class B stock after providing for the class A dividends.—V. 126, p. 1523.

Willys-Overland Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—			
	1928.	1927.	
Net income after charges but before Federal taxes.....	\$2,802,896	\$2,358,896	
		\$1,233,826	

A special charge-off against the first quarter income covers rebates to dealers on cars in their stocks at the time of the price cut on the Whippet early in January and represents an extraordinary expense amounting to \$1,155,321, reducing the net earnings transferred to surplus to \$1,647,576.

President John N. Willys says: "The charge-off to cover dealer rebates and inventory adjustments obviously is not a recurring charge and was applicable to cars in the possession of dealers and materials and stock on hand at the time of the price reduction on the Whippet early in January. "Before this charge the profit per car was \$36. With a rapidly rising production schedule which is absorbing overhead faster than cost sheet estimates, the per car profit is naturally rising. The company's price policies have been carefully projected, have justified themselves, and are plainly benefiting profits and finances as well as trade position.

"Volume production on the scale contemplated when the Whippet prices were announced was not reached until March, during which month production totaled more than 50% of the entire production of 76,698 cars for the quarter. Production of the Whippet Six was not started until April and this same month has seen a marked increase in the production of Willys-Knight models.

"With the wider spread of overhead which the larger production creates and with production volume steadily increasing, there is reason to believe that earnings for the second quarter will be highly satisfactory.

"With April production exceeding March by nearly 4,000 units and with orders for 35,000 cars for May delivery already on hand the situation as it relates to production and orders is highly satisfactory.

"Production for the four months ending with April is in excess of 115,000 cars, the largest production in a similar period in the company's history.

"The situation regarding new dealers is excellent, and 950 new dealer contracts have been signed since Jan. 1 out of 4,000 applications. New dealers continue to be signed at a rate commensurate with increases since the first of the year.

"Employment is at the highest point in the history of Willys-Overland with more than 22,000 men on the factory payroll at Toledo."—V. 126, p. 2494.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales.—

Period End. April 30—			
	1928—Month—1927.	1928—4Months—1927.	
Sales.....	\$21,936,947	\$22,351,401	
		\$79,883,256	
		\$75,445,955	

A statement issued in connection with April sales follows: "In April 1927, we had two weeks of Easter business and an extra day in the month which was a Saturday. That Saturday amounted to \$1,600,000. So that while there is an apparent loss in April, if the month has been on an even basis of days, there would have been a gain of \$1,200,000. The day which we lost in April, 1928, we gain in May 1928, when we have one extra day this year more than we had in May 1927.

Five stores were opened in April 1928. The company has 14 stores in operation in Germany and a total of 35 under lease.—V. 126, p. 2494.

—Two former British war veterans, who first came together while recovering from wounds in a British hospital, have formed the investment partnership business of Adams, Keyes & Co., with offices at 170 Broadway, New York. J. O. Adams, native of Dundee, Scotland, and graduate of Dundee University, who was commissioned a captain for bravery under fire on the French front while serving as a volunteer in the famous Scotch regiment known as the "Black Watch" is the senior partner of this new investment concern. Before the war he had been associated with A. & S. Henry & Co., Ltd., a Scottish banking house with international connections. After the war he resumed his association with that concern and in 1924 came to America to become associated with the firm of Munroe & Co. His associate is Robert B. Keyes, born in Glasgow, who came to America to be educated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y. When the war started he returned to England and enlisted in the Royal Air Force. At the conclusion of the war Mr. Keyes returned to America and became associated with Spitzer, Rorick & Co., investment bankers.

—True Securities Co., Chicago, has been incorporated in Illinois to succeed and carry on the business of True, Webber & Co., which has been voluntarily dissolved by vote of the stockholders. The change is made simultaneously with the retirement from business of E. A. Webber, former Vice-President, who will discontinue business for some time in order to recuperate his health. David O. True, President of the old company will head the new firm. Other officers are Orman Lewis, Vice-President; Fred Matthews, Treasurer; Finley P. Dunn, Secretary.

—The first entrance of a San Francisco commission house into New York recently took place with the opening of an office at 43 Broad St. by the brokerage house of Anderson & Fox, members of the New York Stock Exchange, the San Francisco Stock Exchange, the San Francisco Curb Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade. The New York office will be in charge of Messrs. Atkins, DeVecchi and Mattheissen, while Messrs. Anderson, Dillman and Fox will remain in charge of the San Francisco office.

—Orton, Kent & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 60 Broad St., New York, are distributing this week, a special analysis on a selected list of Rails, together with a table on certain industrials, comparing the earnings in relation to prices. They have also printed a second edition of their analysis on Oil stocks.

—J. S. Bache & Co., Chicago, announce the opening of a branch office located on the bank floor at 116 South Michigan Ave. This office will have direct contact by private wires with all leading Security and Commodity Exchanges. Their main Chicago office, as heretofore, will continue at 231 South La Salle St.

—Bennett M. Minton, formerly of Minton & Minton, has become associated with Monroe, Saffin & Davis, members New York Stock Exchange, 39 Broadway, New York, as manager of their unlisted securities department, to deal in bank, insurance company and guaranteed stocks.

—"Ten Points for the Syndicate Manager in Connection with New Investment Offerings" is the title of a brochure published for distribution by Rudolph Guenther-Russell-Law, Inc., financial advertising agency, 131 Cedar St., New York.

—Announcement is made of the formation of the investment firm of Ferd W. Hemker & Co., 314 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. The officers are Ferd W. Hemker, James P. Shannon, Noble Hemker and Kermit Hemker.

—Lawrence Stern & Co., announce the opening of a New York office in the Equitable Trust Building at 15 Broad St. for the negotiation and purchase of security issues under the direction of Mr. Ralph D. Kaufman, Vice-President.

—Wm. Carnegie Ewen, 2 Wall St., New York, has prepared for distribution a summary of the decision of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. rate case.

—James R. Connell, who has been appointed Omaha representative of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, has opened an office at 721 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Neb. Telephone, Atlantic 6252.

—The Brookmire Economic Service, Inc., will telephoto its "Analyst," issued weekly, in condensed form to San Francisco, so as to insure western clients receiving the "Analyst" simultaneously with the east.

—Toerge & Schiffer, members New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their office on Monday, May 7, to the 13th floor of the Equitable Trust Co. Building, 15 Broad St., New York.

—The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee for \$3,000,000 Nassau Land Bank 1st mtge. collateral 6 1/2% sinking fund gold notes (participation certificates), due Mar. 1 1938.

—Henry Beyer has been appointed directors of sales of the New Jersey division of Clarence Hodson & Co. Mr. Beyer was formerly circulation manager for McGraw-Shaw Co., New York City.

—Reinhart & Bennet, members of New York Stock Exchange, 52 Broadway, New York, have prepared an analysis of Electric Shovel Coal Corp. \$4 cumulative participating preferred stock.

—Curtis & Sanger have opened a branch office at 45 East 17th St., Union Square, New York, under the management of Edwin Van Pelt, formerly with Bank of The Manhattan Co.

—Harry H. Frazee Jr. has become associated with Walter J. Fahy & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, at their uptown office, Fifth Ave. and 44th St., New York.

—L. F. Rothschild & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, have opened another office in Montreal, which is located at 1411 Peel St., and is in charge of Geoffrey P. Hedges.

—Colvin & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their offices to the 17th floor of the Equitable Trust Co. Building, 35 Wall Street, New York.

—Richard H. Woodward Jr., who has been with Merrill, Lynch & Co. for 10 years, has been appointed manager of their uptown office at 11 East 43d Street, New York.

—Q. F. Feltnor & Co. have been appointed specialists for the stock of the Brockway Motors Corporation which has just been listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

—Wood, Struthers & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their offices to the Chase National Bank Building, 20 Pine St., New York.

—M. E. Traylor & Co., Inc., dealers in investment securities, have moved their offices to the ground floor of the Equitable Building, 1636 Stout St., Denver, Colo.

—John L. Handy has been admitted as a limited partner in the firm of Baylis & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 50 Broadway, New York.

—G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, have published a booklet entitled "The Story of Natural Gas," which will be sent upon request.

—James Talcott, Inc., 225 Fourth Ave., has been appointed factor for Greenspon-Newman, Inc., 225 Fourth Ave., importers of Irish linen piece goods.

Reports and Documents.

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NEW ENGLAND POWER ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR 1927.

Boston, Mass., March 20, 1928.

To the Shareholders of
New England Power Association:

The report of the New England Power Association for the year ending December 31 1927 is herewith submitted:

Material progress has been made in the development of additional generating capacity, in improvement of transmission facilities and in enlarging outlets for power. The policy of investing in distributing companies has brought satisfactory results to the System and to the consumers served. We have entire confidence in the industrial future of New England and we are making plans to engage in further large development of generating capacity and transmission facilities to serve properly the increased load that we anticipate.

It is not feasible in this report to include details of the many physical and financial changes in the various companies comprising the System and we will touch only briefly on major developments.

During the year controlling interests in the Lowell Electric Light Corporation and the Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric Company have been acquired. In the localities served by both of these companies there are industrial outlets for power that can be obtained to the benefit of the consumers and the System.

The construction of the 60,000 horsepower development at Bellows Falls proceeded on schedule to the time of the November flood. The unprecedented high water did little damage to the permanent construction but caused some damage to the temporary structures resulting in substantial delay in completing the work. Delivery of power from this development should commence in the early summer. We wish to thank the employees of the Construction Department for their efforts during the flood. Without regard for personal safety the entire force worked unceasingly to protect your property and to assist others in the flood district.

Flood conditions did not materially affect other plants of the System. The two large reservoirs on the Deerfield were more than ample to take care of the flood water and all the generating stations on the Deerfield operated continuously.

Editorial from the Boston "Herald" Nov. 9 1927:

"Our Dams and Flood Control.

"Industrial New England has largely depended on successful power developments. Our original assets were water power and the craftsmanship of our people. Water wheels gave to the New England States their first pre-eminence in the industrial activities of the colonies. On every stream flowing through settled parts of the six States are still to be seen mills and factories, affording evidence that our local industries are indebted to the water wheel for their first start.

"The stupendous increase in the volume of manufactures, and the lack of a local coal supply, eventually led to the hydro-electric transmission lines, which sweep in an impressive steel-towered loop over the country, touching at great distances our cities and manufacturing centres. These miles of copper wires are the carriers of power generated along many rivers, dammed at points of 'quick' water, and holding it under control. Otherwise it might, like an unbridled horse, sweep down the valleys and carry destruction in its path.

The cataclysmic floods of last week carried new proof of the general advantages of these dams. The storage of water in reservoirs has proved a benefaction to districts which otherwise might have been devastated. Particularly is this true along the Deerfield River, where two immense reservoirs have been established by the New England Power Company. This river, with its drop of almost 1,500 feet in the short course of 70 miles, is doubtless more thoroughly regulated by storage dams than any other in New England. One of the great earth dams along its course holds the water back for a distance of ten miles, and the storing of the two reservoirs totals six or seven billion

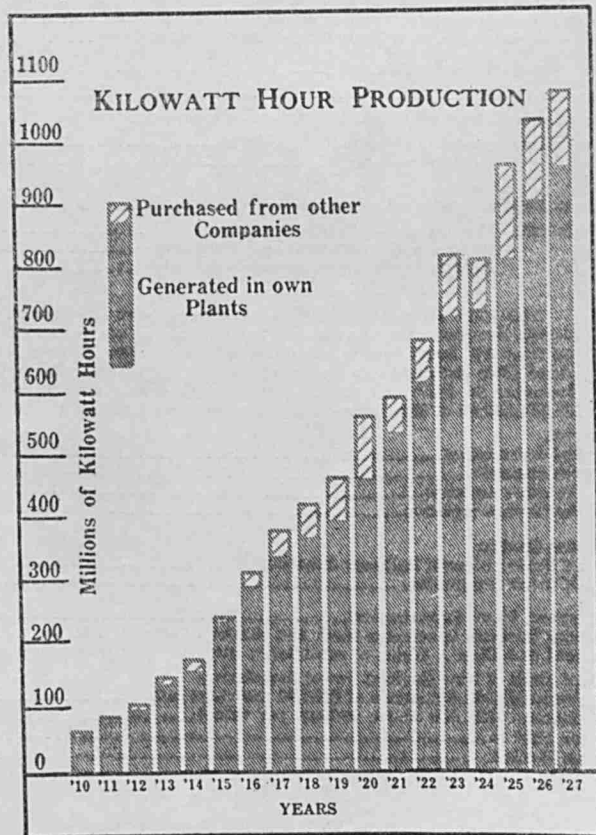
cubic feet of water. Regardless of the tremendous precipitation, exceeding the flood of 1863, the larger of the two big reservoirs, which receives a flow from a water shed of approximately 200 square miles, has stored during the last week an additional volume of water equal in power-producing value to one hundred thousand tons of bituminous coal. This represents about two-thirds of the total rainfall of the week in that area. Much of the water which "went over the dam" has been held in lower storage basins under perfect control. Along the Connecticut River there are about thirty places where storage dams could be built; already its flow is held back somewhat by the dams north of the Massachusetts line at Brattleboro and Bellows Falls.

"Truly New England, in the midst of its great flood tribulation, should realize how much greater the loss of life and property might have been if the Deerfield valley had not been completely regulated by storage dams. The fate of all the villages along the river and the cities below on the Connecticut would doubtless have carried a story which, like the unwelcome recital of the northern Vermont disaster, would have been a tragedy of proportions beyond even our imagination."

A large amount of line and substation construction, necessary by reason of our increasing load and expanding territory, was completed during the year. The United Electric Railways Company generating plant at Providence has been tied into the System. A new substation has been erected at Tewksbury, connecting the System with Lowell and Lawrence. Connection has been made to the generating plant of the Webster and Southbridge Company.

Sales of power show a gain in output for the year. Industrial conditions in some sections of the territory served have not been satisfactory but excellent growth in other sections has made the total consumption reach new high levels. Among our customers the distribution companies maintain a normal growth, the textile trade has been fair in some localities but poor in others, the pulp and paper trade fair, the metal trades good, the street railway load has fallen off.

The exhibits appended are of necessity somewhat condensed. Any shareholder will be furnished with more detail by communicating with any of the Association officials.



We regret to announce the resignation of Mr. Henry I. Harriman as President of the New England Power Association. Mr. Harriman was one of the founders of the New England Power System and was a leading spirit in directing its policies. His foresight and wise counsel are largely responsible for the position the System has reached. Mr. Harriman has consented to remain as a director and Vice-Chairman of the Board.

We wish to bring to the attention of the shareholders the continued loyalty of our employees. Each department has handled its many problems efficiently and economically. Under our Savings Plan, the employees are acquiring a substantial interest in the preferred stock of the Association.

We invite the inspection by the shareholders of any part of the property of the System.

For the Board of Directors,

FRANK D. COMERFORD, President.

NEW ENGLAND POWER ASSOCIATION.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31 1927.

Including, to the extent of the stock interests owned, earnings of Subsidiaries controlled throughout the period, earnings from June 1 1927 of The Lowell Electric Light Corporation and earnings from July 1 1927 of The Webster & Southbridge Gas & Electric Company, but excluding non-recurring gains resulting from sale of investment securities.

Gross Operating Revenue (after elimination of inter-company sales)	\$27,378,251.62
Other Income	1,400,409.39
Total Income	\$28,778,661.01
Expenses other than maintenance, depreciation and taxes	\$10,827,403.59
Maintenance	2,782,269.15
Depreciation	2,687,083.87
Taxes	2,523,271.27
	18,820,027.88
Net Earnings before Interest and dividends	\$9,958,633.13
<i>Deduct—</i>	
Interest paid and amortization of discounts	\$3,854,437.84
Minority interest in earnings of subsidiaries	256,823.94
Preferred and Class A dividends of subsidiaries	1,369,436.86
	5,480,698.64
Net Consolidated Earnings	\$4,477,934.49
Preferred Dividends of New England Power Association	1,910,421.92
	\$2,567,512.57
Net earnings applicable to common shares of New England Power Association	\$2,567,512.57
The average number of common shares of New England Power Association outstanding during the year was 761,310. On this basis the net earnings (\$2,567,512.57) are equal to \$3.37 per common share.	

We have examined the accounts of New England Power Association and of its subsidiaries, except The Lowell Electric Light Corporation, for the year ended December 31 1927, and have been furnished with the annual report of The Lowell Electric Light Corporation for that year. We certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet properly sets forth the financial position of New England Power Association and subsidiaries as at December 31 1927, and that the annexed Consolidated Statement of Earnings fairly represents the result of operations of those companies for the year 1927.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,

Accountants and Auditors.

Boston, Massachusetts, March 17 1928.

NEW ENGLAND POWER ASSOCIATION.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31 1927.

ASSETS.

Current:	
Cash	\$4,771,322.28
Accounts, Notes and Accruals Receivable (less reserve)	2,887,035.07
Materials and Supplies	2,302,987.95
Prepaid Charges	633,412.57
Total Current Assets	\$10,594,757.82
Accounts Receivable from employees under savings and stock subscription plans	\$248,592.74
Stocks held for employees' subscriptions	100,100.00
Restricted Deposits and Cash in sinking funds	394,015.90
Accounts and Notes Receivable not currently due	196,230.85
Securities Owned	10,830,110.13
	11,769,049.62
Capital Assets	181,310,871.07
Investment in a Portion of the Stock of Connecticut Valley Company	2,041,938.07
Work Orders in Progress	1,599,560.71
Unamortized Bond Discount and other unadjusted debits	2,920,928.88
	\$210,237,106.17

LIABILITIES.

Current:	
Notes Payable (\$13,000,000.00 secured by pledge of securities)	\$19,302,147.38
Accounts Payable and Accruals (including provision for 1927 income tax)	4,074,722.65
Dividend Payable on common stock January 16 1928	412,034.50
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries accrued not declared	182,298.34
Total Current Liabilities	\$23,971,202.87
Warrants Payable	11,707.20
Bonds assumed by New England Power Association—outstanding	\$1,213,200.00
<i>Deduct:</i> Held in sinking fund uncanceled	\$132,000.00
Held in treasury	1,000.00
	133,000.00
Funded Debt of subsidiary companies—outstanding	\$60,803,200.00
<i>Deduct:</i> Held in sinking funds uncanceled	\$1,325,000.00
Pledged under collateral trust indenture	490,000.00
Held in companies' treasuries—unpledged	1,269,111.68
	3,084,111.68
	57,719,088.32
<i>Note—</i> The amount of funded debt shown above as outstanding includes \$27,500,000.00 of The Narragansett Electric Company first mortgage 5% bonds, but does not include \$27,354,500.00 of The Narragansett Company collateral trust 5% bonds (guaranteed principal and interest by New England Power Association) outstanding but to be retired after exchange into a like amount of the former bonds in accordance with notice of call for exchange dated November 30 1927; and the amount shown above as held in companies' treasuries—unpledged—does not include \$27,354,500.00 of The Narragansett Electric Company first mortgage 5% bonds awaiting exchange.	
Reserves:	
For depreciation	\$17,881,877.12
For casualties	665,435.94
For other expenses	192,946.00
For flowage variation	150,000.00
	18,890,259.06
Suspense Credits:	
Of United Electric Railways Company	\$3,179,249.59
Of Other Companies	35,508.37
	3,214,757.96
Employees' Stock Subscriptions	423,250.00
Minority Interests in common stock and surplus of subsidiaries	4,451,506.14
Preferred and Class A Stocks of subsidiaries (net of \$4,768,925.00 inter-company holdings)	\$22,407,870.00
Capital Stock of New England Power Association:	
Preferred (333,653 shares of \$100.00 par value each)	33,365,300.00
Common (824,069 shares without par value)	41,717,847.00
Surplus Paid in	1,500,000.00
Surplus Earned	1,484,117.62
	100,475,134.62
	\$210,237,106.17

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RICHFIELD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT—FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31 1928.

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Los Angeles, California, April 25 1928.

To the Stockholders:

The Board of Directors submits the following report of operations of the Richfield Oil Company of California for the three months' period ended March 31 1928.

EARNINGS.

The Company earned \$2,578,443.80 before providing for depletion, depreciation, abandonments, intangible drilling expense, interest, Federal income tax and preferred dividends. The final Net Earnings of the Company before estimated income tax were \$1,390,517.95. After allowing for preferred dividends this represents quarterly earnings of \$1.08 per share on the Common Stock outstanding as of March 31 1928 and an annual rate of \$4.32 per share. This is highly gratifying for a quarter that falls in a period of seasonally low sales.

The following is a comparison of earnings per share for the first three months of 1928, 1927 and 1926:

	Quarter	Annual Basis
Quarter ended March 31st 1928-----	\$1.08	\$4.32
1927-----	0.63	2.51
1926-----	0.62	2.48

Although the Company earned at the annual rate of only \$2.51 per share during the first quarter of 1927, it will be remembered that the final net profit for that year, augmented by the increased profits of the later quarters, was \$3.07 per share. From this, it is natural to conclude that the final earnings for 1928 will exceed the \$4.32 per share indicated by the first quarter of 1928.

Notwithstanding the fact that a very much larger amount than ever before was written off for intangible drilling expense, depletion and depreciation, the earnings are 70% in excess of the first quarter of last year.

OPERATIONS.

The production of crude oil and casing-head for this quarter amounted to 2,457,000 barrels as compared with 1,549,000 barrels for the first quarter of 1927, representing an increase of 60%. At March 31st there were twenty-nine wells drilling, twenty-three of which were in the deep Richfield sand at Signal Hill. The Company has 20,168 acres of producing, proven and potential oil properties, and estimated oil reserves of in excess of 160,000,000 barrels.

The total sales for the first quarter of 1928 were \$10,147,643.28, as compared with \$8,943,076.89 for the first quarter of 1927. The Company's sales of gasoline were 50,102,075 gallons for the quarter, an increase of 18,492,947 gallons, or 60% over the first quarter of 1927.

The remaining three-quarters of the year should show materially increased profits in all departments. All the wells now drilling should be completed within the next ninety days, and will greatly amplify our present production figures.

Sales will not only benefit from the normal seasonal increase, but also from new channels of distribution in both the domestic and export fields.

We believe that the oil industry on the Pacific Coast faces a period of greater stability and prospective earnings and all factors point toward the most successful year in the history of your Company.

Respectfully submitted,
 JAMES A. TALBOT, *President.*

RICHFIELD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31 1928.

Net Income from Operations-----	\$2,578,443.80
Deduct:	
Provision for depletion, depreciation, intangible drilling expense and abandonments-----	953,946.76
Net Income before Interest and Federal Income Tax-----	\$1,624,497.04
Interest Charges:	
Interest on Bonds and Gold Notes-----	\$196,901.00
Other Interest Charges-----	37,078.09
	233,979.09
Net Income (before Federal Income Tax)-----	\$1,390,517.95

CURRENT NOTICES.

- Ralph B. Leonard & Co., specialists in bank and insurance stocks, 25 Broad St., New York, have issued a complete 5-year analysis of insurance stocks.
- Shaw & Co., members Hartford Stock Exchange, 75 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn., have installed a direct telephone wire to New York, Canal 4517.
- Carroll Ragan has resigned as advertising manager of the United States Mortgage and Trust Co. to join Fawcett and Ray, Inc., as V.-Pres.
- Harp, Tierney & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, have moved their offices to the Harriman Building, 39 Broadway, New York.
- Walker Brothers, members New York Stock Exchange, 71 Broadway, New York, have prepared an analysis of Canadian bank stocks.
- Herbert W. Knoblauch & Co., Inc., 111 Broadway, New York, are issuing an analysis of the Bankshares Corp. of the United States.
- Wellington & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange have issued a list of investments for institutional and private funds.
- Bennett & Palmer, investment brokers, have moved their offices from 66 Broadway to Suite 922, 165 Broadway, New York.
- Jos. G. Mayer & Co., 74 Trinity Place, New York, have prepared and are distributing an analysis of Ward Baking Corp.

- Charles E. Doyle & Co., 49 Wall St., New York, have prepared for distribution a special analysis on The Ruberoid Co.
- Farr & Co. are distributing special circulars on the common and preferred stocks of the American Sugar Refining Co.
- W. S. Allison is now associated with Allen & Co., 20 Broad St., New York, in charge of their bank stock department.
- Newman, Brooks & Co. have opened offices at 37 Wall St., New York, to specialize in bank and insurance stocks.
- Hallgarten & Co., Chicago, announce the removal of their office to the State Bank Building, 120 South La Salle St.
- Throckmorton & Co., 165 Broadway, New York, have issued a brochure on the "Handy Bond Valuation Method."
- Stenzel, Johnson & Co., Inc., have moved their offices from 61 Broadway to 7 Wall St., New York.
- S. P. Blackman Co., dealers in investment securities, have moved to 30 Broad St., New York.
- Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analysis of Union Pacific Railroad.
- Tooker & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, have issued an analysis of American Cyanamid Co.
- J. Day Knapp, bond broker, has moved his office to 43 Exchange Place, New York.

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, May 11, 1928.

COFFEE on the spot was firmer though quiet early in the week. Santos 4s were then 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 23c.; Rio, 7s, 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. and Victoria 7-8s, 15c. On the 5th inst. cost and freight offers were a shade higher. On the 7th inst. few cost and freight offers for prompt shipment from Santos were rather firmer. On the 8th inst. cost and freight offers for prompt shipment from Brazil were higher in some cases 50 points. On the 9th inst. firm offers from Brazil were not plentiful and those from Santos were generally higher. For prompt shipment, they included Bourbon 3-4s at 23.45c. to 23.65c.; 3-5s at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-6s at 22.60c.; 4-5s at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22.70c.; 5s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 5-6s at 22c. Part Bourbon 2-3s at 23.70 to 24c.; 3s at 23.70c.; 3-5s at 22.70c.; Rio 7s at 15.90c.; Victoria 7-8s at 15.10 to 15.30c. To-day early cost and freight offers were not at all plentiful. Prices unchanged to higher. They included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s at 25c.; 3-4s at 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 23.85c.; 3-5s at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 23.65c.; 4-5s at 22.90c.; 5-6s at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 22c.; 6s at 21.60c.; part Bourbon 3s at 23.35 to 24.45c.; 3-5s at 23 to 23.20c.; 4-5s at 20.80c. Peaberry 2s at 24c.; 3-4s at 23.15c. Rio 7s at 16.10 to 16.20c.; 7-8s at 15.95c. Victoria 7-8s at 15c. For May-June shipment Victoria 7-8s at 15c. and for June-July at 15.60c.

Futures on the 7th were more active. In the end Rio was 35 to 45 points higher with sales of 65,500 bags and Santos ran up 15 to 68 points with sales of 50,000 bags. Higher cables and rumors that Rio receipts will be cut to 10,000 bags daily, a Santos crop estimate of 7,500,000 and European buying of Santos were the stimulants. Boston bought December Rio. Europe was the largest buyer of Rio futures. Eight Victoria notices were issued which were promptly stopped. Rio and Santos cost-and-freight offers were generally higher. On the 8th inst. Rio futures rose 25 to 65 points with sales of 82,750 bags. Santos advanced 25 to 50 points with sales of 64,750 bags. The motive power behind the market was higher cost-and-freight offerings. Also the trade bought and it was supposed Brazil. The market acted sold out and oversold with Brazil exploiting the over-crowded shorts. Buying of December Rio was attributed to Boston interests. The other months were braced by covering due to the snap exhibited by December. The official estimate of the next Santos crop is stated at 7,500,000 bags. Private cables from Brazil stated that beginning on Thursday the 10th, Rio receipts would be reduced to 10,000 bags daily. But they had been discounted.

One comment was: "Rumors are in circulation that the Defense Committee proposed taking hold of the Rio situation. In addition to bullish advices emanating from Brazil every few days, buying orders were said to be coming. This support caused short covering and resulted in a rather excited market at times. Many seem to feel that the thing has been overdone and a reaction is due any day, that, however, is an old story. The rapid advance has appeared to make buyers of actual coffee all the more stubborn in their abstention. There are those who think the aloofness is being carried too far. Some think that with two months remaining of the present crop figures to appear the world's visible on July 1st will probably be about 18,000,000 bags; it was estimated on May 1st at about 19,300,000 bags. Some cables estimate the 1928-29 Santos crop at 10,000,000 bags, and report the conditions of the trees for the flowering of the 1929-30 crop as extremely good. They add that with the carry-over and the 1928-29 crops, there can be no scarcity of coffee before July, 1930. If the 1929-30 Brazil crops turn out large there is, they think, a possibility of the Defense Committee's control ending. Brazil it is suggested is counting on the 1929-30 Brazil crops being small. On the possibility that this will prove true depends the final success of the Defense Committee's combat with the law of supply and demand. If its funds continue to allow of continued control, only moderate changes in prices meanwhile can be expected. Merchants are advised by some houses to keep stocks at normal. The New York spot market for most kinds of coffee continues to be the cheapest of any in the world and is therefore, for the present, the best in which to buy. Futures on the 9th inst. declined 15 to 32 points on Santos with sales of 50,500 bags; Rio fell 15 to 25 points with sales of 47,500 bags. As some saw it several factors combined to induce this sudden wave of buying. It has been said that the Defense Committee was supporting the Santos contracts. The Santos receipts were reduced from 35,000 to 28,000 bags daily, in conformity with the policy of the Defense Committee to limit the daily entries into Santos in accordance with the previous month's exports; and on Monday the 7th,

a private cable was received stating that the official estimate of the coming Santos crop was 7,500,000 bags.

Futures on the 10th inst. were 7 to 27 points higher the latter on Santos. Of Rio the sales were 48,200 bags and Santos 49,750. Brazil was buying. Local and out-of-town shorts covered. Rio cables were a little lower, but Santos showed a slight advance. To-day Santos futures closed 4 points lower to 4 points higher with sales of 35,000 bags. Rio futures closed 7 points lower to 10 points higher with sales of 31,000 bags. Rio cables were 200 to 350 reis higher; Santos unchanged. It was raining in all the Sao Paulo districts. Final prices show a rise on Rio futures for the week of 60 to 85 points. Santos end 60 to 75 points higher.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) --- 15 $\frac{3}{4}$	July --- 15.28 @	December --- 15.20 @ 15.25
May --- 15.10 @ nom.	September 15.30 @ 15.32	March --- 15.15 @

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) --- 22.50 @ bid	July --- 22.50 @	December --- 21.85 @ 21.90
May --- 22.70 @ nom.	September 22.31 @	March --- 21.65 @

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban sold on the 5th inst. to the extent of 25,000 bags for second half May shipment at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. to an operator. Operators prefer June shipment. Offerings of Cuba and duty-free sugars were only moderate at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. for early May. Refiners held aloof awaiting a revival of trade in their product. On the 7th inst. a cargo of Cuban raw sold for July shipment to Marseilles at 13s. 3d. c. i. f. that port. It was pointed out that 100,000 tons remain to be sold by the Export Commission. One rumor had it that this will be disposed of within the next 30 days. London terminal at 3:15 p. m. on the 7th inst. was barely steady with prices 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. lower to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. higher. On the 8th inst. prompt Cuban at first was 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. and 4.52c. delivered, but Philippines were weak on the basis of 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. and Cuba in some cases sold to the extent of 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. pulled down by supposedly rather "distressed" Philippines. Cuban duty paid was quoted later at 4.40c. Some suppose that the Sugar Export Company after having sold the 100,000 tons remaining out of the allotment for sale to countries other than the United States will remove the ban on independent sales to such countries, permitting possibly as much as 200,000 tons of the allotment to the United States to be disposed of if desired. It was stated on the 8th inst. that about 300,000 bags of Cuban and duty-free raw sugars were available on the basis of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f., mostly for prompt and May arrival.

Some think good buying of refined for increased seasonal requirements should develop shortly, with a resultant resumption of demand for raws from refiners, and with the recent congestion of "duty frees" relieved and Cuba an indifferent seller at present prices, a hardening of prices seems probable shortly. One report of the Cuban figures for the week ending May 5th made the arrivals at the ports 106,743 tons; exports, 77,255; stocks, 1,306,636. Eighteen mills are still grinding. The exports were divided as follows: To New York, 10,843; Philadelphia, 9,841; Boston, 9,505; New Orleans, 14,732; Galveston, 13,239; Interior United States, 1,370; Canada, 42; United Kingdom, 13,701; France, 4,342. The weather was reported not quite favorable for the growing crop, rain being wanted in some sections. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 93,552 tons, against 67,674 last year; exports, 71,141, against 82,901 last year; stock (consumption deducted), 1,336,182, against 1,434,398 last year; centrals grinding, 18, against 29 last year; of the exports Atlantic ports received 34,021 tons; New Orleans, 2,844; Galveston, 6,555; interior of United States, 4,192; Europe, 23,529.

Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 58,301 tons against 106,526 last week, 66,563 last year and 85,214 two years ago; meltings 55,000 against 58,000 last week, 72,000 last year and 62,000 two years ago; importers' stocks, 372,592 against 356,000 in previous week, 154,079 last year and 174,586 two years ago; refiners' stocks 147,262, against 160,146 last week, 125,833 last year and 158,532 two years ago; total stock 519,854, against 516,563 last week, 279,912 last year and 333,118 two years ago. According to some the action of the market during the past week reflected tired long liquidation and selling by trade and producing interests. Pending a decided improvement in the demand for refined sugar, offerings of raws they say are likely to be in excess of the demand and a further decline may occur. We are approaching the period of heaviest consumption, however, and with Cuban production virtually completed.

One view was that developments in the refined sugar situation were marked by the expiration of previously placed contracts and the withdrawal demand has been quite heavy. Under the auspices of the Sugar Institute, refiners have adhered strictly to the 30-day terms imposed upon buyers and the completion of these contracts makes for a novel situation. In former years the trade contracted for much beyond 30 days' requirements, owing to the elasticity of con-

tracts, and summer reactions were frequent. This year, with the heavy period of consumption just ahead, the trade is unprepared and a broadening demand it is urged may be expected to speed up refiners' meltings. The fundamental position of sugar, it is argued, would therefore appear to be sound and along with the substantial rise in commodity values since last March, in which sugar has not participated, it may be that sugar will at last come to its own and follow the general commodity price trend. Its relative cheapness may attract speculation. Futures on the 7th inst. closed 1 to 4 points lower with sales of 18,000 tons. Five May notices appeared. Traders were going slow, awaiting developments in prompt sugars. Porto Rico sold May, supposedly for hedge account. Refined was 5.95 to 6c. with resales at 5.90 to 5.95c., with resale supplies dwindling, however. There were 7 May notices issued on the 9th; delivered on contract, 2,500 tons. On the 10th inst. the London terminal market at 3:15 p. m. was steady at prices unchanged to 1½d. higher as compared with the opening quotations.

On the 10th inst. futures ended 1 to 2 points net higher with sales of 36,300 tons, and actual sugar rather stronger. Selling was a little more cautious, though there were five notices. Prompt Cuban raws sold at 2 11-16c. c.&f. to the amount of 18,000 bags; also sales of 53,000 bags Porto Rico at 4.40 to 4.46c., the latter prompt. Atlantic ports have stocks, it is stated, of 147,262 tons, or 13,000 less than a week ago. Prague cabled: "Light rains, weather cold for this time of year. Beets not very satisfactory. Fair demand for raw sugar for export, this and next year's crop." Other cables reported cold weather general in Central Europe. Berlin had snow with a temperature of 40 degs. fahrenheit. To-day Europe and Wall Street sold September here freely. London cabled that 96 test sugars were unchanged. Beets for prompt delivery done at 12s. 8¼d.; cables from Liverpool said San Domingos sold to the United Kingdom at 13s. Refiners reported good deliveries. British Board of Trade figures show imports during April of 195,000 tons, against 182,000 last year; consumption, 116,000, against 140,000 and stock, 299,000, against 372,000 last year. It is pointed out that stocks of sugar in licensed warehouses total 2,286,720 bags compared with about 900,000 last year. There has been a natural inclination on the part of producers of duty free sugars to continue to dispose of their sugars gradually, with practically no demand.

To-day futures closed 1 to 2 points lower with sales of 23,900 tons. Prompt was quoted at 2 11-16c. Wall Street was buying July. It was said that there was some anxiety to sell so-called distressed sugar. Prompt Cuban was 2¾c. asked, but apparently with no business. Final prices show an advance for the week of 1 point on May with other months 5 points lower. Prompt sugar at 2 11-16c. would mean 1-16c. higher than a week ago.

Sugar prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 2 11-16	September	2.84@	January	2.84@nom.
May	December	2.92@	March	2.80@
July		2.73@		

LARD on the spot was firmer at one time with a fair demand; Prime Western, 12.35 to 12.45c. in tierces, c.a.f. New York; later, 12.70 to 12.80; refined Continent, 12¾c. delivered New York; South America, 13¾c.; Brazil in kegs, 14¾c. Futures on the 7th inst. advanced early 10 to 13 points with hogs up 10 to 15c. and grain higher for a time. Later lard reacted and closed unchanged to 7 points lower, after considerable profit-taking following a drop in grain. Deliveries on contracts were 200,000 lbs. which were smaller than expected. Liverpool lard was 3d. to 6d. higher. Total western receipts of hogs were 94,700 against 125,800 a week ago and 112,800 last year. Selling by packers and also by the East counted. On the 9th inst. futures declined 3 to 5 points. Lower grain markets, a small cash demand and easier cash markets all contributed to the weakness. Western hog markets were steady, however, and receipts at Chicago were only 15,000. Ribs were rather quiet. To-day futures ended 7 to 10 points higher though hogs at one time were rather weak. There was some hedge selling, and weakness in corn also had some effect. But commission houses were steady buyers and with this and short covering, the market ended firm. Western hog receipts were 74,000 against 79,000 last year. Final prices for lard show a rise for the week of 2 to 10 points on July and May respectively with Sept. unchanged.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	11.92	11.92	12.00	11.97	11.87	11.95
July	12.27	12.22	12.30	12.25	12.12	12.22
September	12.62	12.55	12.65	12.60	12.47	12.55

PORK firmer; mess, \$32.50; family, \$34.50 to \$36.50; fatback pork, \$27 to \$29. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 12c., basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady; mess, \$23 to \$24; packet, \$25 to \$27; family, \$29 to \$31; extra India mess, \$44 to \$45; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.40; No. 2, \$6; six pounds, South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60. Cut meats steady but quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 15¾ to 17c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 18¼c.; bellies, clear dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 15¾c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 41 to 45½c. Cheese, 22 to 30½c. Eggs, medium to extras, 29 to 33¼c.

OILS were steady but quiet. Big consumers not covered on contract are pursuing a hand to mouth buying policy. Jobbing demand was fair. Spot car lots were 10.2c. cooperage basis; 5 and 10 bbl. lots, ex-warehouse, 10.6c. The recent unfavorable weather has held back the painting trade.

Cocoanut, Manila coast tanks, 8¼c.; spot New York tanks, 8¾c. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, low acid, 9½c. Olive, den., \$1.25 to \$1.40; China wood, New York drums, car lots, spot, 15c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, spot, 13¼c. Soya bean, coast tanks, 9¾c. Edible, corn 100 bbl. lots, 12c. Olive oil, \$2.10 to \$2.20. Lard, prime, 16¼c.; extra strained, winter, New York, 13c. Cod, Newfoundland, 68c. Turpentine, 53½ to 58½c. Rosin, \$7.90 to \$11.10.

Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 8,000 bbls. P. crude S. E., 9c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.70@	July	10.74@10.75	October	11.08@11.15
May	10.70@10.80	August	10.92@10.99	November	11.00@11.10
June	10.70@10.85	September	11.04@11.08	December	11.00@11.04

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was higher in the Middle West. Chicago reported the price of U. S. Motor at refineries was firm at 7½ to 7¼c. Consumption is increasing. Locally all big refiners were asking 9¾c., an advance to 10c. is looked for in some quarters. Shipments on contract from the Gulf are large. Prices are very firm at the Gulf. France is said to be buying a little more freely. Shipments of cased gasoline were also heavy. Bunker oil grade C was reduced 10c. by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey to \$1.25 f.o.b. and \$1.30 f.a.s. New York Harbor. The differential as will be seen is now 5c., in contrast with 6¼c. previously. The same prices are obtainable at Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston, S. C. The big production of crude oil in west Texas and large receipts of Venezuela crude oil were attributed to this decline. The demand for kerosene was better than anticipated and prices were steady. Prime white 41-43 gravity 6¾ refinery and 7¾c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. The Gulf market was steady with export business fair. Gasoline consumption continues to improve. U. S. Motor was still 9¾c. late in the week at the refineries. The warmer weather has helped the demand. Lubricating oils were firmer with a good demand both for export and domestic account, for Pennsylvania cylinder stocks. Bunker oil was moving more freely but mostly against old contracts. Diesel oil was quiet at \$2 refinery. Gas oil was in a little better demand at steady prices.

New York export prices: Gasoline cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized, 25.40c.; bulk refinery, 9¾c.; Kerosene, cargo lots, S.W. cases, 17.40c.; bulk 41-43, 6¾c.; W.W. 150 deg. cases, 18.40c.; bulk 43-45, 7c.; Bunker Oil, f.a.s. dock, 1.30; f.o.b. refinery, 1.25; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl. \$2.00 plus 2½c. lighterage. New Orleans export prices: Gasoline, U. S. Motor bulk, 8½ to 8¾c.; 60-62, 400 e. p., 9c.; 61-63, 390 e.o., 9½ to 9¼c.; 64-66 gravity, 375 e.p., 9½ to 9¾c. Kerosene: prime white, 6½c.; Water white, 7½c.; Bunker oil, grade C, for bunkering, 1.05 to 1.20; cargoes, 90 to 95c.; New York Service Station owners and jobbers prices: U. S. Motor bulk, refineries, 9¾c.; tank cars, delivered to nearby trade, 10¾c.; Boston tank cars, terminal, 10 to 11c.; delivered, tank cars Boston, 11c.; California, U. S. Motor at terminal, 10c.; U. S. Motor delivered to N. Y. City garages in steel bbls., 17c.; Up-State and New England, 17c.; Naptha, V.M.P. deodorized, steel bbls., 18c. Kerosene, 43-45, gravity bulk refinery, 7c.; delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 8c.; prime white, 41-43 gravity bulk refinery, 6¾c.; 41-43 D, delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 7¾c.; tank wagon to store, 15c.; Fuel oils: Furnace, 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	\$1.40	Big Muddy	1.25
32-32.9	1.16	Lance Creek	1.33
52 and above	1.76	Bellevue	1.25
Louisiana and Arkansas—		West Texas, all deg.	0.60
32-32.9	1.16	Somerset light	2.35
35-35.9	1.25	Somerset	1.45
Spindletop, 35 deg and up	1.37		

RUBBER.—On the 7th inst. New York prices fell 40 to 80 points owing to lower prices in London and Singapore and renewed liquidation. Factory demand noticeable early disappeared later in the day. The London stock decreased last week 1,345 tons and the total is now down to 52,015 tons, against 68,187 tons a year ago. May on the 7th ended here at 18.30c.; July at 18.40 to 18.50c.; September, 18.60c.; December, 18.90c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets spot, May and June, 18½ to 18¾c.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 18¾ to 19c. Spot first latex crepe, 18½ to 18¾c.; clean thin brown crepe, 17 to 17¼c.; specky browncrepe, 16 to 16¼c.; rolled brown crepe, 15½ to 16¼c. Paras, up-river fine, spot, 19½ to 19¾c.; coarse, 15½ to 15¾c. London on the 7th declined ¾d.; spot and May, 8¾d.; June, 8¾d.; July-Sept., 9¼d.; Oct.-Dec., 9¼d. Singapore on May 7th fell ¾ to ½d.; May, 8¾d.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 8½d.

London cable May 7: "Replying in the Legislative Council to-day to some unofficial members urging the necessity of reducing the export duty on rubber. Sir Hayes Maniott, the Colonial Secretary stated that he did not propose to take any action until the matter had been further considered. It was the present intention of the Government to re-enact the rubber assessment ordinance when restriction disappeared, said Sir Hayes, and that members of the legislative Council would be consulted as to what rate the assessment ought to be when the price on rubber dropped below 35 cents." London cabled on the 7th: "Rubber improved last week on trade

demand particularly spot and c.i.f. Importers refraining from selling forward premiums inclined widen. Sentiment becoming more bullish and speculators attracted. Deliveries London stocks likely to continue large scale landings small side."

To some the substantial decrease in London stocks suggests that the pool may have been shipping its rubber from London to New York. It is reported that the Anglo-Dutch conferences continue but are futile so far. It is not expected that any agreement will be reached in the near future. News from Dutch plantations suggests that the lower prices are already causing decreasing production there. Singapore advices dated May 10th state that despite Premier Baldwin's recent refusal to alter the rubber export quota the planters association of Malaya is circularizing the district planting associations to obtain their views regarding advisability of tendering a formal request for permission to release an additional 10% of rubber and to ask for further releases before November. The Terak associations strongly favor the appeal.

On the 8th inst. New York advanced 50 to 70 points on a better demand and a rather steadier closing tone in London. The sales here were 782 lots, or 1995 tons. New York ended on the 8th inst. with May 18.80 to 18.90c.; July, 19.10c.; Sept., 19.20 to 19.40c., and Dec., 19.50c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets spot and May, 18¾ to 19c.; June, 19 to 19½c.; July-Sept., 19¼ to 19½c.; Oct.-Dec., 19¾ to 19½c. Spot, first latex crepe, 18½ to 19½c.; clean thin brown crepe, 17 to 17½c.; specky brown crepe, 16¾ to 17c.; rolled brown crepe, 16 to 16½c.; No. 2 amber, 17¾ to 18c. Paras, Upriver fine spot, 20 to 20¼c.; coarse, 15½ to 15¾c. London spot and May 8¾d.; June, 8¾ to 9d.; July-Sept., 9¼d.; Oct.-Sept., 9¼d. Singapore on May 8th was ½ to ¼d. off; May, 8¾d.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Sept., 8¾d.

On the 9th inst. prices declined 30 to 50 points on a prediction that one of the leading tire manufacturers would reduce tire prices within the near future. This was later denied. Trading was quiet. Lower early London cables helped. And sentiment was bearish. On the exchange here May closed at 18.50 to 18.60c.; July at 18.70 to 18.80c.; September, 18.80c.; October, 18.90, and December 19c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot and May, 18½ to 18¾c.; June, 18¾ to 19c.; July-Sept., 19 to 19½c.; Oct.-Dec., 19½ to 19¾c.; spot, first latex crepe, 18¾ to 19c.; clean thin brown crepe, 17¼ to 17½c.; specky brown crepe, 16¼ to 16½c.; rolled brown crepe, 15¾ to 16c. No. 2 amber 17¾ to 18c.; No. 3 amber, 17¼ to 17½c.; No. 4 amber, 16¾ to 17c. Paras, upriver, fine, spot, 20 to 20¼c.; coarse, 15½ to 15¾c. London on the 9th advanced ¼ to ½d.; spot, May and June, 9 to 9½d.; July-Sept., 9¼d.; Oct.-Dec., 9¾d. Singapore on the 9th advanced ¾d. to ½d. to 8¾d. for all months.

On the 10th inst. prices closed 20 to 30 points lower with London down and demand lacking. Here May closed at 18.20c.; July at 18.50c.; Sept., 18.80c., and Dec., 18.90c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot, May and June, 18½ to 18¾c.; July-Sept., 18¾ to 19c.; Oct.-Dec., 19¼ to 19½c.; spot, first latex crepe, 18¾ to 19c.; clean thin brown crepe, 17 to 17½c.; specky brown crepe, 16¾ to 17c.; rolled brown crepe, 15¾ to 16c.; No. 2 amber, 17¼ to 17½c.; No. 3 amber, 17 to 17½c.; No. 4 amber, 16¾ to 17c. Paras, upriver fine spot, 20 to 20¼c.; coarse, 15½ to 15¾c.; Centrals Esmeraldas, 14½ to 14¾c.; Balata, Block Ciudad, 38 to 39c. In London on the 10th inst. prices closed ½ to ¼d. lower; spot, May, 8¾d.; June, 8¾d.; July-Sept., 9¼d.; Oct.-Dec., 9¼d. Singapore on that date closed quiet, and ½d. lower at 8¾d. To-day prices closed 10 to 30 points higher with firmer London cables after a rather weak opening. It is said that there were buyers in London of July and Sept. at 9¼d. and of Oct. and Dec. at 9¾d. There were predictions of a bullish consumption report for the month of April. They caused buying. Final prices show a decline for the week of 40 to 60 points.

HIDES.—River Plate reported larger sales with no marked changes in prices. Recently 66,000 Argentine steer hides sold there at 27¾ to 28c.; 10,000 Uruguayan steers at 28½ to 28 11-16c.; 44,000 frigorifico cows at 26 1-16c. to 27¼c. e. & f. Stocks of cows are said to have been practically sold out. City packer hides were in somewhat better demand with sales reported of 1,400 native steers at 25c., 2,100 butt brands at 24½c. and 3,500 Colorados at 24c. Country hides were quiet. Common dry hides were dull and weak. Ccutas, 35c.; Orinocos and Santa Marta, 34c.; Maracaibo, Central America, La Huayras and Savanillas, 33c. Calfskins, Para, 35c.; Sicals, 40c.; Oaxacas, 50 to 52½c. New York City, 5-7s, 2.55c.; 7-9s, 3.30c.; 9-12s, 4.30c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Time cargoes were more active. Later it was stated that business had improved within a week. Some rates advanced.

CHARTERS included coal from Hampton Roads to Porto Ferrado, \$2.60 prompt; sugar, Santo Domingo May 10-25 to U. K.-Continent, 18s. 6d.; Marselles or Genoa, 20s.; Santo Domingo to Marselles or Genoa May 17s. 9d.; Cuba early June to U. K.-Continent, 17s.; grain, 35,000 qrs. Montreal to Mediterranean, 15¼c., 16c. and 16½c., May 25-June 5. Tankers—Clean, June-July, to U. K.-Continent, Bordeaux-Hamburg range, from North Atlantic, 14s. 6d.; U. S. Gulf, 17s. 6d.; May, to North Hatteras from U. S. Gulf, 16c.; Tampico, 20c.; combination Corpus Christi, Baton Rouge, Texas City or Cartagena, Venezuela, Curacao, 18c.; May, U. S. Gulf to North Hatteras, 17c.; Tampico, 3c. more; Cartagena, 18c.; clean, Gulf, June-July, French Atlantic, 17s. 3d.; same, July, 17s. 6d.; lumber, North Pacific, May-June, to North Hatteras, \$14. motor ship; Gulf to Buenos Aires, \$13.75 May; sulphur, Gulf May to Rotterdam and (or) Hamburg, \$3 and \$3.10. Time—West Indies trip up, \$1.35 prompt; four months West Indies, \$1.85 continuation; 12 months, May, 4s., same.

\$1.77½; 4 months West Indies prompt, North Hatteras, \$1.40; three months \$1.65. Refined sugar, St. John, May, U. K., 19c. Tankers—Cartagena, May, to North Hatteras, 17½c.; option Curacao, &c., 18½c.; May, U. S. Gulf to same, 17c.; Corpus Christi, Texas City, Baton Rouge, two-port loading, 20c.; Cartagena, Aruba, Curacao or one Venezuela, 18c.; May; clean, June, Gulf to Denmark, 19s.; 3 month voyages, same, 20s.; sugar, Cuba to U. K.-Continent, June, 16s.

COAL.—Trade has kept within rather moderate channels with little change in prices. Some quoted Hampton Roads New River Pocahontas navy standard at \$4.20 to \$4.25; slack at 3.50, Kanawha Thacker gas mine run at \$4.25; steam splint at \$4.60 screened, and \$4.25 mine run. Pennsylvania navy standard at New York was \$5.25 free alongside. Fairmount steam mine run at Baltimore, Philadelphia, was \$4.25, and low sulphur gas, 10c. higher. At Pittsburgh foundry coke of the better brands in standard selected 72 hour grades, hand drawn sells at \$4 to \$4.25, but some is still available at \$3.75, and even at \$3.60, but the \$3.50 coke is said to be off grade. Premium brands are quoted at \$4.75 to \$5.10, but the demand is slow. Bituminous western Pennsylvania grades steam coal, \$1.40 to \$1.80; coking coal, \$1.50 to \$1.75. Bituminous at New York tidewater, Navy standard f.o.b. piers, \$5 to \$5.40; high volatile steam, \$4.30 to \$4.60; high grade medium volatile, \$4.90 to \$5. Anthracite company, grate, \$8; stove, \$8.60; pea, \$5; egg, \$8.25; nut, \$8.25; Coke, Connellsville, 47-hour, \$2.50 to \$2.75; foundry, 72-hour, \$4.50 to \$4.75. In most directions later trade was slow.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand for this time of the year and prices have been steady, with no burdensome supplies, so far as appearances go. Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, 10c.; binder, 20 to 25½c. Porto Rico, 60 to 80c.; Connecticut top leaf, 21c.; No. 1 second 1925 crop, 65c.; seed fillers, 20c.; medium wrappers, 65c.; light wrappers, \$1.25; dark wrappers, 1925 crop, 40c.

COPPER was stronger, and of late there was more activity. Prices were 14¼c. delivered to Connecticut Valley and 14½c. c.i.f. European ports. There is an evident scarcity of the red metal. Some refineries find it difficult to make deliveries on time. In a few instances shipments which should have been made in April were carried over into May. Foreign consumers are taking copper at the rate of 1,000 to 2,500 tons daily. Standard copper in London on the 8th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £61 8s. 9d. for spot and £61 13s. 9d. for futures; sales, 50 tons spot and 500 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £66 10s. for spot and £67 for futures. In London on the 9th inst. standard was up 2s. 6d. to £61 11s. 3d. for spot and £61 16s. 3d. for futures; sales 100 tons spot and 250 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £66 10s. for spot and £67 for futures.

Later the demand was reported more active. Up to the 10th inst. sales were estimated at 80,000,000 lbs. for the week. The price remained at 14¼c. delivered Connecticut Valley, but it was reported that premiums were paid for prompt delivery to second hands. Most of the demand is for June. A good amount was reported sold for May and even some for July. Standard in London on the 10th inst. was up 2s. 6d. to £61 13s. 9d. for spot, and £61 18s. 9d. for futures; sales 50 tons spot, and 350 futures; electrolytic, £66 10s. for spot and £67 futures.

TIN was higher at one time but demand was only fair. An advance in London on the 9th inst. helped. Small sales were made at 51¼ to 51½c. for spot and 51¾c. for May. Closing prices on the 9th inst. here were 51½ to 52c. for spot, 51½c. for May, 51¾c. for June, 51½c. for July and 51½c. for August. The consumption of tin, tin in tin plate and terne plate in the first four months of this year was estimated at 8,700 tons against 9,200 for the same period in 1927. Tin plate mills are busy. Straits shipments for May it is estimated will be 7,000 to 7,500 tons. In London on the 8th inst. spot standard fell 15s. to £232; futures off 12s. 6d. to £231 2s. 6d.; sales 50 tons spot and 350 futures; spot Straits declined 15s. to £236 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London dropped £2 to £233 5s. on sales of 150 tons. London on the 9th inst. advanced £1 on spot standard to £233; futures rose £1 5s. to £232 7s. 6d.; sales 100 tons spot and 400 futures; Spot Straits up £1 to £237 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London advanced £1 to £234 5s. on sales of 175 tons.

Later prices were firm but trading was light. Prices advanced ½c. on the 10th inst. In the Far East trading was heavy, i.e., 350 tons, and there were good sales at London. Here most of the demand has come from professionals. Some spot tin sold at 52c.; May sold at 51½c. and June at 51½c. Exports from the Federated Malay States thus far this year are said to have been 15 to 20% larger than last year. In London on the 10th inst. spot standard advanced £1 5s. to £234 5s.; futures rose £1 2s. 6d. to £233 10s.; sales, 50 tons spot and 350 futures; spot Straits advanced £1 5s. to £238 15s.; Eastern c.i.f. London up £2 5s. to £236 10s. on sales of 325 tons.

LEAD was steady. There was only a fair demand. Prices were 6c. East St. Louis, and 6.10c. New York. The demand is mostly for earload lots with May and June deliveries wanted especially May. Ore was unchanged at \$77.50 in the tri-State district. There was a good inquiry from paint manufacturers for June and July delivery but producers are refusing business so far ahead. In London on the 8th inst. spot fell 2s. 6d. to £20 3s. 9d.; futures dropped 1s. 3d. to £20; sales 950 tons spot and 350 futures. On the 9th inst. London advanced 1s. 3d. to £20 5s. for spot and £20 11s. 3d. for futures; sales 700 tons spot and 700 futures. Later a small

advance in London caused a better tone here. Prices were unchanged at 6c. East St. Louis and 6.10c. New York. Consumption abroad is said to be increasing, and surplus stocks are less burdensome. In London on the 10th inst. prices advanced 1s. 3d. to £20 6s. 3d. for spot, and £20 12s. 6d. for futures; sales 350 tons spot and 350 futures.

ZINC was higher at 6c. East St. Louis. There was a fair demand. Early in the week there was some scepticism as to the true level of prices. At one time 5.92½¢. to 5.95¢. was quoted but business was known to have been done on that particular day at 5.87½¢., and even at this price some thought they were paying too much. Yet on the 9th inst. most producers were quoting 6c. The decision of the International Zinc Cartel at Brussels to curtail producer when conditions warrant it caused a better feeling. In London on the 8th inst. spot was unchanged at £26 6s. 3d.; futures advanced 1s. 3d. to £25 18s. 9d.; sales 400 tons spot and 775 futures. On the 9th inst. London advanced 1s. 3d. to £26 7s. 6d. for spot and £26 for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 850 futures. Later the advance was halted. Producers were quoting 6c. East St. Louis but it was intimated that slightly under this figure would be accepted in not a few cases. In London on the 10th inst. prices fell 2s. 6d. to £26 5s. for spot and £27 17s. 6d. for futures; sales 250 tons spot and 550 futures.

Statistics for April were not so favorable. They showed an increase in surplus stocks, and a gain in the number of active retorts and, too, there was a greater falling off in shipments than in production. Surplus stocks increased 3,200 tons following an increase of 239 tons in the preceding month. The amount of stocks on April 30 was 44,759 tons according to the American Zinc Institute. Production during April was 53,493 tons, a decrease of 2,388 tons. Shipments were 50,263 tons, a falling off of 5,379 tons. Export shipments were 3,746 tons, against 3,786 tons in the previous month. There was a net increase in active retorts during the month of 1,270. The number in operation on April 30 was 72,522; the average number in operation during the month was 72,502. Present prices of zinc are \$12 above the low level of the year.

STEEL.—Unfilled orders it is believed have fallen off. Business is only moderately active in many lines. Even jobbers complain. Wire nails at Pittsburgh are firmer at \$2.60 with a better demand from the northern agricultural section, while there is a fair demand also from the South and Southwest. A fair amount of specifying is in progress on steel wire at \$2.50 at Pittsburgh and a larger demand is expected in the near future as the supplies of large consumers and consumers decrease. Steel wire plants it is admitted are operating at not over 50%. Specifications are said to be much behind those of the early part of April; in the Cleveland district they are somewhat larger. Orders in some finished lines are said to have increased somewhat, but no one claims that business as a rule is satisfactory. There has been in the main a tendency towards reduction in buying rather than an increase. The demand from the automobile industry is the main support with Ford operations increasing. As a rule output is at about 80%.

PIG IRON sold to a moderate extent and the inquiries were said to be larger, partly it seems for the third quarter. It does not appear that actual business was large. The buying was still in small lots. There is no disguising that fact. Purely nominal quotations include foundry No. 2 plain, Eastern Pennsylvania, \$19.50 to \$20; Buffalo, \$16 to \$16.50; Virginia, \$20 to \$21; Birmingham, \$16; Chicago, \$18 to \$18.50; Valley, \$17 to \$17.50; Cleveland, delivered, \$17.50 to \$18. At Youngstown the price was \$7.25 for No. 2 foundry, valley furnace or with the usual differential of 50c. a ton over standard basic this would mean \$16.75 market for basic. Reports of sales of a substantial tonnage of basic at the equivalent of \$16 valley, for basic are not verified. The minimum quotation on basic continues at \$16.50. Prices later were reported as lower. Basic iron was weaker in the Pittsburgh district and in eastern Pennsylvania. In the Mahoning Valley prices are reported at \$16.25 to \$16.50, furnace. Birmingham iron has been, it appears, sold in the Chicago district at \$15.50 furnace. New York was rather weak also with competition sharp. Small lots sold at Birmingham, it was said, at \$16, but only in small lots. Youngstown is apparently easier; nominally, \$16.50 to \$17 for basic, valley and \$17.25 for No. 2 foundry, but dull. There is little buying of basic except by steel foundries now and then.

WOOL has been in fair demand and steady. Boston wired late last week: "Optimism is strong among the dealers who are receiving the new wools which can be sold as rapidly as they arrive on the market. Original bags of the French combing and clothing wools from Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Colorado sell readily at \$1.05 to \$1.10 on an estimated scoured basis, the price depending upon the length of staple of individual lots. Demand includes a few small quantities of the 12 months Texas wool of the old clip at \$1.15 to \$1.17, scoured basis. Demand for the strictly woolen types of wools is a little slower, due to the limited supplies available at prices recently prevailing."

Boston prices: Ohio and Penn. fine delaine, 48 to 49c.; ½-blood, 51 to 52c.; ¾-blood and ¼-blood, 55c.; Territory clean basis fine staple, \$1.15 to \$1.20; fine medium French combing, \$1.07 to \$1.10; clothing, \$1.02 to \$1.05; ½-blood staple, \$1.15; ¾-blood, \$1.05 to \$1.10; ¼-blood, \$1.00 to \$1.05; Texas, clean basis, \$1.15 to \$1.18; 8 months, \$1.07 to \$1.10; fall, \$1.00 to \$1.05; pulled scoured basis, A super, \$1.10 to \$1.12; B super, \$1.00 to \$1.07; C super, 85 to 90c. Domestic mohair, original

Texas, 70 to 75c. Australian, clean basis in bond, 64-70s, combing super, \$1.08 to \$1.12; 64-70s clothing, 90 to 92c.; 64s combing, \$1.00 to \$1.05; 58-60s, 95c. to \$1.00; 56s, 80 to 85c.; New Zealand, clean basis in bond, 58-60s, 95c. to 98c.; 56-58s, 85 to 90c.; 50-56s, 75 to 80c.; 48-50s, 67 to 70c.; 46-48s, 60 to 63c.; 44-46s, 53 to 55c.

In London on May 8 the third series of Colonial wool auctions opened. The net available total was 109,200 bales, to be offered according to the program for 12 days. Attendance was large. Demand good. Home and foreign offerings of 9,000 bales medium selection. Prices were about as expected, whatever that may mean. Boston said prices were par to 5% lower.

Australian merinos and New Zealand crossbreds, par to 5% easier; Puntas crossbreds, 5% lower; New Zealand greasy crossbred, best, 58s, 26½¢.; 58-56s, 25½¢.; 56s, 24½¢.; 50s, 22d.; 48-50s, 21d.; 48s, 20½¢.; 46s, 19½¢. Sydney, 2,073 bales; greasy merino, 24 to 31d.; Victoria, 438 bales; merinos scoured, 34 to 42d.; crossbred scoured, 26½ to 32½¢.; South Australia, 390 bales; merinos, scoured, 31½¢. to 43½¢.; greasy, 25 to 29½¢.; West Australia, 185 bales; greasy, 33 to 36d.; 23s, 25½¢.; New Zealand, 1,710 bales; crossbreds, scoured, 26s, 42½¢.; greasy 18s, 26½¢.; slipe, 14½ to 31d.; Puntas, 3,607 bales; greasy merino, 16 to 18½¢.; greasy crossbred, 15½ to 24½¢.; Cape, 542 bales; mostly withdrawn firm limits. A Boston wire commented: "Best merinos were firm as were also low crossbreds, but medium and fine crossbreds were off par to 5%, as were also Cape wools and silped wools not infrequently went down 5% and for medium qualities sometimes as much as 10%."

In London on May 9 offerings 8,000 bales; much better assortment of both merinos and crossbreds. Demand larger. Prices firm.

New Zealand greasy halfbred 58s brought 26 to 27½¢.; 56-58s, 25½¢.; greasy crossbred 58s, 24 to 25d.; 56-50s, 23½¢.; 50s, 22½¢.; 48s, 21d.; 56-48s, 20d.; 46s, 18½ to 19d.; Sydney, 3,144 bales; merinos, scoured, 33 to 45d.; greasy, 21 to 34½¢.; greasy comeback, 25½ to 30½¢.; scoured comeback, 41½ to 46d.; Queensland, 162 bales; scoured merino, 46 to 49d.; pieces, 40 to 46d.; South Australia, 203 bales; merinos, scoured, 30 to 33d.; greasy, 21½ to 25d.; West Australia, 243 bales; scoured merino locks, 27½ to 34½¢.; greasy merino lambs, 20 to 25½¢.; New Zealand, 4,304 bales; scoured merino, 37 to 43d.; greasy crossbred, 18½ to 27½¢.; scoured, 26 to 38d.; slipe from halfbred lambs sold at 16 to 31d.

In London on May 10 offerings, 7,000 bales, mostly merinos, of which there were many speculators' lots which sold best. Good home and Continental buying at opening prices. Inferior grades were neglected. Crossbreds sold readily in the bulk. Yorkshire best 58-60s brought 30d.; 58s, 26½¢.; 56-58s, 25½¢.; 56s, 23½¢.; 50s, 22½¢.; 48s, 20½¢. and 46s 19½¢. Details.

Sydney, 1,701 bales; scoured merinos, 25½ to 32d.; greasy merinos, 19 to 30d. Queensland, 388 bales; scoured merinos, 34½ to 47½¢.; greasy merinos, 17 to 24½¢. Victoria, 1,634 bales; scoured merinos, 30 to 42d.; greasy merinos, 20 to 31d. South Australia, 95 bales; greasy merino, 25 to 27d. West Australia, 571 bales; scoured merino, 36 to 43d.; greasy merino, 18 to 27½¢. New Zealand, 1,951 bales; greasy crossbred, 17 to 30d. Cape, 256 bales, mostly withdrawn at high limits; Kenya Colony, 374 bales; greasy merinos, 17 to 22d. Thus far America has bought little. France, Germany and Switzerland are good buyers of merinos; the English buy crossbreds. Prices steady.

At Brisbane, Australia on May 8th offerings were average to poor selection. Demand good for best wools. Prices for such were steady. Other grades were quiet and generally 5% lower. Boston comment was "Prices at the sale in Brisbane which opened for three days with offerings of some 49,000 bales were firmed on the better wools and down about 5% on the poorer wools of the top making types. Good to choice combing 64-70 wools suitable for this side could be quoted at about \$1.05 to \$1.10, clean basis in bond. Occasionally a slightly dearer price is figured, while for 64-60s. about 98c. to \$1 is quotable. France and Japan were the chief buyers with little being taken for this country and nothing for Russia.

At Brisbane, Australia, on May 9 offerings, 11,360 bales and 8,670 sold. Large attendance; demand uncertain except for best merinos and skirtings. Japanese chief buyers. Continent bought more than in March. Sales on average to good lots were four to five points up; faulty lots 7½ to 10% down; scoured 10% lower. At Brisbane, Australia, the sales closed on May 10. Good clearance; prices fully maintained. France was a good buyer; Japan the runner up, but less anxious to buy towards the end.

Boston wired May 9th: "The market continues strong on the new domestic wools that are coming into the market. Occasional lots of medium wools are arriving and dealers report having received offers on them almost immediately. Buyers for manufacturers report keen competition on this market. Dealers on the other hand report very keen competition in the territory sections, bright wool States and in the South, with an advancing tendency in prices general in all sections."

COTTON

Friday Night, May 11 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 110,912 bales, against 109,891 bales last week and 92,378 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1927, 7,878,838 bales, against 12,157,540 bales for the same period of 1926-27, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1927 of 4,278,702 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	6,080	5,275	12,254	7,043	5,491	1,300	37,443
Texas City						3,152	3,152
Houston	1,635	3,386	3,400	1,502	1,883	1,588	13,394
New Orleans	3,647	2,950	3,007	8,334	1,824	5,086	24,848
Mobile	1,324	128	1,045	346	1,843	1,870	6,456
Savannah	2,598	2,136	2,214	1,057	1,494	1,243	10,742
Charleston	1,960	2,147	1,503	452		820	6,882
Wilmington	907	233	800	215	1,045	572	3,772
Norfolk	250	334	637	80	114	701	2,116
New York		356		96			452
Boston			32	31			108
Baltimore						1,547	1,547
Totals this week.	18,401	16,945	24,892	19,056	13,694	17,924	110,912

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1926 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to May 11.	1927-28.		1926-27.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	37,443	2,132,369	15,142	3,187,954	301,165	351,349
Texas City	3,152	93,092	1,747	170,112	23,519	12,065
Houston	13,394	2,471,860	15,339	3,737,750	473,318	516,679
Corpus Christi		176,344				
Port Arthur, &c.		2,444				
New Orleans	24,848	1,419,799	17,354	2,353,646	336,816	477,534
Gulfport						
Mobile	6,456	273,640	5,409	369,482	11,823	29,363
Pensacola		12,494	100	14,115		
Jacksonville		16		617		578
Savannah	10,742	613,286	13,981	1,072,573	31,325	55,421
Brunswick						
Charleston	6,882	255,952	8,615	556,404	31,572	42,955
Lake Charles		1,124				
Wilmington	3,772	129,163	4,262	144,494	28,413	14,222
Norfolk	2,116	215,238	2,751	412,517	59,992	73,190
N'port News, &c.		34		374		
New York	452	6,991	100	28,016	113,636	221,834
Boston	108	7,175	2,878	32,064	3,743	1,222
Baltimore	1,547	67,662	1,411	72,733	1,479	1,486
Philadelphia		155		4,689	4,532	7,964
Totals	110,912	7,878,838	89,089	121,575,540	1,421,911	1,806,476

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	37,443	15,142	13,220	16,953	8,081	10,202
Houston*	13,394	15,339	20,793	16,054	10,232	2,557
New Orleans	24,848	17,354	16,546	8,681	16,146	6,098
Mobile	6,456	5,409	23,121	314	2,317	302
Savannah	10,742	13,981	19,718	1,148	6,326	2,476
Brunswick						
Charleston	6,882	8,615	5,232	2,757	719	2,313
Wilmington	3,772	4,262	888	102	1,665	161
Norfolk	2,116	2,751	2,984	2,094	3,424	1,367
N'port N., &c.						
All others	5,259	6,236	6,196	1,074	3,485	1,171
Total this wk.	110,912	89,089	87,891	49,177	52,395	26,647
Since Aug. 1.	7,878,838	12,157,540	8,994,586	8,864,271	6,321,304	5,456,522

* 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 124,588 bales, of which 36,851 were to Great Britain, 6,172 to France, 30,979 to Germany, 13,061 to Italy, 14,710 to Russia, 6,239 to Japan and China and 16,576 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 188,998 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,446,521 bales, against 9,811,532 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended May 11 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	12,314		4,430	2,353			6,239	25,336
Houston	10,244	4,107	9,555	3,558		4,939	6,635	36,038
Texas City	1,384						1,384	1,384
New Orleans	4,277	2,030	4,174		14,710		4,967	30,158
Mobile			5,375				700	6,075
Savannah			2,600				50	2,650
Charleston	3,271		1,600			1,000		5,871
Wilmington				3,650				3,650
Norfolk	4,060		1,330	3,500			200	9,090
New York	676	35	1,915				785	3,411
Los Angeles	625							625
Seattle						300		300
Total	36,851	6,172	30,979	13,061	14,710	6,239	16,576	124,588
Total 1927	24,117	17,000	69,251	14,017	15,400	10,915	38,298	188,998
Total 1926	10,889	6,282	18,579	28,890		33,255	2,017	99,912

Aug. 1 1927 to May 11 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	301,134	330,331	394,888	179,877	34,450	283,473	364,506	1,888,659
Houston	301,173	309,844	419,442	160,497	66,200	255,381	179,108	1,691,649
Texas City	23,410	3,878	6,034		5,200		100	38,622
Corpus Christi	24,310	34,321	57,001	4,059	3,100	23,972	15,182	161,945
Port Arthur	1,344	900	200					2,444
New Orleans	225,909	96,099	252,917	115,944	125,227	204,753	110,299	1,131,148
Mobile	49,719	1,989	108,369	4,790		25,050	6,675	196,592
Pensacola	2,134		8,865	370			1,125	12,094
Savannah	154,724	5,232	348,833	10,673		38,705	24,856	583,023
Lake Charles			805				319	1,124
Charleston	46,462	1,881	143,830	6,065		6,300	24,516	228,254
Wilmington	7,200		22,300	66,492			300	96,292
Norfolk	58,794	600	70,378	4,750		2,250	3,797	140,569
Newport News	34							34
New York	50,649	13,069	51,367	3,769		2,684	39,343	160,881
Boston	2,853	247	548				3,027	6,675
Baltimore		2,240		1,841				2,675
Philadelphia	775		45	377				1,805
Los Angeles	27,917	7,313	33,187	591		22,431	361	91,800
San Diego	1,843							1,843
San Francisco	889	300	455			2,076	398	4,118
Seattle						2,200		2,200
Total	1,281,273	808,250	1,918,664	560,095	234,177	869,275	774,787	6,446,521
Total 1926-27	2,410,670	949,506	2,712,939	695,343	286,570	1,633,748	1,122,756	9,811,532
Total 1925-26	2,075,921	826,874	1,584,075	615,948	134,123	1,030,294	750,604	7,017,899

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 March the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 19,123 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 26,896 bales. For the eight months ended March 31 1928 there were 173,931 bales exported as against 195,424 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:

May 11 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	9,800	7,600	5,400	24,000	2,000	48,800
New Orleans	4,877	1,178	8,711	16,659		31,425
Savannah					400	400
Charleston					9	9
Mobile	3,922			2,000		5,922
Norfolk						59,992
Other ports*	1,000	1,000	2,000	3,500	500	8,000
Total 1928	19,599	9,778	16,111	46,159	2,909	94,556
Total 1927	13,605	11,020	16,396	69,513	3,141	118,675
Total 1926	37,478	13,038	8,876	28,180	3,590	91,162

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was at times brisk, at declining prices, due to better weather in the Southwest, hopes of its continuance and spread to the whole belt and heavy liquidation and other selling. Wall Street, the West and the South have sold very freely. The market was "long." The recent advance of nearly 150 points in two days was believed to have been too rapid. Shorts had been largely eliminated. Liverpool at times of late has plainly shown hesitation to follow an American rise. Liquidation was heavy there. Big operators on this side to all appearance got out or reduced their lines to scalping size. Some went short, it is said. It began to be called a trading or scalping affair, with the weather the only guide. Such a condition it was suggested might last for a couple of months. April and May do not make the crop; perhaps not seriously mar it. It is made in July and August rather than in the perhaps unplanted spring. Some seemed to have forgotten that June is apt to be a favorable month. Whether deceptive or not, the usual favorable weather then often causes lower prices, lasting or otherwise. There were reports of an easier spot basis in the big Memphis district and South Carolina. Dealers as a rule, not the mills, were buying the actual cotton. The exports were still small. Expectations of a bullish weekly government report were discounted; also the belief that the Textile Institute would issue a very favorable April report of sales of cloths compared with production. It appeared on the 10th inst. and was bullish beyond question, but its influence was in a long measure neutralized by poor Liverpool cables and good weather in many parts of the belt. If some spot houses have bought old crop months, covering hedges, they have simply transferred them by selling October or some other new crop month. There is no actual scarcity of cotton. The world's spinners takings at this time are not remarkable. Worth Street at times has been quiet. Only small quantities of fine goods have been bought. The past year is described as unsuccessful in the yarn industry with demand unsatisfactory and efficient co-operation lacking. Studies as to yarn costs have been disappointing. The search for a standard system of figuring costs has not been as successful as had been expected. Not enough people have shown an interest in the subject, curious as that may sound.

Manchester has been quiet. The bids for cloths from India have often been too low. Only a fair trade has been done with the Continent and South America. Disturbances in China and actual warfare between the Chinese and Japanese forces ending in a seeming Japanese victory have not tended to help trade with China. There may yet be a Manchester lockout. The big strike at New Bedford continues, with little hope of a speedy ending. Japanese interests have been selling. Meantime Memphis advices said of weather conditions that the central belt continued too cool, but were generally much better than for many days, with planting under way everywhere, with admittedly some indication that the acreage is being cut because of scarcity and high cost of seed. It seems it is as high as \$200 per ton in Louisiana for special kinds from Mississippi experiment stations. It is asserted that seed distributed during the past two weeks is in some cases 40 to 75% unsound.

And there has been persistent buying on the declines. uick and sometimes sharp rallies have occurred. The crop start is poor. That is admitted. It may take some weeks of very favorable weather to remedy it. Offerings on the whole were well taken. Contracts at times were scarce. The trade was a steady buyer. Liverpool and the Continent have been buying. The selling, though heavy, has at times, it appears, been overestimated. The consumption is large. The textile report for April was certainly very favorable. It stated that the sales of standard cotton cloths and unfilled orders increased during April while average weekly production again declined, being lower than in any month since last October, according to statistics compiled by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The report covers a period of four weeks. The production for the four weeks of April totaled 286,005,000 yards; sales, 335,117,000 yards, or 117.2% of production; shipments, 270,172,000 yards, or 94.5% of production. Unfilled orders at the end of the month totaled 362,044,000 yards, an increase of 21.9% over those at the beginning of the month. Stocks on hand were 418,427,000 yards, an increase during the month of 3.9%. These statistics on cotton goods, it may be explained, are compiled from data supplied by 23 groups reporting through the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York and the Cotton

Textile-Institute, Inc. They represent upwards of 300 different classifications of standard cotton goods, a large part of the total production of such fabrics in the United States.

The weekly government report said that while the week as a whole was rather too cool for the best germination and growth, weather conditions in general showed improvement. Higher temperatures in the central and eastern portions were helpful, but cool rains in the more Eastern States at the close were again detrimental.

To-day prices advanced about 30 points net, largely owing to the belief that the rains of 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches in western and northwestern Texas were insufficient. And the forecast was for unwelcome showers in the central and eastern belt.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the May 10 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 May 17:

Table with 2 columns: Grade and Price. Includes items like Middling fair, Strict good middling, Good middling, etc. with prices ranging from .89 on to 2.87 off.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with 6 columns: Date (May 5 to May 11), Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Middling upland prices ranging from 21.40 to 22.05.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on May 11 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table with 6 columns: Year (1928 to 1921), Price (e.g., 22.05c, 19.20, 15.60c, etc.).

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table with 3 columns: Date (Saturday to Friday), Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total).

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table with 7 columns: Day (Saturday to Friday) and Price Range. Rows for May through April.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending May 11, 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table with 3 columns: Option for, Range for Week, Range Since Beginning of Option. Rows for May 1928 to Apr. 1929.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Stock location (e.g., Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London), 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Includes sub-totals for Great Britain and Continental stocks.

Table with 4 columns: Stock location (e.g., Liverpool stock, Manchester stock), bales, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Includes sub-totals for American and East Indian stocks.

Table with 4 columns: Stock location (e.g., Liverpool stock, London stock), bales, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Includes sub-totals for Total American and Total visible supply.

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 122,000 bales. The above figures for 1928 show an increase from last week of 41,935 bales, a loss of 960,927 from 1927, an increase of 676,943 bales over 1926, and a gain of 1,861,748 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 May 11 1928.				Movement to May 13 1926.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 11.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 13.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	902	89,982	633	8,156	341	96,178	1,650	9,535
Enfauia	84	19,751	675	5,525	132	26,387	229	9,395
Montgomery	1,095	76,822	1,128	14,193	400	123,343	2,095	24,492
Selma	52	58,429	1,874	9,839	37	95,146	384	18,542
Ark., Blytheville	66	78,550	764	7,825				
Forest City	62	37,072	1,467	6,745				
Helena	117	51,546	530	8,902	31	95,338	1,272	14,185
Hope	322	49,160	383	2,255				
Jonesboro	31	32,110	297	1,921				
Little Rock	814	107,656	1,258	10,660	632	204,552	2,214	23,566
Newport		48,606	200	2,224				
Pine Bluff	150	124,209	1,979	15,472	236	185,772	3,515	23,272
Walnut Ridge	3	35,448	55	1,075				
GA., Albany		4,980	31	1,666		8,806	1	2,446
Athens		50,739	300	4,662	1,020	51,526	664	9,859
Atlanta	1,342	124,634	2,311	25,511	2,096	255,772	3,585	36,968
Augusta	4,902	271,205	3,219	32,352	3,133	374,192	5,481	75,499
Columbus		50,930	200	350	642	48,275	300	3,493
Macon	906	66,437	1,698	3,159	1,259	107,393	924	6,424
Rome	475	36,261	900	9,639	243	51,668	900	20,558
La., Shreveport	406	97,044	4,807	28,821		166,920		40,300
Miss., Clarksdale	216	153,105	2,082	25,786	861	191,856	3,957	41,747
Columbus	357	35,820	131	4,451		42,942		5,115
Greenwood	276	158,562	2,361	45,143	1,137	183,733	2,905	37,072
Meridian	402	40,975	506	4,550		52,856		5,521
Natchez		36,524	1,500	13,080	180	49,949	826	9,755
Vicksburg	62	18,056		2,884		35,406		
Yazoo City	6	27,719		1,964		44,773		10,276
Mo., St. Louis	4,574	341,459	5,020	3,346	7,627	553,964	8,035	4,654
N.C., Greensboro	1,045	26,638	1,312	11,286	1,060	48,826	1,038	25,566
Raleigh*					716	20,838	622	5,580
Okla., Altus x					333	209,058	1,189	4,342
Chickasha x					1,549	192,042	1,646	5,357
Okla. City x					1,207	185,638	3,063	8,386
15 towns*	2,675	738,362	4,291	38,286				
S. C., Greenville	3,833	294,271	12,161	42,795	5,312	340,824	10,103	70,633
Greenwood x						7,773		3,251
Tenn., Memphis	12,334	1,424,895	21,094	172,400	31,309	2,164,956	32,569	187,475
Nashville x					354	8,099	196	1,360
Texas, Abilene	834	55,227	1,033	1,796	353	79,107	732	1,011
Austin	130	26,221	86	1,504		34,142		1,012
Brenham	418	29,136	531	11,228	100	29,016	300	5,748
Dallas	1,907	95,399	1,994	24,708	987	183,116	1,939	8,886
Et. Worth x					396	122,018	902	4,121
Paris	252	75,004	410	1,908	32	56,605	13	355
Robstown	5	29,779	204	573				
San Antonio	437	36,618	287	5,448	133	61,961	84	3,081
Texarkana		57,875	1,000	2,727				
Waco	419	89,205	1,419	7,519				
Total, 57 towns	41,881	5,302,421	82,132	649,289	63,898	6,795,736	103,610	742,667

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 41,935 bales and are to-night 93,378 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 22,017 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Shipped—	1927-28		1926-27	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	5,020	339,999	8,035	566,755
Via Mounds, &c.	2,320	237,481	4,050	325,230
Via Rock Island	74	13,612	127	21,372
Via Louisville	115	28,781	421	49,787
Via Virginia points	1,795	220,018	4,482	237,582
Via other routes, &c.	5,725	357,555	7,305	572,010
Total gross overland	15,049	1,197,446	24,420	1,772,736
Deduct Shipments				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	2,107	81,983	4,389	129,395
Between interior towns	521	20,052	572	23,067
Inland, &c., from South	8,561	568,072	9,127	799,897
Total to be deducted	11,189	670,107	14,088	952,359
Leaving total net overland*	3,860	527,339	10,332	820,377

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 3,860 bales, against 10,332 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 293,038 bales.

Receipts at ports to May 11—	1927-28		1926-27	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Net overland to May 11	3,860	527,339	10,332	820,377
Southern consumption to May 11	100,000	4,381,000	115,000	4,293,000
Total marketed	214,772	12,787,177	214,421	17,270,917
Interior stocks in excess	41,935	279,440	41,811	212,332
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to May 1		210,534		763,202
Came into sight during week	172,837		172,610	
Total in sight May 11		13,277,151		18,246,251
North. spinn's's takings to May 11	18,565	1,275,586	36,127	1,709,469

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1923—May 15	151,064	1925-26	15,480,514
1927—May 16	114,766	1924-25	14,194,272
1926—May 17	130,488	1923-24	10,744,890

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended May 11.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, May 5.	Monday, May 7.	Tuesday, May 8.	Wednesday, May 9.	Thursday, May 10.	Friday, May 11.
Galveston	20.65	21.25	21.20	21.20	21.30	21.40
New Orleans	20.62	21.18	21.14	21.05	21.16	21.23
Mobile	20.50	21.10	21.00	21.00	21.10	21.20
Savannah	20.63	21.25	21.17	21.18	21.26	21.35
Norfolk	20.75	21.33	21.31	21.31	21.38	21.44
Baltimore	21.30	21.30	21.75	21.65	21.50	21.65
Augusta	20.63	21.25	21.19	21.19	21.25	21.38
Memphis	19.90	20.50	20.40	20.40	20.50	20.60
Houston	20.60	21.20	21.10	21.10	21.15	21.20
Little Rock	19.80	20.45	20.45	20.35	20.45	20.60
Dallas	20.10	20.70	20.65	20.60	20.70	20.80
Fort Worth		20.70	20.65	20.60	20.70	20.80

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, May 5.	Monday, May 7.	Tuesday, May 8.	Wednesday, May 9.	Thursday, May 10.	Friday, May 11.
May	20.54 Bid	21.14	21.07 Bid	20.96	21.01 Bid	21.10 bid
June						
July	20.38-20.40	20.95-20.99	20.93-20.94	20.84-20.85	20.96-20.97	21.08-21.11
August						
September						
October	20.12-20.14	20.75-20.77	20.68-20.70	20.63-20.65	20.75-20.77	20.90-20.93
November						
December	20.08-20.70	20.73	20.63-20.65	20.63-20.65	20.60-20.61	20.87-20.88
January	20.06 Bid	20.75 Bid	20.65-20.66	20.62-20.63	20.72 Bid	20.87 bid
February						
March	20.07-20.08	20.74-20.75	20.64-20.65	20.62-20.64	20.72 Bid	20.86 bid
Spot	Quiet	Steady	Quiet	Quiet	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Very st'dy	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—The full report of the Department of Agriculture showing the condition of the cereal crops on May 1, as issued on the 9th inst., will be found in an earlier part of this issue in the department entitled "Indications of Business Activity."

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week has been generally favorable for cotton, although during part of the week it was too cool. Planting and re-planting as a rule made good progress. Stands of early cotton are poor to fair and growth has been slow because of the cool nights.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been clear and very favorable except that it has been too cool. Upper river bottoms are drying out fast but lower river bottoms are not quite free.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer—		
Galveston, Tex.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 81	low 61	mean 71
Abilene		dry	high 96	low 46	mean 71
Brenham	1 day	0.30 in.	high 90	low 48	mean 69
Brownsville	1 day	1.04 in.	high 88	low 54	mean 71
Corpus Christi	1 day	0.40 in.	high 84	low 58	mean 71
Dallas		dry	high 88	low 50	mean 69
Henrietta		dry	high 92	low 48	mean 70
Kerrville		dry	high 88	low 40	mean 64
Lampasas	1 day	0.01 in.	high 94	low 40	mean 67
Longview		dry	high 86	low 58	mean 69
Luling	1 day	0.06 in.	high 94	low 48	mean 71
Nacogdoches	1 day	0.56 in.	high 82	low 44	mean 63
Palestine	1 day	0.02 in.	high 84	low 50	mean 67
Paris	1 day	0.02 in.	high 84	low 50	mean 67
San Antonio	1 day	0.12 in.	high 90	low 50	mean 67
Taylor	1 day	0.04 in.	high 90	low 50	mean 72
Weatherford	2 days	0.04 in.	high 88	low 40	mean 70
Ardmore, Okla.		dry	high 92	low 48	mean 70
Altus		dry	high 100	low 43	mean 72
Muskogee		dry	high 87	low 47	mean 67
Oklahoma City	1 day	0.02 in.	high 90	low 46	mean 68
Brinkley, Ark.		dry	high 87	low 39	mean 63
Eldorado	1 day	0.11 in.	high 87	low 48	mean 68
Little Rock	1 day	0.09 in.	high 84	low 51	mean 68
Pine Bluff	1 day	0.11 in.	high 90	low 47	mean 69
Alexandria, La.		dry	high 87	low 50	mean 69
Amité		dry	high 79	low 41	mean 60
New Orleans		dry			mean 72
Shreveport	1 day	0.32 in.	high 86	low 53	mean 70
Columbus		dry	high 79	low 43	mean 61
Greenwood	1 day	0.25 in.	high 90	low 43	mean 67
Vicksburg		dry	high 87	low 53	mean 68
Mobile, Ala.	2 days	0.06 in.	high 85	low 50	mean 68
Decatur	1 day	0.48 in.	high 86	low 44	mean 65
Montgomery	2 days	0.29 in.	high 86	low 49	mean 68
Selma		dry	high 90		

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1928, 1927, 1926), Stocks at Interior Towns (1928, 1927, 1926), Receipts from Plantations (1928, 1927, 1926). Rows include Feb., Mar., Apr., May.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 8,037,449 bales; in 1926-7 were 12,082,657 bales, and in 1925 6 were 10,159,934 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 110,912 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 63,977 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 41,935 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 47,278 bales and for 1926 they were 45,251 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1927-28 (Week, Season), 1926-27 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply, Total supply, Deduct, Total takings.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,278,000 bales in 1927-28 and 4,293,000 bales in 1926-27—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 13,186,305 bales in 1927-28 and 15,778,377 bales in 1926-27 of which 8,466,945 bales and 10,852,977 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—

The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns: May 10, Receipts at—, 1927-28, 1927-26, 1925-26. Rows include Bombay.

Table with columns: Exports from—, For the Week (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total), Since August 1 (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total). Rows include Bombay, Other India, Total all—.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 65,000 bales. Exports from all Indian ports record an increase of 36,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 99,500 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, May 9, 1927-28, 1926-25, 1925-26. Rows include Receipts (cantars), This week, Since Aug. 1.

Table with columns: Export (bales)—, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include To Liverpool, To Manchester, &c., To Contin't & India, To America, Total exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending May 9 were 150,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 30,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is active. Merchants are buying very sparingly. 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 Feb., March, April, May. Columns include 32s Cop Tuft, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts Common to Finest, Cotton Midd'l g Upl'ds.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table with columns: Destination, Date, Bales. Rows include NEW YORK, GALVESTON, NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, SEATTLE, TEXAS CITY, MOBILE, SAN PEDRO, NORFOLK, WILMINGTON, SAVANNAH, Total.

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound.

Table with columns: High Density, Stand-ard, High Density, Stand-ard, High Density, Stand-ard. Rows include Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with columns: April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11. Rows include Sales of the week, Actual exports, Forwarded, Total stocks, Total imports, Amount afloat.

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. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures, Market opened, Market, 4 P. M.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

May 5 to May 11	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.				
	12.15 p. m.	12.30 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.		
May	11.21	11.09	11.12	11.40	11.37	11.26	11.21	11.21	11.17	11.20
June	11.16	11.04	11.08	11.35	11.33	11.22	11.18	11.18	11.17	11.14
July	11.13	11.02	11.06	11.33	11.31	11.20	11.16	11.16	11.15	11.12
August	11.08	10.97	11.01	11.28	11.27	11.16	11.12	11.11	11.11	11.08
September	11.03	10.94	10.97	11.25	11.24	11.13	11.08	11.07	11.07	11.05
October	10.97	10.88	10.92	11.20	11.19	11.08	11.03	11.02	11.02	11.00
November	10.88	10.79	10.83	11.12	11.11	11.00	10.96	10.95	10.95	10.93
December	10.88	10.79	10.83	11.12	11.11	11.00	10.96	10.95	10.95	10.93
January	10.88	10.79	10.83	11.12	11.11	11.00	10.96	10.95	10.95	10.93
February	10.88	10.79	10.83	11.12	11.11	11.00	10.96	10.95	10.95	10.93
March	10.88	10.79	10.83	11.12	11.11	11.00	10.96	10.95	10.95	10.93
April	10.87	10.77	10.82	11.11	11.09	10.99	10.95	10.94	10.93	10.92
May	10.86	10.77	10.82	11.11	11.09	10.99	10.95	10.94	10.93	10.92

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, May 11 1928.

Flour has been steady with at times rising prices for wheat, the size of the winter wheat problematical and Europe's need of bread grain or of its equivalent in flour too pressing to admit of dispute. But nothing moves the home consumer from his seemingly fixed policy of buying from hand to mouth. And export business, so far as it is reported, is not large. The mills at the Northwest and the Southwest, as well as in Canada, agree in saying trade is quiet. Latterly prices have dropped 10 to 20c. in response to lower prices for wheat.

Wheat ends substantially lower for the week. On the 7th inst. prices ended 1/8 to 5/8c. lower, after swinging within a compass of 3 to 3 1/2c. Most markets ended with small changes. Many were awaiting the Government report on the 9th inst. Very favorable weather checked buying. Liquidation dominated everywhere in this country. Seeding was making marked progress. Canada is being watched. Liverpool advanced 1/2 to 1d., but no important export business was reported. Good milling wheat was in excellent demand at the west. The United States visible supply decreased last week 2,140,000 bushels, against 3,522,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 59,476,000 bushels, against 34,773,000 a year ago. Recently the Northwest and Southwest markets have been relatively stronger than Chicago owing to a better cash demand. Receipts at Chicago for a week or 10 days will, it is believed, be quite large, following purchases from Minneapolis and Duluth to go to Chicago, for delivery purposes, the lakes now being opened. Liberal exports are expected because of the large stocks in Canada and smaller shipments from other exporting countries. Last week the buying of futures on the Chicago Board of Trade increased from 361,514,000 bushels for the week ended April 28th to 498,754,000 bushels. This compared with 42,514,000 bushels in the same week last year.

On the 8th inst. prices advanced 1 to 2c. on reports of dust storms, high winds and unseasonably high temperatures in some parts of the Northwest. Canadian advices were generally favorable. The forecast for the entire belt was for higher temperatures with some cloudy weather. Moreover, export demand at the seaboard was poor and no sales of importance were reported. But news about a strike in Argentina may lead to large sales to Europe of Manitobas, now that navigation is opened. No rain fell in Kansas and Nebraska. Liverpool declined 1 1/8 to 1 5/8c. with better weather and crop reports from the Continent. On the 9th inst. prices were higher early, on reports of dry weather and dust storms and high winds in the Northwest and stronger Liverpool cables. But later there was a decline and prices ended for the day at a net decline of 1 7/8 to 2 1/4c., with Winnipeg 3/8 to 1 1/4c. lower and an evident desire on the part of commission houses to liquidate before the issuance of the government report. The trade expected a bullish report. The weather was unseasonable on the Continent and labor troubles in Argentine have been attracting attention. One report stated that Kansas and Nebraska would soon need moisture. World's shipments were expected to be 14,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels at the end of July. Shipments from North America are expected to average 8,500,000 to 9,500,000 weekly. Export business was small.

On the 10th inst. prices fell 5 1/2 to 6 1/4c. net, or 6 1/2 to 7 1/4c. from the early top, owing to beneficial rains. The government report on winter wheat of the previous day had little effect. The depressing factor was reports of rain in parts of Nebraska, Colorado and the Northwest. joined to an overbought condition. Shorts had been driven out. That naturally weakened the underpinning. Commission houses were heavy sellers on stop orders. There was selling for foreign account. Professionals were aggressive sellers. Buying at Winnipeg against sales in Chicago was something of a feature. Winnipeg declined 3 to 3 1/4c. net. The government report to the disappointment of some of the bulls put the winter wheat crop at 479,000,000 bushels. It fell flat, however, as it was only 7,000,000 bushels above the average private estimates recently issued. The rains dominated. The government crop estimate of 479,086,000

bushels compares with 482,334,000 last year; acreage, 35,858,000 acres against 36,987,000 acres harvested last year. The winter wheat crop in general shows the effects of scanty snow covering during the winter.

To-day prices closed 1/4 to 1 1/2c. higher in the various markets on active trading. The cables were better than due. There was a lack of rain in the Northwest. The foreign demand improved. Export sales were fully 1,000,000 bushels, including Manitoba to Portugal and Spain and durum to Italy. Cash wheat was steady in all markets except Minneapolis. There prices were a little depressed. The forecast was for unsettled weather and colder, with freezing temperatures in some sections. That caused buying. Firmness of outside markets braced Chicago. The technical position was better. May was noticeably firm. In Canada 2 1/2% of the winter wheat acreage has been abandoned, or 8% more than a year ago. The fact is, however, that Canada produces very little winter wheat. World's shipments this week are estimated at nearly 14,000,000 bushels, of which 6,200,000 from North America, 4,365,000 from Argentina and 3,336,000 from Australia. North Dakota had killing frost over night. Final prices show a decline for the week, however, of 2 to 4 cents, owing to the liquidation which has taken place since last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
220 1/2	219 3/4	220 3/4	218 3/4	213	213 3/4	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	160 1/4	159 3/4	160 1/4	158 3/4	152	153 3/4
July	160 1/4	159 3/4	160 1/4	159	152 3/4	153 3/4
September	158 3/4	158	159 3/4	157 3/4	152 1/2	152 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	155 3/4	Holl.	155 3/4	154	150 3/4	151 3/4
July	158 1/2	day	158	156 3/4	153 3/4	154 3/4
October	148 3/4		148 3/4	148 3/4	145 1/4	145 3/4

Indian corn closes moderately lower for the week. On the 7th inst. prices ended 3/8c. lower to 1/8c. higher on scattered selling after an early advance of 1c. with covering by 2,240,000 bushels than in the previous week. The decrease in the same week last year was 1,771,000 bushels. The total now is 31,315,000 bushels against 34,850,000 a year ago; that is, about 3,500,000 less than at this time in 1927. Country offerings were small, but there was an increase in the consignments and somewhat larger receipts are expected. The weather was very favorable for planting. It was making rapid progress over a wide area. Eastern shipping demand was fair and some charters were made for shipment by lake. Last week corn trading increased from 171,000,000 bushels to practically 240,000,000 bushels or 104,000,000 bushels more than last year. On the 8th inst. prices fell 1c., but recovered most of this later, owing partly to a strong tone in wheat. Country offerings were small and an increase in consignments was not expected to last long. The weather was favorable, however, and the Kansas and Nebraska crop reports were good. On the 9th inst. prices were influenced by the action of wheat. At first they were higher, but declined later, and wound up for the day 3/4 to 1c. net lower. The government report was favorable. And the movement was liberal from Kansas farms. Deliveries on contract were 268,000 bushels. On the 10th inst. prices declined 2 1/2c. to 3c. with ideal weather for farm work and a private report that said corns was germinating rapidly in Kansas. The Argentine shipments were estimated at 4,921,000 bushels, which was somewhat smaller than a week ago. Also, there is labor trouble there. The cash demand was disappointing, especially from the East. Country offerings increased. To-day prices ended 1/4c. lower to 1/2c. higher, after active trading. The fluctuations in wheat had some effect. Professionals sold. Early prices were off owing to liquidation. But on the decline commission houses and large Chicago operators bought on prospects of unsettled weather and stronger markets for other feed grains, all of which had a bracing effect. Moreover, the condition of pastures in the West is said to be poor. A large interest covered, it is understood. Cash corn was steady with a moderate demand. Argentine exports this week are 5,425,000 bushels against 7,200,000 in the same week last year. In Illinois 70 to 80% of the planting, it seems, has been finished. In Iowa new corn is said to be doing well. Cold weather and even frosts were predicted. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 1 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
131 1/2	130 3/4	129 3/4	129 3/4	126 3/4	126 3/4	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	108 3/4	108 3/4	108 3/4	107 1/2	104 3/4	104 3/4
July	111 3/4	111 3/4	111 3/4	110 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4
September	111 3/4	111 3/4	111 3/4	110 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4

Oats.—There was a final rise in prices contrasted with a decline in most other grain. On the 7th inst. prices ended unchanged to 1/2c. lower, though at one time 1/2c. higher, with the United States visible supply falling off last week 1,249,300 bushels, to a level of only 9,919,000 bushels, against 26,447,000 a year ago. It is therefore little more than a third of the total in 1927. The cash demand was brisk. Premiums were inflexibly maintained. Crop reports were contradictory to all appearance. No serious damage has been done. On the 8th inst. prices advanced 1/2c., with a better demand from the Continent and some

unfavorable crop reports from Kansas. They said that the growth had been slow since the freeze in April. Cash premiums were very strong. Receipts were small. In the Central belt rain is needed. The Canadian government report said that a very small amount of seeding for oats and barley had been completed April 30th in Manitoba, none in Saskatchewan, while only 1% of the seeding of oats had been done in Alberta with no progress made in barley.

On the 9th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 3/4c. Crop reports were unfavorable. Warm weather and moisture is badly needed. Cash markets were firm and premiums were well maintained. On the 10th inst. prices ended 3/4c. off to 1/2c. up after an early rise of 1/4 to 1 1/2c. on dry weather. Later beneficial rains explain the reaction. Yet premiums were strong and receipts were moderate. To-day prices ended 1/2 to 1c. higher after large trading. Cash interests bought May. Shorts sought cover. There was a new high for the season for the May delivery. Kansas crop advices were not good. Pasture conditions in Iowa are said to be the poorest in 30 years. The weather was unsettled. The lower temperatures and frosts predicted for the Northwest braced prices. The cash situation was conspicuously strong. Final prices show a rise for the week of 5/8 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	81	80 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	82	82 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	64 3/4	63 3/4	64 1/4	65	65 1/2	65 3/4
July		57 3/4	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58 1/2
September		48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

May	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	78 3/4	Holi-	78 3/4	76 1/2	75 3/4	76 1/2
July		day	73 1/2	72 1/4	71 3/4	72
October			58 3/4	57 3/4	57 3/4	58 1/4

Rye.—A net rise has been recorded this week, largely owing to a bullish government report and some export demand. On the 7th inst. prices advanced 1 1/4 to 1 3/4c. net, but at one time were 2 to 3c. higher, with some export business at Chicago. Cancellations of shipments from store were 236,000 bushels. The rise in wheat helped rye. The United States visible supply decreased last week 384,000 bushels, against a decrease of 660,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 5,148,000 bushels against 7,551,000 a year ago.

On the 8th inst. prices declined 2 to 2 1/2c., but rallied 3 to 3 1/2c. on a good demand, encouraged by the firmness of wheat and scattered buying. The export demand, however, was small. Final prices on the 8th inst. were 1/2 to 1 1/2c. net higher. On the 9th inst. prices followed those of wheat, advancing early but falling later. The ending was 2 3/4 to 3 3/4c. lower for the day. Liquidation was apparent. very little export business was done. On the 10th inst. early prices advanced 4 1/2 to 5 3/4c. on a bullish government report, but broke later with wheat. Yet the government reports the crop as about 20,000,000 bushels smaller than the actual crop of last year.

To-day prices closed 1 1/4 to 2 1/2c. higher. Commission houses were buying. Cold weather at the Northwest, with frost, caused covering. In Canada 4% of the fall rye acreage is said to have been abandoned. American export sales were reported of 100,000 bushels to Norway and Rotterdam. There were some reactions in rye as in other grain, owing to profit taking. No great pressure appeared, however. The acreage remaining for harvest on May 1 is estimated at 5,562,000 acres, or 97.1% of the acreage harvested in 1927. The preliminary estimate of the acreage sown in December was 3,802,000 acres. The condition on May 1st was 73.6% against 88.3% on the same date last year. The indicated crop is 11.1 bushels per acre or a total of 39,368,000 bushels against 16 bushels per acre last year with a crop of 58,572,000 bushels. Final prices for this week show a rise of 3 1/4 to 6 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	135 3/4	137	137 1/2	134	134	135 3/4
July		120 3/4	132 3/4	133 3/4	130 1/4	131
September		120 3/4	121 1/2	122 3/4	120 1/4	122 1/2

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, f.o.b. 2.13 3/4	No. 2 white 82 1/4
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b. 1.73 3/4	No. 3 white 79 1/4 @ 80 1/4
Corn, New York—	Rye, New York—
No. 2 yellow 1.26 3/4	No. 2 f.o.b. 1.49 3/4
No. 3 yellow 1.24 3/4	Barley, New York—
	Malting 1.13 3/4

FLOUR

Spring patents \$8.25 @ \$8.65	Rye flour, patents \$7.25 @ \$7.65
Cleats, first spring 7.10 @ 7.65	Semolina No. 2, pound 4 1/2
Soft winter straights @	Oats goods 3.75 @ 3.80
Hard winter straights 8.00 @ 8.40	Corn flour 2.95 @ 3.00
Hard winter patents 8.30 @ 8.75	Barley goods—
Hard winter clears 7.25 @ 7.65	Coarse 4.10
Fancy Minn. patents 9.55 @ 10.40	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2,
City mills 9.70 @ 10.40	3 and 4 7.00 @ 7.50

For other tables usually given here, see page 2922.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 8.—For details of this report see page 2923.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Friday Night, May 11 1928.

Recent improvement in the textile markets has been maintained in certain directions and extended in others. In the cotton goods division prices have continued at their

recent mark-ups and have stimulated a broader movement of finished cloths. Woolen goods, likewise, remain firm with the volume of duplicate business steadily increasing. On the other hand, silks have been irregular, owing to the political disturbances between China and Japan, which have had a depressing effect upon raw prices. Sales of finished goods, however, continue at fairly satisfactory levels. Quite a surprise was afforded by the monthly statistics published by the Silk Association of America which showed an unexpectedly large decrease in all returns for the month of April. Consumption amounted to only 41,258 bales, the smallest since July, which compares with 52,011 in March. Imports also showed a pronounced drop, amounting to 36,555 bales against 50,250 the previous month. Storage stocks were likewise lower, totaling 35,483 bales compared with 40,186 on the first of the preceding month. This report was all the more surprising in view of recent claims of improving sales. However, producers are now getting ready for the Fall season, and one of the leaders in the field has already officially opened goods for that season. They showed a distinct trend toward the more formal and conservative fabrics. Velvets were strongly stressed, particularly the transparent versions and it is expected that they will prove very popular for the Fall season. Other producers, feeling that perhaps the market would be benefited more by delayed openings, are not expected to have their merchandise on display until well toward the end of the month.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Developments in the domestic cotton goods markets are more encouraging this week. A larger movement of finished cloths based upon buyers' apprehension concerning further price advances, coupled with sellers' determination not to accept business at low levels, made for a firm undertone. It is quite apparent that producers have been increasing their efforts to obtain a livable profit by placing further restrictions upon output. This is demonstrated in statistics published by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants covering the month of April. The report showed that while stocks gained 3.9% with production the lowest since last August, shipments fell 5 1/2% below production and sales exceeded output by 17%. During the week raw cotton prices tended toward further improvement, which, in turn, encouraged larger sales of finished goods. Unquestionably, the variety of merchandise sold has been more diversified than for some time past, but it is reported that the distribution of colored cottons, percales and denims is the largest. Concerning percales, it is probable that a large percentage of business is being placed owing to apprehensions of higher prices. Besides the stronger statistical position of these goods, any advance would also be based upon the dwindling margin between gray goods, and the many complaints from printers that it is impossible to maintain the present high standard of work with such narrow profits. Colored cottons have likewise sold in larger quantities, and some houses report distribution to be the best in years. Prices, however, are low and manufacturers are expected to attempt to raise them to a more reasonable level. As to denims, two recent mark-ups have succeeded in stimulating a freer movement to both cutters and jobbers. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 64's construction are quoted at 6 1/2c., and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 5 1/2c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 9c., and 39-inch 80 x 80's at 11 1/4c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The recent establishment of firm and stable prices for woolen and worsted fabrics has succeeded in stimulating a good volume of repeat orders for the Fall season's goods. This has been more noticeable in the men's wear division than in the women's, as the latter is comparatively quiet, being between seasons. Reverting to men's wear cloths, agents report that while there is no rush for goods, a steady influx of repeat orders is being received with prospects favoring a further improvement over the coming weeks and months. However, this has not lulled mills into a feeling of security, as they continue to watch production and are not accumulating goods in advance of actual orders. This is one of the factors contributing to the current improvement. The latter is substantiated by claims that total sales are ahead of those for the same season last year.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Little change is noted in conditions surrounding the linen markets. The slight improvement noted last week has been more or less maintained, with the best interest noted in the dress goods and handkerchief sections. Other divisions have generally continued as during previous weeks when sales were disappointingly small. This week there has been no improvement in distribution as buyers continue uninterested. On the other hand, interest in dresses and handkerchiefs has, as a rule, been maintained, and in some instances is tending to increase. Competition for business is still keen, however, and profit margins remain small. Advices from abroad continue fairly encouraging with conditions improving. Bur-laps are more or less quiet. A drop in primary prices failed to find reflection in local circles as spot and afloat quotations continue firm. Light weights are quoted at 8.15c., and heavies at 9.60c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN APRIL.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of April, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 2347 of the "Chronicle" of May 5. Since then several belated April returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$123,951,736. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in April was 449 and the number of separate issues 592.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond issues such as Adair Co., Iowa; Alameda Co., Calif.; Albuquerque, N. Mex.; etc.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Continuation of municipal bond issues from the previous page, including entries like Decatur S. D., Ill.; De Kalb Co., Ind.; etc.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.	Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2693	Lenoir County, N. C.	4 1/2	1930-1958	50,000	101.85	4.35	2535	Redlands Un. H. S. D.	4 1/2	1947-1950	100,000	109.21	4.10
2362	Liberty Twp., Ind.	4 1/2	1930-1939	40,000	104.28	3.64	2365	Refugio Co. R. & C. Dist.	5 1/2	1933-1935	17,000	101.85	4.16
2199	Lincoln County, N. C.	4 1/2	1930-1943	r224,000	101.94	4.53	2695	Richland Co., Wis.	4 1/2	1933-1935	127,000	101.85	4.16
2537	Live Oak, Fla.	5	1956	7,000	100.10	4.49	2696	Richland, Lexington & Suluda Cos., S. C.	4 1/2	1929-1945	1,800,000	101.02	4.37
2693	Lochmoor, Mich.	5	1929-1933	300,000	101.56	4.71	2538	Richland Springs S. D., Texas	4 1/2	1929-1937	28,000	100	---
2362	Logan County, Ohio	6	1929-1933	4,300	103.55	4.71	2364	Ridgefield Park, N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1937	129,000	100.05	4.24
2693	London Grove S. D., Pa.	4	1933-1958	r73,000	100.51	3.89	2365	Ridgefield Park, N. J.	4 1/2	1930-1956	98,000	100.02	4.24
2537	Los Angeles Co. Flood Control Dist., Calif.	5	1928	547,000	100.12	4.15	2696	Rome Ind. S. D., Iowa	5	1929-1933	1,500	100	5.00
2537	Los Angeles County Flood Control Dist., Calif.	5	1928	547,000	100.12	4.15	2696	Rosebud Co., Mont.	4 1/2	1-20 yrs.	r130,000	---	---
2693	Los Banos S. D., Calif.	5	1930-1954	25,000	116.80	4.38	2201	Royal Oak, Mich.	4 1/2	1929-1932	290,000	100.08	4.298
2362	Lucas Co., Ohio (6 iss.)	6	1930-1954	303,100	101	---	2201	Royal Oak, Mich.	4 1/2	1934-1938	310,000	100.08	4.298
2362	Luverne, Ala.	5	1930-1939	60,000	100.01	3.98	2365	Rush Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	33,120	103.54	3.69
2693	Lyndonville, Vt.	4	1930-1939	60,000	100.01	3.98	2359	Sabine Par. R. D. S., La.	6	1929-1938	108,940	103.52	---
2362	McAdoo Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1934-1958	35,000	102.72	---	2696	Saginaw, Mich.	4	1929-1933	25,000	100.02	---
2199	McCloud S. D., Calif.	5	1-40 yrs.	400,000	102.72	---	2696	Salem, Ore.	4 1/2	1929-1933	75,000	100.148	3.95
2537	McNairy Co., Tenn.	5	1-40 yrs.	199,500	101.07	4.92	2696	Salem, Ore.	4 1/2	1929-1933	100,000	102.47	---
2537	Madison Co., Tex.	5	1-40 yrs.	199,500	101.07	4.92	2854	Salamanca, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4.15	1929-1948	152,988	100.11	4.15
2852	Mahoning Valley Sanitary District, Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1951	2,475,000	100.09	4.23	2696	Saluda Co., S. C.	5	1929-1950	11,000	100.10	4.99
2199	Mamaroneck, N. Y.	4 1/2	1938-1946	8,900	104.13	3.95	2539	San Bernardino, Calif.	4 1/2	1929-1958	650,000	100.63	4.185
2199	Mansfield City S. D., O.	4	1929-1938	150,000	100.007	3.97	2854	St. Joseph Co. Ind. (5 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1958	276,500	---	---
2362	Maple Heights, Ohio	5 1/2	1929-1938	56,376	100	5.50	2854	Salisbury, Md.	4 1/2	1958-1967	50,000	107.76	4.01
2362	Maracopa Co. S. D. No. 8, Ariz.	4 1/2	1938-1944	35,000	100.65	4.42	2854	Sandusky, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1957	140,500	101.39	4.12
2694	Marcellus, Mich.	4 1/2	1948	50,000	101.17	4.15	2365	San Juan Co., N. M.	4 1/2	1929-1938	r17,000	100	4.75
2694	Marion, S. Caro.	4 1/2	1930-1939	20,000	101.17	4.15	2696	San Luis Obispo Co. Dist. 2, Cal.	7	1933-1947	146,400	---	---
2537	Marshall Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1949	42,000	100.03	4.49	2365	Santa Rosa Co. R. & B. Dist. 6, Fla.	6	1957	100,000	100.10	5.99
2694	Marshall, Mich. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1948	58,000	103.57	---	2696	Sasser, Ga.	6	1933-1953	10,000	110.25	5.01
2694	Marshall S. D., Mo.	4 1/2	1929-1948	35,484	101.75	---	2854	Scap Level S. D., Pa.	5	1933-1948	20,000	---	---
2852	Marshalltown, Ia.	4 1/2	1933-1947	125,000	100	4.25	2854	Schenectady, N. Y. (4 iss.)	4	1929-1948	596,000	100.45	3.94
2363	Martin Co., Fla.	6	1929-1953	325,000	100	6.00	2365	Schenectady Co., N. Y.	3.90	1930-1949	300,000	100.53	3.82
2363	Massena S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1953	100,000	103.77	4.12	2696	Scott Co., Va.	5	1929-1956	r70,000	---	---
2537	Massillon City S. D., O.	4 1/2	1929-1945	16,230	100.29	4.21	2696	Scott Co., Iowa	4 1/2	1929-1938	r160,000	---	---
2199	Medford, Mass. (4 iss.)	3 1/2	1929-1945	312,000	100.83	3.60	2539	Seaford Fire Dist., N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1934	10,000	100.45	4.37
2694	Melrose, Mass. (4 iss.)	3 1/2	1929-1945	110,000	100.41	3.67	2539	Sealeda, Mo.	4 1/2	1929-1948	100,000	103.17	4.12
2852	Mena, S. D.	5	1934-1943	70,000	100.90	4.38	2696	Seneca Co., N. Y.	4	1929-1949	130,732	100.14	3.98
2363	Menlo Pk. San. Dist., Cal.	4 1/2	1934-1943	20,000	100.90	4.38	2696	Shakapee, Minn.	4 1/2	1929-1949	6,000	100	4.50
2363	Meriden, Conn.	4	1929-1948	100,000	100.65	3.82	2539	Shamrock S. D., Tex.	4 1/2	1929-1938	50,000	---	---
2363	Meridian, Miss. (5 iss.)	5	1-10 yrs.	440,000	100	4.75	2365	Sheffield Lake, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1938	17,475	100.34	---
2363	Meridian, Miss.	5	1-10 yrs.	250,000	100	4.75	2365	Sheffield Lake, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1938	13,854	100.33	---
2363	Miami, Fla. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1931-1938	2,000,000	100	4.75	2539	Shelby Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1943	43,000	104.38	---
2852	Miami Co., Ohio	5	1929-1938	88,000	100	4.75	2696	Shelby Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	32,000	103.54	3.78
2537	Middletown, N. Y.	4	1929-1953	125,000	100.82	3.90	2696	Shelton, Conn.	4	1930-1940	22,000	100	4.00
2694	Middle Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1930-1948	81,000	100.94	4.39	2697	Shoshoni, Wyo.	5 1/2	15-30 yrs.	r15,000	---	---
2852	Midland, Mich.	4 1/2	1930-1937	95,000	100.96	4.30	2855	Sidney, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1953	100,000	102.33	4.01
2537	Mills Co., Ia.	4 1/2	1934-1943	150,000	100.51	4.30	2855	Sidney, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1948	35,000	100.02	4.23
2537	Milton S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1969	450,000	101.91	4.10	2539	Sigourney Ind. S. D., Ia.	4 1/2	1929-1948	r75,000	100	4.25
2537	Mobile Co., Ala.	5	1933	25,000	100	---	2697	Slippery Rock Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1929-1948	33,000	101.56	4.07
2537	Modoc U. H. S. D., Cal.	5	1933	25,000	100	---	2855	Springfield, Mass.	3 1/2	1939-1958	240,000	100.63	3.62
2694	Montgomery Co., Ia.	4 1/2	1929-1948	48,000	101.73	---	2855	Springfield, Mass.	4	1929-1938	120,000	100.63	3.62
2694	Monte Vista Water Dist., Calif.	5	1935-1962	75,000	100	---	2539	Stafford, Conn.	4	1929-1946	36,000	100.03	3.99
2537	Morningside, Minn.	5	1935-1962	75,000	100	---	2697	Samford, Conn.	4	1929-1958	210,000	100.79	3.92
2538	Moselle Con. S. D., Miss.	5 1/2	1931-1935	15,000	100	---	2697	Samford, Conn.	4	1933-1935	245,000	100.30	3.91
2852	Mott, N. Dak.	5 1/2	1936-1948	35,000	101.58	---	2697	Stanton S. D., Pa.	4	1928-1957	120,000	101.70	3.84
2852	Mott, N. Dak.	5 1/2	1936-1948	35,000	101.58	---	2697	Sterling Co., Tex.	5	1931-1958	201,000	102.23	4.80
2694	Mount Vernon, Tex.	6 1/2	1931-1935	60,000	100.09	4.02	2365	Stockbridge & Smithfield S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4.20	1930-1959	80,000	100.28	4.17
2200	Multnomah Co. School Dist. No. 1, Ore.	4 1/2	1936-1948	275,000	100.09	4.02	2539	Stonington, Conn.	4 1/2	1933-1967	100,000	103.78	3.97
2538	Muscatine Co., Ia.	4	1934-1943	200,000	100.35	3.96	2697	Struthers, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1937	14,754	100.75	4.60
2694	Muskogee, Okla. (2 iss.)	4	1929-1933	60,000	100.09	4.19	2855	Sugar Creek Twp., Pa.	4 1/2	1938	100,000	104.3	3.98
2694	Nashville, Tenn.	4	1934-1968	70,000	100.09	4.19	2855	Sullivan Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	157,000	101.61	4.15
2694	Nashville, Tenn.	4	1934-1968	70,000	100.09	4.19	2697	Swanton, Ohio	5	1929-1938	20,747	100.06	4.99
2694	Nassau Co., N. Y. (2 iss.)	4	1930-1941	1,900,000	100.43	3.94	2539	Swanton S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1928-1947	156,000	100.04	4.24
2538	New Brunswick, N. J.	4	1930-1954	453,000	100.02	3.95	2539	Sweetwater, Tex. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1-40 yrs.	250,000	102.03	4.60
2538	New Brunswick, N. J.	4	1930-1968	250,000	100.30	4.22	2366	Syracuse, N. Y. (3 iss.)	4	1929-1948	134,000	100.05	3.76
2694	Newfane, N. Y.	4	1929-1938	17,667	100.10	4.38	2366	Syracuse, N. Y. (2 iss.)	3 1/2	1929-1968	635,000	100.05	3.76
2694	New Hampshire (State of)	4	1929-1948	200,000	102.42	3.72	2366	Tennessee (State of)	4	7-15 yrs.	d2,625,000	100	4.00
2694	New Hampshire (State of)	4	1929-1948	200,000	102.42	3.72	2366	Tennessee (State of)	4	7-15 yrs.	d375,000	100	3.75
2694	Neshaba Co., Miss.	4 1/2	1930-1938	386,000	101.73	---	2366	Tennessee (State of)	4	1943	500,000	100.07	2.99
2694	Newberry Co., S. Caro.	5	1929-1943	84,000	101.89	---	2540	Tipton S. D., Cal.	5	1929-1935	34,054	101.02	4.75
2364	New Mexico (State of)	5	1929-1938	50,000	99.64	4.58	2202	Tonawanda Un. S. D. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1957	43,000	101.80	4.40
2364	New Orleans, La. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1938	2,017,000	99.64	4.58	2697	Troy, Tenn.	5 1/2	1929-1958	700,000	100.38	4.21
2852	Newport News, Va. (3 iss.)	4	1929-1948	115,000	97.34	4.38	2697	Union S. Twp., Ind.	4 1/2	---	25,000	---	---
2695	Newton Co. D. D. 3, Miss.	4 1/2	1928-1951	39,000	101.32	4.25	2366	Utica S. D., Miss.	5	---	45,000	---	---
2364	Newton, Iowa	4 1/2	1929-1938	35,000	100.32	4.25	2366	Utica S. D., Miss.	5	---	50,000	---	---
2853	Niles, Ohio	4 1/2	1929-1938	97,000	101.32	4.25	2366	Valde, Tex.	5	---	100,000	---	---
2853	Nobles Twp., S. D., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	51,000	103								

Page. Name. Rate. Maturity. Amount. Price. Basis.
2367 - Youngstown, Ohio. 5 1929-1938 100,000 104.64 4.11
Total bond sales for April (449 municipalities, covering 592 separate issues) ----- 128,951,736

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year. k Not including \$77,979,000 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds.
The following items, included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Augusta, Ky. (Mar. List) and McMinnville, Ore. (Mar. List).

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipalities and their bond sales for previous months, including Augusta, Ky., Berea, Ohio, Columbia, Ill., etc.

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for March. These additional March sales will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$129,616,205.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN APRIL.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists Canadian municipalities and their debenture sales in April, including Burnay Dist., B. C., Cabano, Que., etc.

NEWS ITEMS

Massachusetts (State of).—Revised List of Legal Municipalities.—The State Bank Commissioner has prepared a bulletin, dated Apr. 24 1928, on which he lists municipalities whose bonds he finds to be legal investments for savings banks in Massachusetts. The new list is to replace as to municipal bonds, the one issued Dec. 1 1927, and which appeared in V. 125, p. 3668. The new list follows, additions being designated by the word "new" in black-faced brackets, while those that have been dropped are placed in brackets:

Table listing municipalities in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, categorized by county or town. Includes entries like Gardiner [Kennebec], Coos, Hillsborough, Rockingham, etc.

Legally authorized bonds for municipal purposes, &c., of the following cities outside of New England:

Table listing municipalities in various states including Ohio, N.Y., Pa., Ill., Mich., Ind., Tenn., Mo., Okla., Neb., W. Va., Ky., and Calif. Includes entries like Akron, Ohio, Albany, N.Y., Allentown, Pa., Altoona, Pa., Amarillo, Tex., Amsterdam, N.Y., Atlanta, Ga., Atlantic City, N.J., Auburn, N.Y., Austin, Tex., Baltimore, Md., Battle Creek, Mich., Bay City, Mich., Bayonne, N.J., Berkeley, Calif., Birmingham, Ala., Buffalo, N.Y., Butte, Mont., Camden, N.J., Canton, Ohio, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Charleston, W. Va., Chester, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Cincinnati, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Columbus, Ga., Columbus, Ohio, Council Bluffs, Ia., Covington, Ky., Davenport, Ia., Dayton, Ohio, Dallas, Tex., Decatur, Ill., Denver, Colo., Des Moines, Ia., Detroit, Mich., Dubuque, Ia., Duluth, Minn., Durham, N.C., East Orange, N.J., Lynchburg, Va., Madison, Wis., East St. Louis, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., Minneapolis, Minn., Miami, Fla., Mobile, Ala., El Paso, Tex., Moline, Ill., Erie, Pa., Montgomery, Ala., Evansville, Ind., Muskegon, Mich., Flint, Mich., Muskogee, Okla., Fort Wayne, Ind., Nashville, Tenn., Forth Worth, Tex., Newark, N.J., Fresno, Calif., Newburgh, N.Y., Grand Rapids, Mich., New Castle, Pa., Gr'n Bay, Wis., Oakland, Calif., Hamilton, Ohio, Ogden, Utah, Harrisburg, Pa., Okla. City, Okla., Hazelton, Pa., Omaha, Neb., Huntington, W. Va., Oshkosh, Wis., Etacade, Ia., Jackson, Mich., Jacksonville, Fla., Passaic, N.J., Jamestown, N.Y., Peoria, Ill., Jersey City, N.J., Pensacola, Fla., Johnst'n, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Joliet, Ill., Pontiac, Mich., Kalamazoo, Mich., Port'l'd, Ore., Kansas City, Mo., Portsmouth, Ohio, Kenosha, Wis., Racine, Wis., Kokomo, Ind., Reading, Pa., La Cross, Wis., Richmond, Va., Lancaster, Pa., Rochester, N.Y., Dayton, Ohio, Lansing, Mich., Rock'd, Ill., Lexington, Ky., Rock Is., Ill., Lima, Ohio, Sacramento, Calif., Lincoln, Neb., Saginaw, Mich., Long Beach, Calif., Salt Lake City, Utah, Lorain, Ohio, San Antonio, Tex., Los Angeles, Calif., San Diego, Calif., Louisville, Ky., San Francisco, Calif., San Jose, Calif., Savannah, Ga., Schenectady, N.Y., Scranton, Pa., Seattle, Wash., Shelby, Wash., Sheboygan, Wis., Shreveport, La., Sioux City, Ia., South Bend, Ind., Spokane, Wash., Springfield, Mo., Springfield, Ohio, St. Joseph, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., St. Paul, Minn., Stockton, Calif., Superior, Wis., Syracuse, N.Y., Wheeling, W. Va., Wichita Falls, Tex., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Williamsport, Pa., Wilmington, N.C., Wilmington, Del., York, Pa., Youngstown, Ohio.

New York State.—Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—

The State Banking Department has compiled a new list of bonds considered legal investments for savings bank funds, this new list being of date Jan. 1 1928. Some municipalities whose bonds were considered eligible for investment on Jan. 1 1926 are missing from the new list, but this, it is pointed out by the Superintendent of Banks, may be due to the failure of these municipalities to file reports of their financial condition with the Department. Municipal bonds and bonds of railroad and public utility companies which have become "legals" as a result of the 1928 amendments to the law are not included in the list, which shows only those bonds eligible as of Jan. 1 1928. A list of new securities made "legal" by this year's legislation is being prepared by the Superintendent of Banks. A tentative list of such railroad and public utility bonds was released recently and appeared in V. 126, p. 2356. It will probably be some months before the list of new municipal obligations added is issued, because of the necessity of securing financial statements for such a great number of municipalities.

Attention is again called this year to the fact that the absence of the names of suburbs and annexed districts of the different cities is not necessarily an indication of the illegality of their obligations for investment. A statement by the Superintendent of Banks, which accompanies the list, follows: STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT

Albany, N. Y. The following list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks on the first day of January, 1928, has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of section 52 of the Banking Law, and I think it necessary to call attention to the purpose of the list as therein stated.

The conditions under which municipal and railroad bonds are legal investments for savings banks are contained in section 239 of the Banking Law. The provisions with reference to these investments are in some cases quite complicated and the legality of the investments, of course, depends entirely upon the condition of the corporation or municipality issuing the bonds under consideration which may vary so greatly from time to time that a bond which was a legal investment on a fixed date may not be a legal investment upon the following day. No one can state positively that a particular bond is a legal investment on a certain date, unless he has exact knowledge of the facts on the day with reference to which the statement is made, and, in these days of rapidly changing conditions, it will be obviously improper for the trustees of a savings bank to rely solely upon this list, the list being issued only for their protection and not with the intent that they shall place their sole reliance upon it.

As stated, the list is prepared for the protection of trustees of savings banks and should not be considered a guide by executors, administrators or trustees generally; neither is it designed for the use of dealers in securities. As the cost of preparing and printing the list is assessed upon the savings banks, sufficient copies have not been printed to enable us to make a general distribution of the pamphlets containing it. Notwithstanding the care that has been exercised in its preparation, it is not to be assumed that it is entirely free from error. It is quite possible, as a result of changed conditions since the last statistics with reference to municipalities were obtained, that bonds believed to be legal investments at the time the list was prepared may not be legal investments even at the present time, and, on the other hand, bonds which were not legal investments at that time may have since become legal investments. It is believed, however, that the list is substantially correct although, as has been already intimated, it does not relieve the trustees of savings banks from the duty of making a careful investigation of their own in every doubtful case, thereby supplementing the work of the Department.

In arranging the list, the numbering of the different subdivisions of section 239 of the Banking Law has been followed, specific issues being expressly named only when this course is made necessary by the phraseology used in the statute.

The omission from this list of several municipalities may not be due to their illegality, but to the failure of such municipalities to respond to the several communications that have been sent to them by this Department, asking for the necessary information relative to their indebtedness. However, wherever this information could be obtained from a reliable source, regardless of the fact that no answer was received to our questionnaire, we have availed ourselves of same and included the municipalities in the accompanying list.

This list is prepared after a thorough investigation and exhaustive examination into the legality of the bonds listed herein, and reliable supporting information in all cases is on file with this Department.

If you are desirous of any information, communicate with this Department.

FRANK H. WARDER, Superintendent of Banks.

The complete list, as compiled by the Superintendent, is given below. The bonds added to the list since last year are italicized while the issues which do not appear this year are placed in black-faced brackets.

Securities Considered Legal Investments for Savings Banks Jan. 1 1927 under Subdivisions of Section 239 of the Banking Law as Numbered.

Subdivision 1. All interest-bearing obligations of the United States or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged to provide payment of interest and principal, including bonds of the District of Columbia.

Subdivision 2. All interest-bearing obligations of New York State.

Subdivision 3. Certain interest-bearing obligations of the following States and Territories:

- Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Subdivision 4. All interest-bearing obligations or revenue notes sold at a discount, of any city, county, town, village, school district, union free school district, or poor district in New York State, provided that they were issued pursuant to law and that the faith and credit of the municipality or district that issued them is pledged for their payment.

Subdivision 5a. Certain stocks and bonds of the following incorporated cities, counties, villages and towns in adjoining States:

- Connecticut: Athol, Attleboro, Ansonia, Avon, Barnstable, Barre, Becket, Berkshire County, Beverly, Bolton, Boston, Braintree, Bridgewater, Bristol County, Brockton, Brookfield, Brookline, Cambridge, Carver, Chatham, Chelsea, Chicopee, Clinton, Colrain, Cromwell, Danbury, Darien, Eastford, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Haven, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenwich, Griswold, Hamden, Hartford, Hartland, Hartford County, Kent, Killingly, Ledyard, Lisbon, Litchfield County, Litchfield, Manchester, Meriden, Middlesex County, Milford, Montville, New Britain, New Canaan, New Hartford, New Haven, New Haven County, New London, Norwich, Plainville, Plymouth, Portland, Preston, Putnam, Rocky Hill, Salem, Scotland, Seymour, Shelton, Simsbury, Southington, South Windsor, Stafford, Stamford (City), Stamford (Town), Stonington, Stratford, Suffield, Thomaston, Tolland, Torrington, Turnbull, Union, Vernon, Wallingford, Waterbury, Watford, Watertown, West Hartford, West Haven, Westport, Wethersfield, Winchester, Windham County, Windsor, Wolcott, Woodbury, Massachusetts: North Attleborough, Northborough, North Brookfield, Northbridge, Northampton, Norton, Norwood, Orleans, West Orange, Wildwood, Rhode Island: Bristol, Charlestown, Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, East Providence, Hopkinton, Lincoln, Little Compton, Narragansett, Newport, North Kingstown, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, Tiverton, Warren, Warwick, West Warwick, Westerly, Pennsylvania: Adams County, Allegheny County, Allentown, Beaver County, Berks County, Blair County, Bradford, Bucks County, Butler County, Cameron County, Chester, Cory, Erie County, Fayette County, Franklin, Huntingdon County, Jefferson County, Lackawanna Co., Lancaster, Lycoming County, Meadville, Mercer County, Montgomery Co., New Castle, Northampton Co., Northumberland Co., Pottsville, Potter County, Reading, Scranton, Somerset County, Tioga County, Union County, Warren County, Washington County, Westmoreland Co., Wilkes-Barre, York County, Vermont: Addison County, Alburgh, Barre, Bennington, Brattleboro, Bristol, Burlington, Calais, Danville, Essex County, Guildhall, Hinesburg, Manchester, Middlebury, Montpelier, Richford, Rutland, Rutland County, St. Albans, St. Johnsbury, Springfield, Stowe, Swanton, Woodstock.

Sub-division 5b. Certain stocks and bonds of other cities, as follows:

- Atlanta, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Baltimore, Md., Bay City, Mich., Birmingham, Ala., Canton, Ohio, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Charlotte, N. Caro., Chicago, Ill., Cincinnati, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Covington, Ky., Dallas, Texas, Davenport, Iowa, Denver, Colo., Des Moines, Iowa, Detroit, Mich., Duluth, Minn., El Paso, Tex., East St. Louis, Ill., Evansville, Ind., Fort Wayne, Ind., Ft. Worth, Texas, Grand Rapids, Mich., Houston, Texas, Huntington, W. Va., Indianapolis, Ind., Jackson, Mich., Jacksonville, Fla., Kalamazoo, Mich., Kansas City, Mo., Lansing, Mich., Lincoln, Neb., Little Rock, Ark., Los Angeles, Calif., Louisville, Ky., Macon, Ga., Manchester, N. H., Miami, Fla., Milwaukee, Wis., Minneapolis, Minn., Mobile, Ala., Oklahoma City, Okla., Peoria, Ill., Pontiac, Mich., Portland, Me., Racine, Wis., Rockford, Ill., Saginaw, Mich., St. Joseph, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., St. Paul, Minn., Salt Lake City, Utah, San Antonio, Texas, San Diego, Calif., San Francisco, Calif., Savannah, Ga., Seattle, Wash., Shreveport, La., Sioux City, Iowa, South Bend, Ind., Spokane, Wash., Springfield, Ill., Springfield, Ohio, Tacoma, Wash., Tampa, Fla., Terre Haute, Ind., Toledo, Ohio, Topeka, Kan., Tulsa, Okla., Wheeling, W. Va., Wichita, Kans., Youngstown, Ohio.

Subdivision 5-c. Certain stocks and bonds issued after Mar. 22 1927 by the following:

- Nashville, Tenn., Oakland, Calif., Philadelphia, Pa., Richmond, Va., Alabama & Great Southern RR.—1st Cons. 5s, 1943., Albany & Susquehanna RR.—1st mtge. 3 1/2s, 1946., tchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Gen 4s, 1995., Chicago Santa Fe & California Ry. 1st 5s, 1937., Atlantic Coast Line RR.—1st Cons. 4s, 1952., Norfolk & Carolina RR. 1st 5s, 1939., Norfolk & Carolina RR. 2d 5s, 1946., Wilmington & Weldon RR. gen. 1st 4s and 5s, 1935., Wilmington & New Bern 1st 4s, 1947., Atlantic Coast Line of South Carolina Gen. 1st 4s, 1948., Northeastern RR. Cons. 6s, 1933., Richmond & Petersburg Cons. 4 1/2s 1940., Alabama Midland 1st 5s, 1923., Brunswick & Western 1st 4s, 1938., Charleston & Savannah Gen. 7s, 1936., Savannah Florida & Western Cons. 5s & 6s, 1934., Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Refunding & General M. 5s, 1995., Refunding & General M. 6s, 1995., Refunding & General M. 5s, 2000., Convertible 4 1/2s, 1933., First Mortgage 4s, 1948., First Mortgage 5s, 1948., Central Ohio 1st 4 1/2s, 1930., Cleve. Loan & Wh. Cons. 5s, 1933., Gen. & Ref. 4 1/2s, 1930., Cleve. Terminal & Valley 1st 4s, 1995., Ohio River 1st 5s, 1936., General 5s, 1937., Pittsb. Lake E. & W. Va. Sys. 4s, 1941., West Va. & Pittsburgh 1st 4s, 1990., Buffalo Creek RR. Cons. 5s, 1941., Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Gen. mtge. 5s, 1937., Cons. Mtge. 4 1/2s, 1957., Lincoln Park & Charlotte RR. 1st 5s 1939., Central of Georgia Ry. Co.—Gen. & Ref. 5s & 5 1/2s, 1959., 1st 5s, 1945., Mobile Division, 1st 5s, 1946., Middle Georgia & Atlantic Dtc. 1st 5s, 1947., Macon & Northern Dtc. 1st 5s, 1946., Conoco Division, 1st 5s, 1945., Chattanooga Division 4s, 1951., Central RR. of New Jersey Gen. 5s, 1987., Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.—Chesapeake & Ohio 1st M. 5s, 1939., Chicago Burlington & Quincy Ry.—Gen. 4s, 1958., Illinois Div. 3 1/2s and 4s, 1949., Nebraska Extension 4s, 1927., Chicago & North Western Ry.—General 3 1/2s 4s, 4 1/2s and 5s, 1987., Chic. & N. W. 1st & ref. 4 1/2s, 5s & 6s, 2037., Chicago & North West. deb. 5s, 1933., Des Plaines Valley 1st 4 1/2s, 1947., Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. Valley RR. Cons. 6s, 1933., Iowa, Minn. & Northwestern Ry. 1st 3 1/2s, 1935., Manitowoc Green Bay & North Western 1st 3 1/2s, 1941., Mankato & New Ulm Ry. 1st 3 1/2s, 1929., Milw. Lake Shore & West. Ext. & Imp. 5s, 1929., Milwaukee & State Line 1st 3 1/2s, 1941., Milwaukee Sparta & North Western 1st 4s, 1947., Minn. & South Dakota Ry. 1st 3 1/2s, 1935., St. Louis Peoria & North Western 1st 5s 1948., St. Paul & Eastern Grand Trunk Ry. 1st 4 1/2s, 1947., Sioux City & Pacific RR. 1st 3 1/2s, 1936., Wisconsin Northern Ry 1st 4s, 1931., Cleveland Cinc. Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Cl. Col. Chic. & St. L. gen. 4s & 5s, '93., Big 4 Springfield & Col. Div. 4s, 1940., Cinc. Ind. St. L. & Chic. gen. 4s, 1936., Cl. Col. Cinc. & Ind. gen. 6s, 1934., White Water Valley 1st 4s, 1940., Delaware & Hudson Co.—First and refunding 4s, 1943., Adirondack Ry. 1st 4 1/2s, 1942., Delaware Lackawanna & West Railroad, Morris & Essex RR. 3 1/2s, 2000., Bangor & Portland RR. 3 1/2s, 1930., Warren RR. 1st 3 1/2s, 2000., Fonda Johnston & Gloversville RR.—Consolidated ref. 4 1/2s, 1947., General ref. 4s, 1950., Cons. general ref. 4 1/2s, 1952., Genesee & Wyoming RR. 1st 5s, 1929., Great Northern Ry.—First and refunding 4 1/2s, 1961., St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba consol. 4s, 4 1/2s and 6s, 1933., St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba, Ext., 1st 4s, 1937., St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba, Pacific Ext., 1st 4s, 1940., Eastern Ry. of Minn. 4s, 1948., Montana Central 1st 5s & 6s, 1937., Wilmar & Sioux Falls 1st 5s, 1938., Spokane Falls & Nor. 1st 5s, 1939., Hocking Valley Railway—First Cons. 4s, 1999., Col. & Hock. Val. RR. 1st ext. 4s, 1948., Col. & Tol. RR. 1st Ext. 4s, 1955., Refunding 4s, 1955., Refunding 5s, 1955., First mtge. 3s, 3 1/2s & 4s, 1950-51., Trust 3 1/2s, 1950., Springfield Div., refund. 3 1/2s, 1951., Litchfield Div. 1st 3s, 1951., Cairo Bridge Co. 1st 4s, 1950., St. L. Div. & Term. 3s & 3 1/2s, 1951., Purchased lines 3 1/2s, 1952., Lehigh Valley RR.—First mortgage 4s, 1948., Louisville & Nashville RR.—1st & ref. Series "A" 5 1/2s, 2003., 1st & ref. Series "B" 5s, 2003., 1st & ref. Series "C" 4 1/2s, 2003., Louisville Cincinnati & Lexington Ry. gen. 4 1/2s, 1931., Louisville & Nashville RR. unified mtge. 4s, 1940., Louisville & Nashville RR. (Concl.)—Louisville & Nashville RR. 1st 5s, 1937., New Orleans & Mobile Div. 1st 6s, 1930., New Orleans & Mobile Div. 2d 6s, 1930., Paducah & Memphis Div. 1st 4s, 1946., Atlanta Knoxville & Cinc. Div. 4s, 1955., So. & No. Alabama RR. cons. 5s, 1936., So. & No. Ala. RR. gen. cons. 5s, 1963., Lexington & Eastern RR. 1st 5s, 1965., Michigan Central RR. Co.—First mortgage 3 1/2s, 1952., Bay City & Battle Creek 1st 3s, 1989., Detroit & Bay City 1st 5s, 1931., Kalamazoo & South Haven 1st 5s, '39., Michigan Air Line 1st 4s, 1940., Jackson Lansing & Saginaw 1st 3 1/2s, 1951., Grand River Valley 1st 4s, 1959., Mobile & Ohio RR. Co. 1st M. 6s, 1927., Montgomery & Erie RR. 1st M. 5s, 1956., Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Consol. mtge. 4s and 5s, 1928., 1st Mtge. 4s, 1978., New Orleans, Texas & Mexico Ry. Co. 1st Mtge. 5s and 5 1/2s, 1954, A & B. 1st Mtge. 4 1/2s, 1956, D., New York & Harlem RR. ref. 3 1/2s, 2000., New York Lackawanna & Western Ry. 1st & ref. mtge. 4 1/2s and 5s, 1973., Norfolk & Western Ry.—First consol. 4s, 1996., General 6s, 1931., New River Div. 1st 6s, 1932., Improvement & extension 6s, 1934., Scioto Valley & New Gen. 1st 4s, 1989., Northern Pacific Ry.—Prior Lien Ry. & Land Grant 4s, 1997., Refund. & Impt. 4 1/2s, 5s & 6s, 2047., General lien 3s, 2047., Wash. & Columbia Riv. 1st 4s, 1935., St. Paul-Duluth Div. 4s, 1996., St. Paul & Duluth 1st 5s, 1931., St. Paul & Duluth consol. 4s, 1968., N. Y. Central RR. Co.—Carthage & Adron. Ry. 1st 4s 1981., Carthage Watertown & Sacketts Harbor cons. 5s, 1931., Chicago Indiana & So. 1st 4s, 1956., Cleveland Short Line 1st 4 1/2s, 1961., 1st Mtge. on Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris 3 1/2s, 1959., Gouverneur & Oswegatchie RR 1st 5s, 1942., Indiana Illinois & Iowa 1st 4s, 1950., Jamestown Frank. & Cl. 1st 4s, 1959., Kalamazoo & White Pigeon 1st 5s, '40., Lake Shore & M. S. Ry. 1st 3 1/2s, 1997., Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Deb. 4s, 1928., Lake Shore & Mich. So. Deb. 4s, 1931., Lake Shore collateral 3 1/2s, 1998., Little Falls & Dolgeville 1st 3s, 1932., Mahoning Coal RR. 1st 5s, 1934., Michigan Central collateral 3 1/2s, 1998., Mohawk & Malone Ry. 1st 4s, 1991., Mohawk & Malone Ry. cons. 3 1/2s, 2002., N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR 1st 3 1/2s, 1997., New York Central & Hudson River Ref. & Imp. 4 1/2s & 5s, 2013., N. Y. Central Deb. 4s, 1954 and 1942., N. Y. Central cons. series A 4s, 1998., N. Y. & Northern Ry. 1st 5s, 1927., N. Y. & Putnam RR. cons. 4s, 1993., Pine Creek Ry. 1st 6s, 1932., Sturgis Goshen & St. Louis 1st 3s, 1989., Oregon Short Line RR.—1st cons. 5s, 1946., Utah & Northern Ry. ext. 4s, 1933., Pennsylvania Railroad Co.—General 5s, 1968., General Mtge. 4 1/2s, 1965., Consol. Mtge. 4s, 1943, 4s, 1945, 4s, 1948 (steril.) 4 1/2s, 1960, 3 1/2s, 1945, (steril.), Allegheny Valley Ry. Gen. 4s, 1942., Cambria & Clearfield 1st 5s, 1941., Cambria & Clearfield Gen. 4s, 1955., Clearfield & Jefferson 1st 6s, 1927., Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR. gen. 3 1/2s and 4 1/2s, 1942-1950., Delaware River RR. & Bridge Co. 1st 4s, 1936., Erie & Pittsburgh RR. gen. 3 1/2s, 1940., Harrisburg Portsmouth Mt. Joy & Lancaster 1st 4s, 1943., Hollidaysb. Bedf. & Cum. 1st 4s, 1951., Junction RR. Gen. 3 1/2s, 1930., Penn. & N. W. RR. gen. 6s, 1930., Pittsb. Va. & Charleston 1st 4s, 1943., Sunbury & Lewistown 1st 4s, 1936., Sunbury Haz. & Wilkes-B. 1st 5s, 1928., Sunbury Haz. & Wilkes-B. 2d 6s, 1938., Western Penna. Cons. 4s, 1925., Phila. Balt. & Washington RR.—General mortgage, Series B, 5s, 1974., First mtge. 4s, 1943., Phila. Wilm. & Balt. deb. 4s, 1932., Phila. & Balt. Cent. RR. 1st 4s, 1951., Columbia & Pt. Deposit Ry. 1st 4s, '40., Chester Creek RR. 1st 6s, 1933., Pitts. Cinc. Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Pitts. Cinc. Chic. & St. L. gen. 5s, A, 1970, gen. 5s, B, 1975., Chartiers Ry. 1st 3 1/2s, 1931., Chic. St. L. & Pitts. RR. 1st cons. 5s, 1932., Pitts. Cinc. Chic. & St. L. Ry. cons. gold 3 1/2s, 4s, & 4 1/2s, series A to J, incl., 1940 to 1964., Vandalla RR. 4s, A, 1955; B, 1957., Pitts. & Lake Erie RR. 1st M. 6s, 1928., Rensselaer & Saratoga RR. 1st 6s, 1941., Southern Pacific RR. Co.—First & refdg. 4s, 1955., First consol. 5s, 1937., Southern Pacific Branch 1st 6s, 1937., Northern Ry. Consol. 5s, 1938., Northern California 1st 5s, 1929., Oregon Lines 1st 4 1/2s, 1977., Union Pacific RR. Co.—First lien & ref. 4s and 5s, 2008., 1st M. railway & land grant 4s, 1947., United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co.—Gen. M. 3 1/2s, 4s and 4 1/2s, 1929-1973., Virginia Ry. Co., 1st Mtge. 5s, 1962.

The list of bonds considered legal investments on Jan. 1 1927 will be found on pages 2325 and 2326 of the "Chronicle" of April 16 1927.

Australia (Commonwealth of).—\$50,000,000 *External Loan Successfully Floated*.—A syndicate composed of J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Co., First National Bank, Guaranty Co. of New York, Bankers Trust Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Brown Bros. & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co., successfully floated on May 8, a \$50,000,000 4½% external gold loan of the Commonwealth of Australia, at 92.50 and accrued interest to yield 5% to maturity. Dated May 1 1928. Coupon bonds in denoms of \$1,000. Due May 1 1956. Prin. and int. payable in New York City at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., or at the principal office of the National City Bank of New York, or at the office of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in the City of New York, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Australian taxes, present or future. According to the offering circular the bonds are redeemable, at the option of the Commonwealth, as a whole or in part, upon 60 days' notice, on any interest-payment date at 100 and interest. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Connecticut—North Carolina.—*Bond Suit Withdrawn by Connecticut*.—The State of Connecticut has decided not to continue the suit against North Carolina to recover on about \$290,000 bonds which the latter State refuses to recognize. In V. 126, p. 2532 we referred to the litigation. The Raleigh "News & Observer" of May 3 referred to the abandonment of the suit as follows:

Definite assurance that the State of Connecticut will abandon its suit to recover \$290,000 on repudiated North Carolina bonds issued in 1868 was yesterday received by State officials here.

The course now taken by the State of Connecticut is the same previously taken at various times by six other States and the Republic of Cuba in connection with the same bonds.

The bonds came into possession of a state-owned hospital in Connecticut by gift and an application to sue the State of North Carolina was filed in the Supreme Court of the United States.

On a hearing at which North Carolina was represented, the application was withdrawn on the suggestion of the court that the application was not signed by the Attorney-General of the State.

However, the petition was last week renewed by Governor A. W. McLean and Attorney-General Dennis G. Brummitt were officially informed yesterday that a definite decision has been reached to abandon the suit and recognize the invalidity of the bonds.

In the absence of Governor McLean, Charles H. England, his secretary, yesterday issued the following statement:

"Definite assurance that the State of Connecticut will discontinue its prosecution of the suit against North Carolina, now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States is contained in a telegram received today by Governor A. W. McLean from Senator F. M. Simmons, in Washington.

"The telegram bearing the message follows:

"Am glad to state that Senator Bingham, of Connecticut, tells me this morning that he is authorized by officials to give definite assurance that the State of Connecticut will discontinue its prosecution of the suit against North Carolina, now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States.

"The suit referred to, of course, is the application made by attorneys representing Connecticut for permission to prosecute a suit against North Carolina for the collection of more than \$290,000, a portion of what is known as "Carpetbag" bonds issued soon after the War between the States, recently made before the United States Supreme Court. The able resistance of the suit by Attorney-General Dennis G. Brummitt, in a statement of the case before the Supreme Court, is given much credit by Governor McLean in causing the withdrawal of the suit, Governor McLean and Mr. Brummitt went to Washington on the matter several days ago.

"The withdrawal of this suit will, undoubtedly, settle the matter. No other State would hardly set up such a claim in the future."

Illinois (State of).—*Governor Calls Special Session*.—The state legislature will convene in special session May 15, at the call of Governor Small, for consideration of legislation giving control of Chicago's traction facilities to the city.

Nampa, Idaho.—*Bonds Invalid as Result of Suit*.—A court decision that a purchaser of an issue of bonds, which had been misrepresented by the offering municipality as valid in all respects and not the object of any litigation, cannot sue the municipality for damages on account of the misrepresentation, means it is claimed that \$43,000 assessment bonds recently issued by Nampa are worthless. The city had stated, in offering an issue of bonds, that no litigation was pending, when, in fact, there was a suit pending over the power of the city to increase the amount of bonds offered by a method not provided by the statutes. The suit pending at the time of the sale resulted in a decision that assessments to cover the excess bonds could not be levied. A purchaser of some of the bonds affected brought suit to recover damages resulting from misrepresentation, but the court refused redress. The N. Y. "Herald-Tribune" of May 9 had the following to say with reference to the matter:

A rather unusual Supreme Court decision, since it affects in a sense an issue of outstanding bonds, has just been handed down in the case of Howard Moore v. the City of Nampa, Idaho. The validity of the bonds themselves was not directly involved, but the issue centered around the question of whether a person buying special assessment, non-negotiable bonds could successfully sue the city issuing such bonds for damages sustained through negligence and misrepresentation in connection with their issuance.

The City of Nampa created a district for the construction of a sewer to be paid for out of special assessments against benefited properties. The statutes require that the city engineer make estimates of the cost of such improvements; provide that no contract shall be made for any work for a price in excess of the estimate and direct the city to pass an ordinance defining the boundaries of the district, describing the work and showing the estimated cost. Assessments were made for that amount and bonds for \$117,000 were issued. It was found that the original estimate was too low, however, and additional bonds amounting to \$43,000 were issued and sold. At that time the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer of the city issued a certificate under its seal stating that no litigation was pending, and a transcript of the certificate was submitted to the attorneys acting for the purchaser of the bonds. They thereupon, relying upon the recitals in the bonds and the statements in the certificate, gave a written opinion that the bonds were valid. This point was important, because after the expiration of 30 days no suit could be brought to enjoin the additional bonds. As a matter of fact, however, contrary to the allegations of the recital and the certificate, such a suit had been brought by one Lucas, a taxpayer, and it ultimately had the effect of halting the collection of assessments in excess of the

engineers' original estimate, which made the additional bonds, three of which had been purchased by the plaintiff, Moore, worthless.

The Supreme Court finds that the bonds were void as the result of the Lucas suit and sustains the lower courts in refusing redress, on the ground that the bonds were payable out of a special fund and that the full faith and credit of the municipality was not pledged behind them.

New York City, N. Y.—\$65,000,000 *Corporate Stock and Bonds Authorized*.—The Board of Estimate on May 7 approved \$65,000,000 corporate stock and serial bonds, of this amount, \$41,375,000 is for the erection of new school buildings, reference to which was made in V. 126, p. 2532. The remainder, \$23,625,000, is to be issued for various municipal improvements.

New York State.—*Knapp Jury Disagrees*.—The jury which tried Mrs. Knapp on a charge of grand larceny in misusing the State funds in the conduct of the 1925 census could not come to an agreement after eight hours deliberation on May 7. Justice Callaghan, in dismissing the jury, set May 21 as the date for a new trial.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

AITKIN COUNTY (P. O. Aitkin), Minn.—*BOND SALE*.—Of the \$55,000 issue of ditch bonds offered for sale on May 1—V. 126, p. 2532—the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis purchased a \$53,500 block as 5½% bonds, for a premium of \$267, equal to 100.499, a basis of about 5.456%. Dated May 1 1928. Due in from 6 to 20 years. The only other bid was:

Bidder	Rate	Premium
Mahany & Galarneault	5¼%	\$250.00

AITKIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Aitkin) Minn.—*BOND SALE*.—A \$70,000 issue of 5½% semi-annual funding bonds has been purchased by the Drake-Jones Co. of Minneapolis.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—*TEMPORARY LOAN*.—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston, was recently awarded a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.97% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 7 1928.

ARDSLEY, Westchester County, N. Y.—*BOND SALE*.—The \$58,000 coupon or registered improvement bonds offered on May 7—V. 126, p. 2533—were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York City, as 4½s, at 100.29, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated May 1 1928. Due May 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1937, incl.; \$6,000, 1938; \$2,000, 1939 to 1947, incl.; and \$7,000, 1948.

The following bids were also received:

Bidder	Rate	Bid
Sherwood & Merifield		100.28
Pulleya & Co.		100.209
George B. Gibbons & Co.		100.1347
Farson, Son & Co.		100.142
Rutter & Co.		100.044
Dewey, Bacon & Co.		100.167

The bonds are now being offered for investment at prices to yield 4.05% According to the offering circular they are direct obligations of the Village and are payable from an unlimited tax against all taxable property with an estimated actual valuation of \$3,198,970 and assessed valuation of \$1,919,375 and total bonded debt including the present issue of \$172,000. The population of the village is estimated at 1,000.

AURORA, Kane County, Ill.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Sealed bids will be received by J. P. Wetz, City Clerk, until 9 a. m. (central standard time) May 14, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$500,000:

\$350,000 New York St. bridge bonds. Due as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1943 incl.; \$20,000, 1944 to 1947 incl.; and \$45,000, 1948.

150,000 North Ave. bridge bonds. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1943 incl.; \$10,000, 1944 to 1947 incl.; and \$35,000, 1948.

Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 10% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

AVOYELLES PARISH (P. O. Marksville), La.—*BOND SALE*.—The \$60,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Mar. 6—V. 126, p. 1233—has been awarded to the Rapides Bank & Trust Co. of Alexandria.

BAIRD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Baird) Callahan County, Tex.—*BOND SALE*.—A \$40,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds has recently been purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita for a premium of \$1,674, equal to 104.185.

BANGOR, Penobscot County, Me.—*TEMPORARY LOAN*.—The Eastern Trust & Banking Co. of Bangor, was recently awarded a \$150,000 temporary loan on a 3.95% discount basis maturing on Oct. 5 1928. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Merrill Trust Co.	4.10%
S. N. Bond & Co.	4.50%

BATAVIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Batavia), Ia.—*PRICE PAID—MATURITY*.—The \$8,000 issue of school bonds that was reported sold—V. 126, p. 2848—was awarded as 4½% bonds to the Peoples State Bank of Batavia for a \$20 premium, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.48%. Due on July 1 1947.

BEARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Sealed bids will be received until May 21, by the County Clerk for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 5% semi-annual school bonds. Due from 1929 to 1938, incl.

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING*.—R. P. Orchard, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 25, for the purchase of an issue of \$43,000 5% school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1934 incl.; and \$2,000, 1935 to 1952 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland. These are the bonds originally scheduled to have been sold on May 4—V. 126, p. 690.

BERLIN, Green Lake County, Wis.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Sealed bids will be received by Walter H. Wells, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. on May 29, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 4½% city hall bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1937; \$4,000, 1938 to 1944; and \$5,000, 1945 to 1948, all incl. Prin. and annual int. payable at the office of the City Clerk. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

BIRMINGHAM, Oakland County, Mich.—*BOND OFFERING*.—Charles Plumstead, Village Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) May 14, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$187,000:

\$155,000 general obligation improvement bonds. Rate of interest not to exceed 5%. Due May 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929; \$7,000, 1930; \$6,000, 1931 and 1932; \$4,000, 1933 to 1938 incl.; \$5,000, 1939 to 1942 incl.; \$6,000, 1943 and 1944; \$7,000, 1945 to 1948 incl.; \$5,000, 1949 and 1950; \$6,000, 1951 to 1954, incl.; and \$3,000, 1955 to 1958 incl. Certified check for \$1,500 is required.

32,000 special assessment bonds. Rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Due \$8,000, May 1 1929 to 1932 incl. Certified check for \$500 is required.

Dated May 1 1928.

BLOOMFIELD, Essex County, N. J.—*BOND SALE*.—The two issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds offered on May 8—V. 126, p. 2690—were awarded to the Bloomfield Trust Co. as follows:

\$499,000 municipal building bonds (\$507,000 offered) paying \$507,716.18, equal to 101.74, a basis of about 4.14%. Due June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1941, incl.; \$11,000, 1942 to 1948, incl.; \$15,000, 1949 to 1967, incl.; and \$7,000, 1968.

191,000 temporary improvement bonds (\$192,000 offered) paying \$192,026.24, equal to 100.53, a basis of about 4.11%. Due June 1 1933.

Dated June 1 1928.
The following is a list of other bids submitted for the issues:

Bidder	Bids	Price Bid.
Bloomfield National Bank	500	\$507,285.00
Lehman Bros	192	192,883.00
Howe, Snow & Co.	503	507,565.00
H. L. Allen & Co.	192	192,249.00
Stephens & Co.	503	507,124.60
Hoffmann & Co.	192	192,058.00
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	504	507,276.00
Phelps, Fenn & Co.	192	192,154.00
National City Co.	506	507,180.10
	192	507,057.54
	192	192,036.48

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Tippah County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$55,000 issue of 5 1/4% county courthouse bonds has recently been purchased by the Bank of Ripley.

BONHAM, Fannin County, Tex.—PURCHASER.—We are now informed that the purchaser of the \$50,000 issue of school bonds that was awarded on Apr. 27—V. 126, p. 2848—for a premium of \$2,511, was H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston.

BONIFAY, Holmes County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 29, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of the two issues of 6% coupon bonds aggregating \$50,000 as follows: \$40,000 sewer bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1933 and 1938 and \$10,000, 1943, 1948 and 1953. On \$800 certified check must accompany the bid.

10,000 water bonds. Due on April 1 1958. A \$500 certified check is required. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in Bonifay and New York. A reputable Chicago attorney will approve legality of bonds.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Burlington), Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% road and bridge bonds has been purchased by Otis & Co. of Cleveland. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1948; \$10,000, 1947 to 1957, incl. and \$5,000 in 1958. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Peoples Deposit Bank of Burlington.

BOYLE COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual road bonds offered for sale on May 5—V. 126, p. 2848—was awarded to M. J. Farris Jr. of Danville for a premium of \$80, equal to 100.80, a basis of about 4.38%. Due in 1936. The only other bid was a premium tender of \$70, made by J. A. Cheek of Danville.

BRAINERD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brainerd), Crow Wing County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the State of Minnesota will purchase an issue of from \$250,000 to \$300,000 school bonds at par.

BRANFORD, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—M. J. Warner, Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 23, at Pine-orchards, Conn., for the purchase of an issue of \$240,000 4 1/4% high school bonds dated June 1 1928 and maturing \$10,000 on June 1 1930 to 1953 inclusive.

BRISTOL, Washington County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. F. McCrary, City Manager, until June 5, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 4 1/4% city bonds.

BROADALBIN, Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on May 3—V. 126, p. 2690—were awarded to the Manufacturers and Traders Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, as 4 1/4%, at 100.423, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated May 15 1927. Due \$4,000, May 15 1933 to 1957 incl. Other bids were as follows:

Name	Amt. Bid.	Int. Rate.
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.	102,141	4.50
Farson, Son & Co.	101,368	4.75
Rutter & Co.	100,153	4.25
Batchelder, Wack & Co.	101,423	4.50
H. L. Allen & Co.	101,410	4.50
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	100,780	4.50
Pulleyn & Co.	102,089	4.50
A. B. Leach & Co.	101,112	4.50

BROOKFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brookfield), Linn County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$180,000 school bonds has recently been purchased by the First National Bank of St. Louis.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Albert P. Briggs, Town Treasurer, until 12 m. May 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$350,000 temporary loan. The loan is dated May 14 1928 and is payable on Oct. 30 1928.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY (P. O. Asheville) N. C.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% juvenile prison notes has been purchased at par by Curtis & Sanger of New York.

BURBANK CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$502,000 issue of 5% high school bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 126, p. 2849—was awarded to the Wm. R. Staats Co. of San Francisco for a premium of \$48,784, equal to 109.717, a basis of about 4.28%. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1929; \$10,000, 1930 to 1953; \$15,000, 1954 to 1962; \$16,000, 1963 and 1964; \$20,000, 1965 and 1966 and \$25,000, 1967 and 1968, all incl.

BURBANK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$263,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 126, p. 2849—was awarded to the Wm. R. Staats Co. of San Francisco for a premium of \$23,741, equal to 109.026, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1941; \$10,000, 1950 to 1952; \$14,000, 1953 and 1954 and \$25,000, 1955 to 1958, all incl.

BURLINGTON, Des Moines County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Robert Schlamp, City Clerk, until 11 a. m. on May 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 dock bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 4 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan 1 1928. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1929; \$6,000, 1930 and 1931; \$7,000, 1932 to 1934; \$8,000, 1935 and 1936; \$9,000, 1937 and 1938; \$8,000, 1939 and 1940; \$9,000, 1941 and 1942; \$10,000, 1943; \$11,000, 1944 and 1945, and \$12,000 in 1946. Optional after Jan. 1 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish legal approval. Either open or sealed bids will be received. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Shreveport), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 30 p. m. on June 13 by E. W. Jones, Superintendent of the School Board, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of school bonds. (These are a part of the bonds originally scheduled for sale May 9—V. 126, p. 2533.)

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND OFFERING.—Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, will offer for sale at public auction on May 31, two issues of 4% fully registerable bonds aggregating \$4,250,000, as follows:

At 1 p. m.—\$250,000 San Francisco Harbor improvement bonds. Dated July 2 1915, and due on July 2 1989. Optional after 1954. Int. payable on Jan. and July 2.

At 2 p. m.—4,000,000 Veterans' Welfare bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due from Feb. 1 1932 to 1949 incl. Int. payable on Feb. and Aug. 1.

Denom. \$1,000. Bids may be for all or any part of either issue. Prin. and int. is payable in gold coin at the office of the State Treasurer or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York City. (The Bowery and East River National Bank.) Bids below par will not be considered. No legal opinions will be furnished.

Bond Statement.	
Total authorized	\$140,105,000
Total sold	120,708,000
Total unsold	19,397,000
Total redeemed	10,583,500
Total outstanding	110,124,500

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$1,000,000 temporary loan offered on May 8—V. 126, p. 2849—was awarded to the Harvard Trust Co. of Cambridge, on a 3.99% discount basis plus a premium of \$11.25. The loan is dated May 9 1928 and is payable on Oct 15 1928 at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston or at the Chase National Bank, New York City.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BIDDERS.—We have received the following communication from Oscar C. Dancy, County Judge, relative to the bidding on the \$1,000,000 issue of 5% coupon, series C bonds sold on May 1—V. 126, p. 2849:

"Complying with your request to give you information of the bond sale on May 1, will say that we had 27 bidders present and in all had 14 bids. Many of the bids were split bids and irregular. The highest in point of price was in reality an option and was the bid of Caldwell & Co. for \$22,150, but they provided for us to furnish the approving opinion of a different firm of lawyers from those we had employed, and we rejected their bid.

"The bid we accepted was the bid of John Gregg, Agent, for \$21,150. "The next best bid was a syndicate composed of the Brown-Crummer Co. of Dallas and A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago for \$20,700.

"The next bid to that was the bid of C. Edgar Honnold for \$20,400.

"Then the bids ranged all the way down to the lowest bid, that of C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago for \$8,800.

"The amount of bonds were \$1,000,000, drawing interest at 5%, bonds payable \$40,000 on March 15 of each year, 1933 to 1957, inclusive."

CANONSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. Black, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 6:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) June 4 for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 4% school bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1933 and 1938; \$10,000, 1943; \$25,000, 1948; \$30,000, 1953, and \$35,000, 1958. A certified check for \$500 is required.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Auditor until 1 p. m. (Canton time) May 25 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/4% bonds:

\$17,222.25 city's portion sewer construction bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,222.25, 1930; \$1,500, 1931 to 1940 incl., and \$1,000, 1941.

15,000.00 fire apparatus bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930, and \$4,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.

Dated March 1 1928. Prinland int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the City, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Auditor until 1 p. m. (Canton time) May 25 for the purchase of an issue of \$11,219.68 4 1/4% sanitary sewer bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,219.68, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$1,250, 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$1,250 1934; \$1,000, 1935; \$1,500, 1936; \$1,000, 1937; \$1,500, 1938, and \$1,000, 1939. Dated March 1 1928. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

CASEY COUNTY (P. O. Liberty), Ky.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$140,000 issue of road bonds recently purchased—V. 126, p. 2849—is more fully described as follows: 4 1/4% coupon bonds, bought by Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati at a price of 100.103, a basis of about 4.73%. Due from 1956 to 1958 incl.

CENTER TOWNSHIP, Valparaiso County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Vernon L. Beach, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 26, for the purchase of an issue of \$38,000 4 1/4% school building bonds. Dated May 15 1928. Due serially on June and Dec. 15, from 1929 to 1942 incl. A certified check for \$250 is required.

CHEKTOWAGA (P. O. Buffalo), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—R. F. De Voe & Co. of N. Y. City were awarded on Feb. 6 an issue of \$5,000 water bonds as 4.60s.

CHRISTY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Sumner), Lawrence County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago were awarded on April 24 an issue of \$35,500 gravel road bonds as 4 1/4%, at a premium of \$725, equal to a price of 102.042.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—\$330,000 SCHOOL BONDS OFFERED.—The two issues of 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$330,000 awarded on April 23, to Assel, Goetz & Moerlein of Cincinnati, taking \$200,000 at 100.08 a 3.985% and \$130,000 bonds at 100.34 a 3.97% basis—V. 126, p. 2691—are now being offered for investment priced to yield 3.90% Taylor, Wilson & Co. are associated with the above-mentioned concern.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation of taxable property (1927)	\$1,085,047,670
Total bonded debt (inclusive)	14,574,000
Sinking fund	2,406,303
Net indebtedness	12,167,697
Population (1920)	401,235

CITRUS COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Inverness) Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds unsuccessfully offered on Apr. 26—V. 126, p. 2534, 2849—has since been purchased at a price of 97.50 by the Bank of Crystal River.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 4 1/4% coupon fire station bonds offered on Apr. 30—V. 126, p. 2691—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, at a premium of \$250, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 4.18%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929; \$8,000, 1930 and so on last maturity \$8,000, 1938.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. St. Johns), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. May 17, by the Clerk Board of County Road Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$90,000 Road No. 26 special assessment bonds and \$80,000 Road No. 25 special assessment bonds. Rate of interest not to exceed 6%. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of County Road Commissioners, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marietta) Ga.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds aggregating \$45,000 have recently been purchased by the Bell, Speas Co. of Atlanta as follows: \$25,000 5% Elizabeth School District bonds at a price of 100.46. 20,000 Olive Springs School District bonds at par.

COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coleman) Coleman County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$38,000 issue of 5% school bonds has recently been purchased by the Thomas Investment Co. of Dallas. Due from 1929 to 1966, incl.

COLLINSTON, Morehouse Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until June 5, by Guy M. Boyd, Mayor, for the purchase of a \$26,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual water bonds.

COLOGNE ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Point Pleasant), Mason County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on May 19, by John G. Aton, Clerk of the County Court, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon semi-annual road bonds.

COLUMBIA, Richland County, S. C.—INT. RATE—BASIS.—The \$117,000 issue of coupon assessment bonds awarded on May 1—V. 126, p. 2849—to the Peoples Trust Co. of Charleston for a price of 100.43, bears interest at 4 1/2%, giving a basis of about 4.41%. Dated May 1 1928 and due from May 1 1929 to 1938, incl.

COMANCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Comanche), Stephens County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,200 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by the First National Bank of Comanche for an \$11 premium, equal to 100.04. Due from 1933 to 1945, incl.

CONWAY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Conway), Horry County, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$124,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on May 3—V. 126, p. 2691—was awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo as 4 1/4% bonds for a premium of \$3,310, equal to 102.669, a basis of about 4.55%. Dated May 1 1928. Due from 1938 to 1958, incl.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Apr. 30—V. 126, p. 2196—the voters approved

the issuance of ten propositions aggregating \$500,000. They all had a majority of almost 20 to 1.

COTTAGE GROVE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 5% water system bonds has recently been purchased by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom of Portland at a price of 104.67, a basis of about 4.60%. Denom. \$500. Dated Apr. 16 1928. Due \$2,500 yearly from 11 to 20 years.

COUPEVILLE, Island County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$16,500 issue of water system bonds has been purchased at a price of 97.30 by an unknown investor.

CROOKSTON, Polk County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 15, by Bergetta M. Loken, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$68,214.15 issue of coupon certificates of indebtedness. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated June 1 1928. Due from June 1 1929 to 1943, incl. Prin. & semi-annual int. is payable at a mutually agreeable point. Junell, Dorsey, Oakley & Driscoll of Minneapolis will furnish legal approving opinion. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$192,293 offered on May 2—V. 126, p. 2534—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, at a premium of \$733; equal to 100.38:

- \$114,310 special asst. road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,310, 1929; \$11,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$12,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.
- 57,217 County's portion, road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,217, 1929; \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; and \$6,000, 1932 to 1938 incl.
- 14,016 special asst. road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,016, 1929; \$1,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; and \$2,000, 1934 to 1937 incl.
- 4,219 County's portion, road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$719, 1928; and \$500, 1929 to 1935 incl.
- 2,531 special asst. road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$431, 1928; and \$300, 1929 to 1935 incl.

DALLAS COUNTY, (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Chas. E. Gross, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. on May 31, for the purchase of a \$2,700,000 issue of 4½ and 4¼% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 10 1928. Due \$90,000 yearly from Apr. 10 1929 to 1958, incl. Prin. & int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer in Austin, at the County Treasurer's office in Dallas or at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. The legal approving opinions of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater and John D. McCall of Dallas will be furnished. Required bidding forms will be furnished by the Commissioners Court. At its expense the county will furnish two complete certified transcripts of proceedings showing the legal authorization and issuance of bonds, together with the unqualified approving opinion, it is stated, of the Texas Attorney-General, of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City and of John G. McCall of Dallas. It is also stated that the county will pay all expenses incurred by it in printing, lithographing or otherwise preparing the blank bonds and all expenses incident to the approval of the securities by the Attorney-General and the market attorneys named and incident to registration of the bonds in the office of the Comptroller at Austin.

Shipping charges, however, on the bonds from Austin to the place of delivery are to be paid by the purchaser. Expense of transmitting the proceeds to the county depository here shall also be paid by the purchaser. A \$50,000 certified check payable to County Judge F. H. Alexander, must accompany the bid.

DANIELS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Flaxville), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 15 by the District Clerk for the purchase of a \$13,000 issue of school bonds. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Myron A. Stevens, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) May 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% special assessment bonds aggregating \$38,000:

- \$27,300 Sewer Dist. No. 16 bonds. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$5,300, 1929; \$5,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$6,000, 1932 and 1933.
- 10,700 Sewer Dist. No. 15 bonds. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$2,700, 1929 and \$2,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.

Dated Apr. 1 1928. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the above-mentioned official until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) May 2, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,200 6% Special Assessment Sewer District No. 13 bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Denoms. \$300 and \$200. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$200, 1929 to 1933 incl.; and \$300, 1932 and 1933. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

These are the bonds offered on May 2—V. 126, p. 2691—on which date all bids submitted were rejected.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marlton R. F. D.), Burlington County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—W. R. Stafford, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 17, for the purchase of an issue of 4½ or 4¼% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$194,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over that amount. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1946 incl.; and \$6,000, 1947 to 1967 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Haddonfield National Bank, Haddonfield. A certified check payable to the order of the Custodian of School Moneys, for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

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DRUID HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Decatur), De Kalb County, Ga.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$250,000 issue of school bonds purchased by the Trust Co. of Georgia of Atlanta at a price of 105.204—V. 126, p. 2691—is further described as follows: 4½% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928 and due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$9,000 from 1929 to 1955 and \$7,000 in 1956. Basis of about 4.02%. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 1) payable in New York City.

DURHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Durham), Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,600 5% school bonds offered on May 5 (V. 126, p. 2691) were awarded to the First National Bank of Riegelsville at 102.50. Dated April 15 1928. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1935 inclusive, and \$600, 1936. A local investor offered to pay \$1,025 for \$1,000 bonds.

DYERSBURG, Dyer County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Apr. 30, the voters authorized the issuance of \$120,000 in water and light improvement bonds by a count of 355 "for" and 8 "against" the measure.

Bonds Offered.—The above issue of 4¼% semi-annual bonds were offered for sale on May 10, by H. F. Norton, City Recorder. Due \$800, 1929-1943.

EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marietta), Lancaster County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—G. A. Raub, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$75,000 4¼% coupon school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1937 and 1942; \$15,000, 1947 and 1952; and \$25,000, 1957. Prin. and int. payable in gold in Maytown. A certified check payable to the order of the District Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

EAST GREENBUSH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. East Greenbush), Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel S. Bennett, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) May 22, at the National Bank of Rensselaer for the purchase of an issue of \$54,000 5% school bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,800. Due \$1,800, June 1 1929 to 1958 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Rensselaer. A certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for is required.

EAST HELENA, Lewis and Clark County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. H. Short, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. on May 29, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Due either on the serial or amortization plan. Dated July 1 1928. No bids for less than par will be received. A \$1,500 certified check must accompany the bid.

EAST PALO ALTO WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Redwood City), San Mateo County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of 6% semi-

annual water bonds offered for sale on May 7 (V. 126, p. 2850) was awarded to Redfield, Vanevera & Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$3,200, equal to 107.11, a basis of about 5.25%. Dated Jan. 15 1928. Due from 1929 to 1949, inclusive.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—\$669,000 4% TEMPORARY BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$669,000 4% temporary bonds maturing in 1934, awarded on May 3 to a syndicate composed of Phelps, Fenn & Co.; Graham, Parsons & Co.; and B. J. Van Insen & Co., all of N. Y. City, at 100.10, a basis of about 3.98%—V. 126, p. 2850—are now being offered by the successful bidders at par and int. The bonds it is stated, are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth Miltenberger, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 18 for the purchase of the following issues of 4¼% bonds, aggregating \$47,000:

- \$22,000 Earl New et al. road construction bonds. Denom. \$550. Due \$550 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.
- 16,000 Walter Van Dupenbos et al. road construction bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1948 inclusive.
- 9,000 Lewis Stouder et al. road construction bonds. Denom. \$225. Due \$225 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1948 inclusive.

ELLICOTTVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ellicottville), Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Guy French, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8.15 p. m. (standard time) May 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$80,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; and \$3,000, 1939 to 1958 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Bank of Ellicottville or at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. A certified check payable to the order of J. Milton Junker, Treasurer, for \$1,600 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29 (P. O. Rush), Colo.—PRICE PAID.—The \$6,500 issue of 4% school building bonds that was recently purchased by Peck, Brown & Co. of Denver—V. 126, p. 2360—was awarded at a price of 98, a basis of about 4.85%. Due serially in from 1 to 4 years.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on May 14, by Geo. A. Gilmore, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 5% semi-annual sewer bonds. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

FAIR OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$45,000 issue of 5% school bonds has recently been purchased by the Wm. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1929 to 1935; \$2,000 in 1936 and \$3,000, 1937 to 1948, all incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

FARMINGDALE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis D. Garity, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (day-light saving time) May 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$30,000 coupon or registered water bonds rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in multiples of ¼ of 1%. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000, May 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Farmingdale. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$500 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Somerville) Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 issue of 4½% road and bridge bonds offered for sale on May 3—V. 126, p. 2535—was awarded at public auction jointly to the Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit and I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson, for a premium of \$34,100, equal to 108.525, a basis of about 4.04%. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 1958.

FILLMORE, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An \$8,000 issue of 5% coupon park bonds was purchased at par on April 16 by the Elmer J. Kennedy Co. of Los Angeles. Denom. \$500. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$500 from May 1 1929 to 1944, incl. Int. payable on May and Nov. 1.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston were awarded on May 8 a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.94% discount basis plus a premium of \$2.00. The loan matures within 7 months.

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Crowheart), BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on May 12 by Mrs. J. Willis Smith, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$4,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at Kountze Bros. in New York City or at the office of the County Treasurer. A \$200 certified check must accompany the bid.

GENEVA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kane County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—H. M. Coultrap, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$75,000 4¼% school bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Due June 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1929 to 1938 incl.; and \$4,000, 1939 to 1948 incl.

GLASSBORO, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York City, were recently awarded an issue of \$100,000 4¼% temporary improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 1934. Prin. and int. payable at the New York Trust Co., New York.

GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Torrington), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until June 1 by Ben F. Radford, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$24,000 issue of 4¼% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years. Bids for less than par will not be accepted.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—An \$11,500 issue of 6% local improvement bonds has recently been purchased by a local investor. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1927. Due in from 1 to 10 years.

GRANITE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Drummond) Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 29, by H. T. Cumming, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds. A \$100 certified check must accompany the bid.

(These are the bonds originally offered on May 5—V. 125, p. 2198).

GRANTS PASS, Josephine County, Ore.—PRICE PAID.—The \$400,000 issue of 4½% water system bonds that was recently purchased by Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane—V. 126, p. 2692—was awarded at a price of 97.50, equal to a basis of about 4.65%. Due in 1958 and optional after 1948.

GRANVILLE, Washington County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of sewerage system construction bonds was recently disposed of according to the Village Clerk. These bonds it is stated were authorized at an election held on May 3 1927.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Greeneville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on May 28, by J. R. Todd, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$49,000 issue of road refunding bonds.

GROOM, Carson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 issue of registered water works bonds offered for sale on May 2 (V. 126, p. 1552) was awarded to a Mr. J. W. Knorrp of Groom as 5½% bonds at par. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Due in from 2 to 40 years.

GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Grosse Ile), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 school bonds offered on Apr. 27—V. 126, p. 2692—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4¼s, at a premium of \$1,065, equal to 100.84, a basis of about 4.16%. Due \$6,250, Mar. 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS (P. O. Grosse Pointe), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 park and harbor bonds offered on May 7 (V. 126, p. 2850) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit as 4¼s at a premium of \$1,171, equal to 101.463, a basis of about 4.14%. Dated June 1 1928. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; \$2,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; \$3,000, 1944 to 1948 incl.; \$4,000, 1949 to 1953 incl.; and \$5,000, 1954 to 1958 incl.

GROVER (P. O. Rayland), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Jack Bell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$101,882 5/4% special assessment sewer improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$10,188.20, Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

GUADALUPE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Santa Rosa), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of 5% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938 and \$2,500, 1939 to 1946, all incl.

GUILFORD AND UNADILLA COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Sidney) Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Leland J. Silvernall, member Board of Trustees, until 12 m. May 28, at the office of William H. Phelps, Sidney, for the purchase of an issue of \$26,000 school bonds interest rate not to exceed 6%. Dated June 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, June 15 1929 to 1954 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Sidney National Bank, Sidney. A certified check for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

HAMILTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hamilton), Hamilton County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$45,000 issue of 5% school building bonds has recently been purchased by H. O. Burt & Co. of Houston for a premium of \$2,250, equal to 105.

HARMAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Township Trustee, until 7:30 p. m. June 1, for the purchase of an issue of \$40,000 4 1/4% school building bonds. Dated June 15 1928. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000. Due June 15, as follows: 15,000, 1948; and \$25,000, 1953. Purchaser to pay for the printing of the bonds. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Bay St. Louis), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$325,000 issue of semi-annual road bonds offered for sale on May 7 (V. 126, p. 2536) was awarded to a Mr. Leo W. Seal of Bay St. Louis as 5 1/4% bonds for a premium of \$5,025, equal to 101.561.

HARDIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Steamboat Rock), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of 4% semi-annual school bonds has recently been purchased at par by Geo. M. Bechtel of Davenport. Due from 1929 to 1948 incl.

HARLAN COUNTY (P. O. Harlan), Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 issue of coupon road and bridge bonds offered for sale on Mar. 10—V. 126, p. 1552—was awarded to the First State Bank of Harlan as 4% bonds, for a premium of \$176, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 3.99%. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1935 to 1940; \$10,000, 1947 to 1959; \$30,000, 1953 and 1954 and \$25,000, 1956 and 1957.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Cynthia), Ky.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The \$125,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road and bridge bonds sold to the Bohmer-Reinhart Co. of Cincinnati, at a price of 105.07—V. 126, p. 2851—is due on July 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1931 and \$50,000 in 1936 and 1941, giving a basis of about 4.33%.

HATCH UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Las Cruces), Dona Ana County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on June 4 by H. L. Sawyers, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$2,500 yearly from June 1 1933 to 1946 incl. Expenses of preparation of bonds to be borne by purchaser. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the State Treasurer in Santa Fe or at the National Park Bank in New York City. Bids under 95% of par will not be accepted. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

HAVERTOWN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Upper Darby), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, were recently awarded an issue of \$200,000 4% road and bridge bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 1943, optional in 1933. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Havertown Township Title & Trust Co. Legality to be approved by Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul of Philadelphia.

HAYES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61 (P. O. Hamlet), Nebr.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—An \$11,000 issue of 4 1/4% school building bonds has been purchased by the U. S. Bond Co. of Denver prior to a forthcoming election. Due serially over 20 years.

HAZLETON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hazleton), Buchanan County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 4% school bonds has recently been purchased at par by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport. Due from 1929 to 1948 and optional before maturity.

HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following statement has been prepared for publication in connection with the proposed sale on May 16 of \$500,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds full description of which appeared in—V. 126, p. 2692:

Financial Statement.	
I. Indebtedness.	
Gross debt: bonds (outstanding).....	\$817,500
Floating debt (incl. temporary bonds outstand.)	None
Deductions: Sinking funds	\$817,500
Net debt.....	None
Bonds to be issued: School Dist. bonds, series 11.....	\$500,000
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds.....	None
Net debt, incl. bonds to be issued.....	\$500,000
Net debt, incl. bonds to be issued.....	\$1,317,500

II. Assessed Valuations.	
Real property incl. improvements 1927.....	\$13,611,795
Personal property 1927.....	235,760
Total valuation as determined by State Tax Commission.....	\$38,545,850

III. Population.
 Population, census of 1920, 12,000. Estimated, 1928, 18,000.
 Tax rate fiscal year, 1927, \$22.50 per thousand.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Uniondale), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John J. Beckerich, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$300,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1944 incl., and \$15,000, 1945 to 1954 incl. Principal and int. payable in gold at the Second National Bank of Hempstead or at the National Park Bank, New York City. 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.

HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Hendersonville), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$145,000 issue of school funding bonds offered for sale on Apr. 30—V. 126, p. 2536—has been awarded to Assel, Goetz & Moorlein, Inc. of Cincinnati, as 4 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$2,500, equal to 101.793, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1930 to 1933; \$10,000, 1934 to 1939; \$12,000, 1940 to 1942 all incl. and \$17,000 in 1943.

HOLLIS, Harmon County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on May 4, the voters authorized the issuance of \$95,000 in bonds for the construction of new water and sewer lines by a count of 122 to 22.

Bond Offering.—The above issue of bonds will be offered for sale on May 16 by W. L. Hollis, Mayor.

HOLTVILLE, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$7,500 issue of 6% coupon refunding bonds has been purchased by the Elmer J. Kennedy Co. of Los Angeles at par. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated April 2 1928. Due on Jan. 2 as follows: \$500, 1929 and \$1,000 from 1930 to 1936, incl. Int. payable on Jan. and July 2.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$200,000 3 1/4% highway bonds was awarded on May 11, to Paine, Webber & Co. at 100.471, a basis of about 3.66%. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$20,000, May 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Principal and int. payable at the Merchants National Bank, Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

Financial Statement May 1 1928.	
Net valuation, 1927.....	\$116,732,015
Debt limit.....	2,910,425
Total gross debt, not including this issue.....	4,516,500
Exempted debt:	
Hampden County memorial bridge.....	169,000
School and police building.....	80,000
Playgrounds.....	100,000
Holyoke and Westfield RR.....	178,000
Water debt.....	552,000
Gas and electric light debt.....	1,618,000
Net debt.....	\$1,809,500
Borrowing capacity May 1 1928.....	1,100,925

HOPEWELL, Prince George County, Va.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$50,000 issue of sewer and jail bonds that was purchased by Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo—V. 126, p. 2361—is more fully described as follows: 5% bonds in \$1,000 denoms. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 1953. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York.

HOUSTON, Houston County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. A. Moore, City Secretary, until June 6, for the purchase of nine issues of bonds aggregating \$2,125,000 as follows: \$650,000 civic center bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 450,000 drainage bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 350,000 paving bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 150,000 McGregor Park bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 125,000 refunding bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 100,000 general improvement bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 100,000 gravel bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 100,000 city hall bonds. Due in from 1 to 30 years.
 100,000 bridge bonds. Due in from 1 to 25 years.
 The interest rate will be determined at the time of the sale.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Houston), Harris County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—We are officially informed that at the special election held on May 29 the following proposition will be submitted for approval: "Shall the board of education of Houston Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of said district in the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000), said bonds to be paid serially in from one (1) to thirty (30) years after the date of issuance in annual installments as follows: The first installment to be in the sum of one hundred forty-three thousand dollars (\$143,000), and the remaining twenty-nine (29) annual installments to be each for the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars (\$133,000). Said bonds to bear interest from date at a rate to be not in excess of five per cent. (5%) per annum the interest to be payable semi-annually, for the purpose of obtaining funds for the purchase of grounds for public schools in said district, and for constructing, re-modelling, equipping and repairing public school buildings in said district, and to annually levy and collect a tax of 12c. (or so much thereof as may be necessary) on the \$100.00 valuation of the taxable property within said district, to be used to pay the interest on said bonds and the serial installments of principal thereof as each shall respectively mature, such tax to be in addition to all other taxes to be levied and collected by said board."

HUDSON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, were awarded on May 4, three issues of 3 1/4% bonds aggregating \$44,500 at a price of 100.031. The following issues were sold: \$20,000 sewer bonds, \$14,500 bridge bonds and \$10,000 water mains.

HUNTINGTON PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until 2 p. m. on May 28, for the purchase of a \$265,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$5,000 from 1929 to 1949 and \$10,000 from 1950 to 1965, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) is payable in Los Angeles. A certified check for 3% must accompany the bid. (These are the bonds voted on Mar. 31—V. 126, p. 2361).

HUNTINGTON PARK UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Apr. 30—V. 126, p. 2536—was awarded to the Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of San Francisco for a premium of \$1,070, equal to 107.133, a basis of about 4.25%. Dated May 1 1927. Due \$1,000 yearly from May 1 1933 to 1947, incl.

HURON, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. M. Clock, Village Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 5, for the purchase of an issue of \$9,166.48 5% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated 1928. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,066.48, 1929; and \$900, 1930 to 1938, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. H. Kriehagen, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. on May 12, for the purchase of a \$3,616.17 issue of 4% lateral sewer bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1938 incl. Interest payable on Apr. & Oct. 1. Sale will be subject to the purchase of the bonds by the State School Fund Commission. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

IOWA COUNTY (P. O. Marengo), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 15 by Morris Williams, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$135,000 4 1/4% primary road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$15,000 yearly from May 1 1934 to 1942 incl. Optional after May 1 1933. Blank bonds are to be furnished by purchaser. Sealed bids will be opened only after all open bids are in. Prin. and annual int. is payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Edna), Texas.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The \$175,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds purchased on Apr. 30 by Roger H. Evans & Co. of Dallas at a price of 105.09 (V. 126, p. 2851), is due from 1929 to 1937 incl. Basis of about 4.55%.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds offered on May 7 (V. 126, p. 2693) were awarded as follows:
 \$1,294,000 general improvement bonds (\$1,339,000 offered), to a syndicate composed of Morris Mathers & Co., Hoffman & Co., M. F. Schlatter & Co. and Seasongood & Mayer, paying \$1,339,102, equal to 103.485, a basis of about 4.13%. Due May 1 as follows: \$53,000, 1929 to 1939 incl.; \$54,000, 1940 to 1952 incl., and \$9,000, 1953.

276,000 school bonds (\$280,000 offered) to the Trust Co. of New Jersey, paying \$280,420, equal to 101.601, a basis of about 4.16%. Due May 1 as follows \$28,000, 1929 to 1937 incl., and \$24,000, 1938.

Dated May 1 1928.
BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate is now offering the bonds to the public for investment at prices to yield 4% for all maturities. According to the offering circular, they constitute a direct obligation of the entire city, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property. Jersey City has an assessed valuation in 1927 of \$684,798,567. Its total bonded debt, including this issue, is \$73,964,404.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Iowa City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 issue of 4 1/4% primary road bonds offered for sale on Apr. 30 (V. 126, p. 2692) has been awarded for a premium of \$426, equal to 100.327, to the Iowa City Savings Bank of Iowa City.

KITTS HILL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,000 5 1/4% school bonds offered on May 8—V. 126, p. 2536—were awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$434, equal to 104.188. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1926.

KLUCKITAT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (P. O. Golden-dale), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on May 14 by Helena McGuire, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$3,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due in from 2 to 20 years. Prin. and annual int. payable at the fiscal agency of the State in New York City or at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

KNOX COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Benjamin), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of road bonds has been awarded for a premium of \$3,724, equal to 101.862.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$1,500,000 refunding notes has been purchased by the Guardian Detroit Co. of New York as 4s, plus a \$51 premium, equal to 100.003, a basis of about 3.90%. Due in 4 months. The Bankers Trust Co. of New York City were second highest, offering par for 4.20% notes.

The following is a complete list of the other bids and bidders:

I. B. Tigrett & Co. et al Jackson Tenn.	\$1 270 701.30	\$765 251.30	\$505 450.00
J. C. Bradford & Co. et al Nashville Tenn.	1 269 808.83	764 713.83	505 095.00
Rutter & Co. et al New York.	1 268 727.81	764 062.81	504 665.00
A. B. Leach & Co. Chicago Ill.	1 268 691.00	764 027.00	504 664.00
Kissell, Kinnicut & Co., et al N. Y.	1 268 011.32	763 631.32	504 380.00
Harris Tr. & Sav. Bk. et al, Chicago	1 267 518.00	763 334.00	504 184.00
First National Co., et al, Detroit.	1 267 160.00	763 120.00	504 040.00
East Tenn. National Bank for M. F. Schlatter & Co. Inc.	1 266 917.73	762 972.73	503 945.00
Caldwell & Co., et al, Nashville.	1 266 553.20	762 753.20	503 800.00
National City Co., and Phelps Fenn Co., New York	1 265 923.44	762 373.94	503 549.50
Little Wooten & Co., et al, Jackson, Tenn.	1 264 554.57	761 504.57	503 050.00
Commerce Union Co., et al, Nashville, Tenn.	1 262 153.70	760 103.70	502 050.00

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4½% coupon or registered improvement bonds, aggregating \$1,257,000, offered for sale on May 8—V. 126, p. 2851—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Hannaha, Ballin & Lee and Estabrook & Co., all of N. Y. City, at a price of 101.109, a basis of about 4.30%. The issues are divided as follows: \$757,000 series E bonds. Due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$76,000 from 1930 to 1938, inclusive, and \$73,000 in 1939. 500,000 series F bonds. Due \$50,000 yearly from Apr. 1 1930 to 1939, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1928.

BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The \$1,257,000 issue sold as above is now being offered for public subscription by the purchasers priced to yield 4.10% on all maturities.

LAKE CHARLES, Calcasieu Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been called for June 5 for the purpose of voting on the proposed issuance of \$75,000 in bonds for the erection of a new high school building in Ward 3.

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111 (P. O. Waukegan) Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Ruth M. Reilly, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$80,000 4½% school bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1941; \$4,000, 1942; \$7,000, 1943; \$8,000, 1944 to 1947, incl. and \$9,000, 1948. A certified check payable to the order of the Township School Treasurer, for \$1,000 is required. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

LAKE PLACID, Essex County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Pulleyn & Co. of New York, were awarded on May 7, the following issues of bonds aggregating \$50,000 as 4.30s, at a premium of \$15, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.28%:
\$25,000 concrete pavement bonds. Denom. \$1,250. Due \$1,250, May 1 1929 to 1948, inclusive.
25,000 water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, May 1 1933 to 1957, inclusive. Dated May 1 1928.

LAMBERT, Alfalfa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 issue of 5½% semi-annual electric line bonds offered for sale on Apr. 20—V. 126, p. 2537—was awarded to the Farmers Bank of Lambert at par. Due in 1948.

LANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80 (P. O. Creswell, Route 2), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Mrs. Fred Kinfield, until May 12, for the purchase of a \$2,500 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds. Denom. \$250. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

LANEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Camilla), Mitchell County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,500 5% school bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor. Denom. \$500. Due in 1948. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Camilla.

LARAMIE, Albany County, Wyo.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$185,000 issue of viaduct bonds that was scheduled to be offered for sale on May 8—V. 126, p. 2199—was not sold as the election held on May 1 was unsuccessful.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Ripley), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 28, by Wm. Tucker, Jr., Secretary & Treasurer of the Board of County Road Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of semi-annual road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%.

LEBANON, Grafton County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Dole, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) May 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 4% coupon refunding bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, Dec 1 1929 to 1938, incl. Principal and int. payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. Bids should be addressed to F. O. Stearns, Chairman, Board of Selects, c/o Mascoma Savings Bank, Lebanon.

Financial Statement, May 1 1928.

Last assessed valuation	\$8,155,123.00
Bonded indebtedness:	
Town Hall bonds	\$200,000.00
Hubbard bridge bonds	39,000.00
Trunk line maintenance bonds	6,000.00
Total bonded indebtedness	\$245,000.00
Floating debt (to be paid from proceeds of this issue)	50,000.00
Indebtedness of districts within the Town of Lebanon:	
Lebanon school district	168,572.90
Lebanon Village Precinct	35,500.00
West Lebanon Village Fire Precinct	2,500.00

LEE COUNTY (P. O. Fort Meyers), Fla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 issue of bridge bonds sold on Apr. 25 (V. 126, p. 2693) to the Florida Municipal Corp. of Jacksonville at a price of 108.19, is further described as follows: 6% bonds. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1954; \$40,000, 1955; and \$45,000, 1956. Basis of about 5.44%.

LEE COUNTY (P. O. Sanford), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$92,000, offered for sale on May 7 (V. 126, p. 2693) were awarded as 4½% to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo for a premium of \$2,006, equal to 102.18. The issues are as follows: \$50,000 school funding bonds and \$42,000 funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928. Due serially. No option of prior payment. Int. M. & N.

LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wauchula), Hardee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$45,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased by the G. B. Sawyers Co. of Jacksonville.

LEWISTON (P. O. Lewiston), Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Lockport Exchange Trust Co. of Lockport was awarded on April 25 an issue of \$6,725.17 highway bonds as 4½s.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Tipton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Batchelor, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 25 for the purchase of an issue of \$40,000 4½% township improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$2,000, July 1 1929; \$2,000, Jan. 1 and July 1 1930 to 1938, incl., and \$2,000, Jan. 1 1939. A certified check for \$50 is required.

LINCOLN PARK, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. O'Connor, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) May 15, for the purchase of the following issues of special assessment bonds aggregating \$193,000:
\$107,000 paving bonds.
\$86,000 sewer bonds.
Due serially in from 1 to 4 years. A certified check for \$3,000 is required.

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zearing), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds aggregating

\$45,000 have been purchased at par by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport. The issues are as follows: \$28,000 4½% school bonds and \$17,000 4½% school bonds. Due from 1935 to 1943, incl.

LINWOOD, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Chelsea National Bank of Atlantic City was awarded on May 7, an issue of \$12,000 5% road bonds at par. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1 1928 to 1939, incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Chelsea National Bank, Atlantic City.

LITTLE FALLS, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John L. Lockwood, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) May 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 coupon or registered water works refunding bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in multiples of 1-20th of 1%, one rate to apply to the entire issue. Principal and interest payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for \$1,000, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vande- water of New York City.

LOGAN, Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Della Bishop, City Auditor, until 12 m. May 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$3,200 5½% East Hunter Street improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$500, 1929; and \$300, 1930 to 1938, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

LONG BEACH, Harrison County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 5% town hall bonds has recently been purchased by the Meridian Finance Corp. of Meridian for a premium of \$485, equal to 101.616.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on May 1—V. 126, p. 2352—the proposition to issue \$6,000,000 in airport bonds failed of the required two-thirds majority. Unofficial reports gave the vote as follows: 101,157 "for" and 100,932 "against."

LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 52 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of 5½% district bonds has been purchased by Redfield, Van Evera & Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$2,500, equal to 101.25.

LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge).—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Apr. 17 the voters authorized the issuance of \$9,000,000 in bonds for the extension of drainage and sewerage facilities in New Orleans by an overwhelming majority. The actual vote was 51,729 "for" and 6,255 "against."

LOUISVILLE, Jefferson County, Ky.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The \$1,500,000 issue of 4% coupon park bonds offered and sold on May 1—V. 126, p. 2851—to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, is now being offered for public subscription by the purchaser priced at 103½% to yield 3.84%. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1 1968. According to the circular the bonds are legal investments for trust funds and savings banks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States. These bonds are eligible as security for postal savings deposits.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation for taxation, 1927	\$416,245,749
Total bonded debt, including this issue	26,319,900
Less: Waterworks bonds	\$1,079,000
Sinking funds	4,035,000
	5,114,000

Net bonded debt.....\$21,205,900
The City of Louisville owns the Louisville Water Co., conservatively valued at \$20,000,000.
Population, 1920 census, 234,891; present official estimate, 340,000.

McNEIL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Poplarville), Pearl River County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased by the Bank of Commerce of Poplarville.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. were awarded on May 11, the following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$85,000 at 99.52 a basis of about 4.07%: \$55,000 Culvert and sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1943, incl., and \$2,000, 1944 to 1948, incl.

30,000 bridge bonds. Due \$3,000, Feb. 1 1929 to 1938, incl. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and int. payable at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, or at the Amesogek Trust Co., Manchester. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

MANITOWOC COUNTY (P. O. Manitowoc), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of 4½% series B, highway improvement bonds offered for sale on May 4—V. 126, p. 2694—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the East Wisconsin Trust Co. and the First Wisconsin Co., both of Milwaukee and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, for a premium of \$5,125, equal to 102.05, a basis of about 4.13%. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 as follows: \$96,000, 1933 and 1934 and \$58,000 in 1935.

MARSHALL, Saline County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 issue of 5% electric lights bonds offered for sale on Apr. 25—V. 126, p. 2537—has been jointly purchased by Stern Bros. & Co., and the Commerce Trust Co., both of Kansas City for a premium of \$843, equal to 101.053, a basis of about 4.88%. Dated Apr. 15 1928. Due as follows: \$3,000, 1930; \$2,500, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 to 1934; \$3,500, 1935 to 1937; \$4,000, 1938 to 1940; \$4,500, 1941; \$5,000, 1942 to 1944; \$5,500, 1945 and 1946; \$6,000, 1947 and \$6,500, in 1948. Optional after Apr. 15 1930. Int. payable semi-annually.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of).—\$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.—According to the Boston "Herald" of May 10, the Governor's council adopted an order authorizing the State Treasurer to prepare for sale a \$2,000,000 bond issue requested by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission. The bond would be issued for a period not exceeding 20-years and bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4%.

MATADOR, Motley Co., Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 5% coupon water works bonds offered at public auction on May 1—V. 126, p. 2537—was awarded to George L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas at par. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Due on Apr. 1 1929. No option of prior payment. Int. payable on Apr. & Oct. 1.

The following other bids were also received:

Bidder	Rate	Premium
Thomas Investment Co. of Dallas	5¼%	\$900
Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas	5¼%	750

MATTOON, Coles County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago were awarded on April 19 an issue of \$75,000 4½% coupon or registered city hall bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1947. Interest payable on May 1 and Nov. 1.

MAUMEE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk until 12 m. May 23 for the purchase of an issue of \$10,250 Village's portion 5% street improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

MEDINA, Bandera County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 5% semi-annual independent school district bonds has recently been purchased by H. D. Crosby & Co. of San Antonio. Denom. \$500. Dated Apr. 10 1928. Due \$500 yearly from 1929 to 1968, incl.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,107.36 5½% road improvement bonds offered on May 7—V. 126, p. 2694—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$751 equal to 102.33. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$6,107.36, 1928; \$6,000, 1929; \$7,000, 1930 and 1931; and \$6,000, 1932. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder

W. L. Slayton & Co.	\$742.00
Blanchet, Bowman & Wood	722.40

MENA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mena), Polk County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—An \$80,000 issue of 4¾% school bonds has been purchased by M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock. Due from 1932 to 1952, incl. (This corrects report of sale given in V. 126, p. 2852.)

MIDDLEBURY, Addison County, Vermont.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4% coupon water bonds offered on May 8—V. 126, p. 2852—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, at 100.303 a basis of about 3.79%. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$2,000 May 1 1934 to 1968, incl. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder

Harris, Forbes & Co.	Rate Bid. 99.22
Old Colony Corp.	99.04
National City Co.	98.773

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on May 24 (standard time) by Patrick McManus, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$910,000 issue of 4 1/4% Metropolitan sewerage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 25 1928. Due \$91,000 yearly from May 25 1939 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

Financial Statement. The assessed valuation of real estate and personal property in the Metropolitan drainage area as returned by assessors for the year 1927 was..... \$1,100,560,346.00

The equalized valuation of all real estate and personal property in the Metropolitan drainage area according to each of the last five assessments thereof for State and county taxes next prior to issuance of bonds is as follows:
1923.....\$1,172,022,402.00
1924.....1,231,096,500.00
1925.....1,192,539,284.00
1926.....1,342,212,549.00
1927.....1,478,105,131.00

And the average thereof is..... 1,283,195,173.20
The assessed valuation of real estate and personal property in the entire County of Milwaukee as returned by assessors for the year 1927 was..... 1,124,524,637.00

The equalized valuation of all real estate and personal property in the entire County of Milwaukee as determined by the last assessment for State and county taxes prior to issuance of these bonds for the year 1927 was..... 1,515,164,723.00

Total valuation of real estate and personal property in the entire County of Milwaukee as fixed by the Wisconsin Tax Commission for the five years preceding the issuance of these bonds was as follows:
1923.....\$974,702,424.00
1924.....1,095,132,707.00
1925.....1,338,095,913.00
1926.....1,465,942,559.00
1927.....1,515,164,723.00
And the average thereof is..... 1,277,807,765.20

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND SALE CANCELLED.—The sale of the three issues of 4% coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,351,875.57, awarded on Feb. 27 to Eldredge & Co. of New York and the Wells-Hickney Co. of Minneapolis—V. 126, p. 1395—on a basis of about 3.93%, has been cancelled by request of the purchasers because of delay in delivery.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until June 11 by Dan C. Brown, City Comptroller, for the purchase of three issues of bonds aggregating \$1,351,875.57. Int. rate is to be stated by bidders. Due in 5, 10 and 20 years.

(This report supplements that given in V.126, p. 2852.)

MINOT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Minot), N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. on May 22, by J. C. Lund, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$225,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated June 1 1928 and due on June 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1931; \$11,500, 1932; \$10,000, 1933; \$10,500, 1934; \$11,000, 1935; \$11,500, 1936; \$12,000, 1937; \$12,500, 1938; \$13,000, 1939; \$13,500, 1940; \$14,000, 1941; \$14,500, 1942; \$15,000, 1943; \$15,500, 1944; \$16,000, 1945; \$16,000, 1946, and \$17,000 in 1947. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) is payable at the First National Bank of Minot or at the spot selected by purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$5,000,000 issue of road and bridge bonds will be offered for sale at public auction by A. D. Davis, Chairman of the Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners, at 10.30 a. m. on June 1. Int. rate is not to exceed 4 3/4%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928 and due on June 1 as follows: \$110,000, in 1931, \$120,000 in 1932, \$125,000 in 1933, \$130,000 in 1934, \$135,000 in 1935, \$140,000 in 1936, \$145,000 in 1937, \$150,000 in 1938, \$155,000 in 1939, \$160,000 in 1940, \$165,000 in 1941, \$170,000 in 1942, \$175,000 in 1943, \$180,000 in 1944, \$185,000 in 1945, \$190,000 in 1946, \$195,000 in 1947, \$200,000 in 1948, \$205,000 in 1949, \$210,000 in 1950, \$215,000 in 1951, and \$220,000 in 1952 to 1958, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York City. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. Purchaser will furnish the blank bonds. Bids are requested at differing interest rates, bonds to be awarded to bidder whose bid will result in the lowest net interest rate to the county, with highest rate being 4 3/4%. A \$100,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

These bonds are issued for the purpose of constructing permanent roads and bridges in Mobile County, Ala., under authority of an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama expressly authorizing this issue and of Local Act 246 of 1927; were authorized at an election held throughout said County on April 19 1928; and are payable from a special tax to be levied annually.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. A. Kilmer, County Clerk, until 10 a. m. (standard time) May 25, for the purchase of an issue of \$70,000 4 1/2% bonds issued to provide funds for the redemption of a like amount of notes maturing. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$7,000, June 1 1929 to 1938, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$5,000 is required. Legality approved by D. W. and A. S. Iddings of Dayton and Peck, Schaffer & Williams of Cincinnati.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The four issues of 4 1/2% bonds offered on Apr. 9—pp. 1871-2041—were awarded as follows:

- \$32,500 Castle Wood Sanitary Sewer system bonds to A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$705, equal to 102.15, a basis of about 4.18%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1934 incl.; \$3,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1940 incl.; \$2,500, 1941; and \$3,000, 1942.
- 23,000 Overlook Ave. improvement bonds to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, at a premium of \$11.70. Due May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929; and \$6,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.
- 16,000 Ashwood Ave. improvement bonds to A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.29%. Due \$4,000, May 1 1929 to 1932 incl.
- 34,000 sewer system bonds to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$905, equal to 102.66, a basis of about 4.32%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 and 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931 and 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934 and 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$2,000, 1937 and 1938; \$1,000, 1939; \$2,000, 1940 and 1941; \$1,000, 1942; \$2,000, 1943 and 1944; \$1,000, 1945; and \$2,000, 1946 and 1947.

Dated May 1 1928. MOOERS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Mooers Forks), Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William Soden, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$19,000 5% coupon school bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1929 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Champlain. A certified check for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Wartburg), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ross H. Williams, County Clerk, until May 15, for the purchase of a \$238,000 issue of road bonds.

MORRISTOWN, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Spillman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (Eastern standard time) May 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 coupon or registered water works bonds interest rate not to exceed 5% and to be stated in multiples of 1/10th or 1/4 of 1%. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due May 1 as follows: \$500, 1931 and \$1,500, 1932 to 1964, incl. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Frontier National Bank, Morristown or at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$1,500 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

MOUNT PLEASANT (P. O. North Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$129,000 offered on May 4—V. 126, p. 2694—were awarded to Rutter & Co. of New York City, as follows: \$66,000 highway improvement bonds as 4s. at par. Dated May 1 1928. Due May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1939, incl., and \$4,000, 1940 to 1948, incl.

63,000 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds at 102.497, a basis of about 4.28%. Dated April 1 1928. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1939, incl., and \$3,000, 1951 to 1957, incl.

MOUNT PLEASANT (P. O. North Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward F. Hennessey, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$85,000 tax-funding coupon or registered bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 May 1 1932 to 1948 inclusive. Rate of interest to be named by bidder and to be stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%, same rate to apply to the entire issue. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, North Tarrytown. A certified check, payable to the order of the town, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of N. Y. City.

MOUNT STERLING, Madison County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 5% water works system bonds offered on May 4—V. 126, p. 2538—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$51, equal to 100.85, a basis of about 4.73%. Dated April 1 1928. Due \$500, April and Oct. 1 1929 to 1934, incl. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder— Price Bid.
First Citizens Corp.....\$6.010
Well, Roth & Irving Co..... 6.002

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 4% bridge bonds offered on May 11—V. 126, p. 2852—were awarded to the Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp. of Boston, at 99.721, a basis of about 4.08%. Dated May 1 1928. Due May 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$9,000, 1934 to 1938 incl., and \$8,000, 1939 to 1948 incl.

NAVAJO COUNTY (P. O. Holbrook), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—A \$39,000 issue of 4 1/2% serial refunding bonds has recently been purchased by Geo. W. Vallery & Co. of Denver at a price of 98.25.

NAVAJO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Winslow), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 issue of school building bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 126, p. 2363—was awarded to the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco at par as follows: \$93,000 as 4 1/2s and \$67,000 as 4 1/4s. Dated May 1 1928. Due serially from 1933 to 1948, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at Kountze Bros. in New York City.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer until 11 a. m. May 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$400,000 3 3/4% highway improvement bonds dated May 1 1928 and maturing serially on May 1 from 1929 to 1938 incl.

NEW MEXICO, State of (P. O. Santa Fe).—BOND SALE.—The \$750,000 issue of highway bonds offered for sale on May 8—V. 126, p. 2200—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the International Trust Co., the United States National Co. and Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co., all of Denver, as 5 1/4% bonds, at a price of 100.278, a basis of about 5.16%. Dated Apr. 1 1928 and due \$250,000 from Apr. 1 1930 to 1932, incl.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Reiser, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 25, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% City's portion improvement bonds aggregating \$6,700: \$5,000 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, Oct. 1 1929 to 1933, incl. \$1,700 bonds. Due serially from 1929 to 1937, inclusive.

Dated May 15 1928. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of West Newton, was awarded on May 8, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.74% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 5 1928. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Bidder— Discount Basis. Premium.
Shawmut Corp. of Boston..... 3.93%
Old Colony Corp..... 3.96% \$3.75
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler..... 3.97% 7.00
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co..... 3.975%

NEW WATERFORD, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward Bretz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$12,000 5% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,200. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 2% of the bonds offered, is required.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$230,000 bond issue submitted to the electors for consideration on May 8—V. 126, p. 2538—was approved according to the City Clerk. Of 2,843 votes polled 1,965 were for the issue and the remainder against it.

NOLAN COUNTY (P. O. Sweetwater), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$90,000 issue of 4 1/2% court house bonds has recently been awarded to the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas for a premium of \$125, equal to 100.138, a basis of about 4.49%. Due serially from 1933 to 1955 incl.

NORTH SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Marshall County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Albert, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 4, for the purchase of an issue of \$49,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated July 2 1928. Denom. \$500. Due on Jan. and July 2, of each year in equal installments. Prin. and int. payable at the Farmers State Bank, La Paz.

OSBORNE, Osborne County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,600 issue of 4 1/2% improvement bonds offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 14—V. 126, p. 752—has been awarded to a local investor for a \$374 premium, equal to 102.75, a basis of about 3.95%. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due \$1,360 from Jan. 1 1929 to 1938, incl.

OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Cloudercraft), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver.

PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pampa), Gray County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$125,000 4 1/4% school building bonds has recently been purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita for a premium of \$1,400, equal to 101.12, a basis of about 4.64%. Due from 1929 to 1958, incl.

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 (P. O. Clyde Park), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on June 1 by Margaret Schwab, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$3,000 issue of school bonds. A \$300 certified check must accompany the bid.

PARMA (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$356,930 offered on May 7—V. 126, p. 2364—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,836 equal to 105.21 a basis of about 3.56%: \$268,800 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$26,800, 1929; \$26,000, 1930 and \$27,000, 1931 to 1938 incl.

\$8,130 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$8,130, 1929; \$8,000, 1930; and \$9,000, 1931 to 1938 incl.

Dated May 15 1928. The following is a complete list of other bids submitted:
Bidders— Premium.
First National Company.....\$1,700
Otis & Company..... 1,585
The Guardian Trust Co..... 1,430
Ryan, Sutherland & Co..... 807
Seasongood & Mayer..... 675
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis..... 215
The Herrick Co..... 139

PASADENA, Pasadena County Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10.30 a. m. on May 14, by Bessie Chamberlain, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 4 1/4% sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1926 and due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$13,000 1940 and 1941 and \$4,000 in 1942. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank in New York or at the office of the City Treasurer, Eels & Orrick of San Francisco will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 1% of the bid, payable to the City Clerk, is required.

PASCAGOULA, Jackson County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of street improvement bonds was awarded on May 1 to the Merchants & Marine Bank and the Pascagoula National Bank, both of Pascagoula, jointly, for a premium of \$172.80, equal to 100.576.

PELLA, Marion County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$127,000 street improvement bonds has been purchased by local investors. (Rate and price not given).

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Merchantville), Camden, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert V. Peabody, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 21, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½, 4¾ or 5% coupon or registered bonds no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount offered:
\$185,000 sewer bonds. Due \$5,000, May 1 1929 to 1965, incl.
120,000 assessment bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$15,000, 1932 to 1937 incl.
Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Pennsauken Township National Bank, North Merchantville or at the Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia. A certified check payable to the order of the Township for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

PENNSYLVANIA (State of), P. O. Harrisburg.—BOND ISSUES AGGREGATING \$1,290,000 APPROVED.—James F. Woodward, Secretary Department of Internal Affairs, approved on May 10, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 11, bond issues aggregating \$1,290,000. The largest of the issues were two for \$500,000, one for Franklin County for floating indebtedness and highway improvements, and the other for Erie County for highway purposes.
Other issues approved were: Quakertown school district, \$150,000 for schools; Beaver, \$40,000 water works; Mount Jewett school district, \$8,500 funding floating indebtedness; Kimmel Township, Bedford County, \$5,500 for highway work; Kennett Township, Chester County, \$21,000; St. Marys Borough, \$65,000 street and highway improvements.

PERKINS COUNTY (P. O. Bison) S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on May 18, by Wilfred Giesgar County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$289,000 issue of funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated June 1 1928 and due on June 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1931 to 1944; \$19,000, 1945 and \$20,000, 1946 to 1948, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the bank or trust company designated by the purchaser. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. Nothing but sealed bids will be considered at sale. A \$6,000 certified check payable to the County Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

PERRYVILLE, Perry County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 21 by Henry J. Rauh, City Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 4¼% and 4½% water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928 and due on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1934; \$6,000, 1935 to 1938; \$7,000, 1939 to 1941; \$8,000, 1942 to 1944 and \$9,000, 1945 to 1948, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis. Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the issue, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—BOND OFFERING.—Willb Hadley, City Controller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) June 4, for the purchase of the following issues of 4% coupon and registered loans aggregating \$7,500,000:
\$5,500,000 50-year bonds maturing June 1 1978, with the option of the City to redeem at par and accrued int. at the expiration of 20 years from the date of issue of this loan, or at any int. period thereafter, upon 60 days' notice by public advertisement.
2,000,000 15-year bonds maturing June 1 1943.
Dated June 1 1928. Interest payable Jan. and July 1. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Government of)—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon loan of 1928 bonds, aggregating \$1,500,000, offered for sale on May 10—V. 126, p. 2695—were awarded as follows:
\$750,000 4½% Iloilo Port Works bonds to a syndicate composed of Barr Bros. & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., the Old Colony Corp. and Graham Parsons & Co., all of New York, the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis and the Herrick Co. of Cleveland at a price of 106.159, a basis of about 4.14%. Dated Apr. 1 1928 and due on Apr. 1 1958. Int. payable A. & O.
750,000 4½% Cebu Port Works bonds to a syndicate composed of Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co., Inc., Hornblower & Weeks and Hallgarten & Co., all of New York at a price of 106.40, a basis of about 4.12%. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1 1958. Int. payable on Mar. & Sept. 1.

The following are complete lists of the other bids submitted on both issues:

Bidder	Iloilo Bonds.	Amount.	Price Bid.
Riggs National Bank		All or none	105.6089
White, Weld & Co.; Wm. R. Compton Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.; Crane Parris & Co., by White, Weld & Co.		All or none	\$784,125
			104.55
Cebu Bonds.			
Barr Bros. & Co., Inc.; Lee Higginson & Co.; Old Colony Corp.; Graham Parsons & Co.; Fletcher American Co.; The Herrick Co., by Graham Parsons & Co.		All or none	106.159
Riggs National Bank		All or none	105.6085
White, Weld & Co.; Wm. R. Compton Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.; Crane, Parris & Co; by White, Weld & Co. All or none			\$784,125
			104.55

PLATTSBURGH, Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Simon E. Fitzpatrick, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (Standard time) May 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$166,000 4½% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$10,000, 1933 to 1947, incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Plattsburgh. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Chamberlain for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

PLEASANTVILLE, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of coupon or registered school bonds offered on May 7—V. 126, p. 2200—was awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York, taking \$633,000 bonds (\$635,000) at 100.44, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1957, inclusive; \$20,000, 1958 to 1966, inclusive, and \$18,000, 1967.

The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Name of Bidder	Bonds Bid	For.	Price Bid.	Rate of Interest.
Bankers Trust Co.		623	\$635,444.44	4½%
Phelps, Fenn & Co.; The Detroit Co.; Kean, Taylor & Co.		628	635,142.10	4½%
M. F. Schlater & Co., Inc.		631	635,852.39	4½%
Hoffman & Co.; Redmond & Co.; Morris Mather & Co., Inc.		621	635,141.41	4½%
Rufus Waples & Co.; Rutter & Co.		627	635,359.10	4½%
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co.		625	635,812.50	4½%
Lehman Brothers, Kountze Brothers		635	635,635.00	4½%
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; C. W. Whitis & Co.; Bachelder, Wack & Co.		626	635,230.00	4½%

POPULAR BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Poplar Bluff), Butler County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$57,000 issue of 4% school bonds has been purchased by the Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis at a discount of \$455, equal to 99.20, a basis of about 4.05%. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1943; \$5,000, 1944 and 1945 and \$15,000, 1946 to 1948. (This report corrects that given in V. 126, p. 2853.)

PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Stevens Point), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk, until May 14, for the purchase of a \$65,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual road bonds. Due in 1937. A \$5,000 block of the bonds will be retained by the county.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—NO BIDS.—The \$43,953.01 6% ditch construction bonds offered on April 27—V. 126, p. 2638—were not sold as no bids were submitted for the issue. The bonds mature serially on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4% semi-annual assessment bonds offered for sale on May 3—V. 126, p. 2853—was awarded at par to the sinking fund. Dated May 1 1928. Due in 12 years.

PORTSMOUTH, Rockingham County, N. H.—TEMPORARY O.A.N.—The \$50,000 temporary loan offered on May 10—V. 126, p. 2853—

was awarded to the Piscataqua Savings Bank of Portsmouth, on a 4.15% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 30, 1928.

PRAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Prague), Lincoln County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 issue of high school building bonds offered for sale on Apr. 30—V. 126, p. 2695—was awarded to Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City for an average yield of about 4.59%.

RUSK, Cherokee County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An \$81,000 issue of 5½% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita. Due in 1968.

QUAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Tucumcari), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of 5¾% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver. Due \$500 yearly from 1929 to 1948, incl.

RANKIN, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—George J. Miller, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. May 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$80,000 4¼% borough bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, Feb. 1 1933 to 1948, inclusive. A certified check, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer for \$2,500, is required.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 school building bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 126, p. 752—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4½%, at 101.85, a basis of about 4.39%. Dated Feb. 15 1928. Due Feb. 15 1958.

RED OAK, Montgomery County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of 4¾% primary road bonds has recently been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport for a premium of \$1,325, equal to 100.662.

REDWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Redwood Falls), Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$130,000 road and bridge refunding bonds has been jointly purchased by Paine, Webber & Co. and the First Minneapolis Trust Co., both of Minneapolis, as 4% bonds, for a premium of \$147, equal to 110.113.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Megan Weil, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time), June 1, for the purchase of an issue of \$15,800 5% bridge improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$2,800, April and \$3,000, Oct. 1 1929, and \$3,000, April and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1930 and 1931. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Auditor, for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield, Ohio)—BOND SALE.—The \$11,200 5¼% road improvement bonds offered on May 1—V. 126, p. 2538—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank & Trust Co. of Mansfield, at a premium of \$98.50, equal to 100.87, a basis of about 5.22%. Dated May 1 1928. Due as follows: \$1,200, April and \$2,000, Oct. 1, 1929; and \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1930 and 1931.

RICHMOND, Madison County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of 4¾% semi-annual sewer and sewage disposal bonds offered for sale on May 3 (V. 126, p. 2364) was awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland for a premium of \$682, equal to 101.136, a basis of about 4.36%. Due as follows: \$20,000 in 1933 and \$4,000 from 1934 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the State Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 8 (P. O. Monte Vista), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 4¾% school building bonds has been purchased by Peck, Brown & Co. of Denver subject to an election to be held soon. Due \$2,000 from 1931 to 1945, incl. Optional \$4,000 from 1931 to 1938.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BIDS.—The following bids were also submitted for the \$135,000 notes awarded on May 4 (V. 126, p. 2854) to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler on a 3.99% discount basis plus a premium of \$2.00:

Bidder	Discount Basis.	Premium.
National Bank of Rochester	4.00%	\$7.00
Guaranty Company of New York	4.00%	
S. N. Bond & Co.	4.15%	7.00

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$126,840 coupon assessment bonds offered on April 8 (V. 126, p. 2696) were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo as 4.20s at 100.056, a basis of about 4.19%. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$31,710 May 1 1929 to 1932 inclusive. The following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Rate Bid.
Farmers National Bank & Trust Co.	4.20%	100.055
George B. Gibbons & Co.	4.25%	100.02
Rome Trust Co.	4.75%	100.00

ROSEBURG, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5% semi-annual park bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 126, p. 2696—was awarded jointly to the Bank of Southwestern Oregon of Marshfield and Ferris & Hardgrove of Portland at a price of 102.64, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$2,500 yearly from May 1 1929 to 1938, incl.

ROSWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Roswell), Chaves County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on June 11, by W. C. Holland, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 15 1928. Due from June 15 1933 to 1948, incl. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at Kountze Bros. in New York City or at the State Treasurer's office in Santa Fe. Bids for less than 95% par of the bonds will be rejected. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

ROYAL OAKS AND TROY TWPS. FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Royal Oak R. F. D. No. 5), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$53,000 school bonds offered on Apr. 27—V. 126, p. 2696—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4½%, at a premium of \$1,190, equal to 102.245, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated May 1 1928. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1931 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1946 incl.; and \$3,000, 1947 to 1954 incl. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Security Trust Co.	102.235
Bumpus & Co. and Howe, Snow & Co.	101.35

RUGBY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rugby), Pierce County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of coupon school building bonds offered for sale on May 7 (V. 126, p. 2696) was awarded jointly to the Merchants Bank of Rugby and the First Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis as 4½% bonds for a \$325 premium, equal to 100.65, a basis of about 4.44%. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1938; \$3,000, 1939 to 1944, and \$4,000, 1945 to 1948, all inclusive.

SAINT CROIX COUNTY (P. O. Hudson), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$135,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual series B highway bonds offered for sale on May 3 (V. 126, p. 2854) was jointly awarded to the First National Bank of Baldwin and the First National Bank of New Richmond for a premium of \$2,660, equal to 102.044.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—It is tentatively reported that the \$1,000,000 issue of tax anticipation bonds offered for sale on May 10—V. 126, p. 2696—was jointly awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. and Eldridge & Co., both New York City, on a 4.30% basis.

SAN ANGELO, Tom Green County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$300,000 block of the \$500,000 remaining bonds of the \$800,000 issue authorized has been awarded as follows: \$150,000 city hall bonds; \$125,000 paving bonds and \$25,000 sub-fire station bonds. The remaining \$200,000 block will not be sold for some time.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. San Bernardino), Calif.—NO BIDS.—The sale of the \$40,000 issue of 6% water works bonds scheduled for Apr. 30 (V. 126, p. 2696) was not consummated as no bids were received.

SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Nelle A. Gast, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. May 31, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds:
\$21,000 bridge improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$3,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934 to 1936, incl., and \$3,000, 1937.

4,500 bridge improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500., from 1929 to 1937, incl.

Dated May 31, 1928. A certified check for \$800 covering both issues is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

SAN JUAN COUNTY (P. O. Aztec), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$168,800 issue of semi-annual road and bridge bonds offered for sale on May 7—V. 126, p. 2365—was awarded to Peck, Brown & Co. of Denver as 4 1/2% bonds at a price of 101.

SARASOTA, Sarasota County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. A. Matthews, City Clerk, until May 16, for the purchase of a \$248,000 issue of 6% semi-annual refunding bonds. (This confirms the report as given in V. 126, p. 2854.)

SAYREVILLE, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank P. Kolb, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (day-light saving time) May 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$97,500 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues: \$70,000 general improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 15, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1951, incl., and \$1,000, 1952.

27,500 water bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Due June 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1955, incl., and \$500, 1956.

Dated June 15 1928. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Collector and Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of taxable real property, 1928	\$1,015,575.00
Assessed valuation of taxable personal property, 1928	1,385,900.00
Bonded and floating debt inclusive of these bonds	536,288.00
Water debt included above	222,000.00

Net debt..... \$314,288.00
Population, census 1920, 5,017.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (P. O. Gering), Nebr.—BOND SALE.—An \$8,000 issue of 4 1/2% school building bonds has recently been purchased by the U. S. Bond Co. of Denver. Due serially over 20 years.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Davenport), Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$160,000 issue of refunding road bonds that was recently purchased at par by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport (V. 126, p. 2696) is further described as follows: 4 1/2% bonds, due on May 1, as follows: \$30,000, from 1933 to 1936, and \$40,000 in 1937.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$239,174.84 issue of 6% special improvement bonds has recently been purchased by the Seattle National Bank of Seattle. Denom. \$200. Dated May 7, 1928. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,425,000 offered for sale on May 4—V. 126, p. 2539—were awarded to a syndicate composed of White, Weld & Co., Stone & Webster & Blodget and the Old Colony Corp., all of New York; the Continental National Co. of Chicago; the First National Co. of Detroit and the Metropolitan National Bank of Seattle, as 4 1/2% bonds, at a price of 100.85, a basis of about 4.18%. The issues are divided as follows:

\$1,300,000 general municipal improvement bonds.
1,125,000 sewer bonds.

Dated June 1 1928. Due from 1930 to 1958, incl. The second highest bid was 100.724 on 4 1/4% offered by A. B. Leach & Co. and associates.

The following is a complete list of the other bidders and their bids:

Bidder	Rate	Sewer Bonds	Imp't. Bonds
Wm. F. Harper & Son	4 1/4%	\$1,133,147.60	\$1,309,369.50
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.	4 1/4%		
Harris Trust & Savings Bank			
Dexter Horton National Bank	4 1/4%	\$1,132,683.75	\$1,308,879.00
Old National Bank & Trust Co.		(100.683)	(100.683)
Bond, Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.			
Marine National Co.			
Illinois Merchants Trust Co.			
Detroit Trust Co.			
Ames, Emerich & Co.	4 1/4%	\$1,131,525.00	\$1,307,540.00
E. H. Rollins & Sons		(.58)	(.58)
Northern Trust Co.			
Dean Witter & Co.			
John E. Price & Co.			
Bankers Trust Co.			
National City Co.	4 1/4%	\$1,129,938.75	\$1,305,707.00
Kean Taylor & Co.		(100.439)	(100.439)
Hannahs Ballin & Lee			
Halsey, Stuart & Co.			
Peirce, Fair & Co.			
Wm. R. Compton & Co.	4 1/4%	\$1,129,500.00	\$1,305,200.00
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.		\$1,004.00	for each \$1,000.00
Dewey, Bacon & Co.			
F. L. Putnam & Co.			
Ballargeon Winslow & Co.			
W. A. Harriman & Co.			
Redmond & Co.	4 1/4%	\$1,127,891.25	\$1,303,341.00
Estabrook & Co.		100.257	for each \$100.00
Seattle National Bank			
Chickering & Co., Inc.			
Kountze Bros.	4 1/4%	Par & \$2,644 prem.	All or none
Criswold-First State Co.			
R. W. Pressprich & Co.	4 1/2%	on Sewer Bonds & 4% on Gen. Mun. Impt. Bonds plus prem. of \$4.841.	All or none.
R. H. Moulton & Co.			
C. W. McNear & Co.			
National Bank of Commerce			
Otis & Co., N. Y. City			
Blyth, Witter & Co.	None	\$1,131,412.50	\$1,307,410.00
Howe Snow & Co.		100.57	for each \$100.00
Arthur Sinclair & Co.			

SELLERSVILLE, Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$56,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on May 7 (V. 126, p. 2854) were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia at 103.30, a basis of about 3.95%. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1933; \$13,000, 1938; \$16,000, 1943, and \$21,000, 1948.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 issue of 4 1/2% County Institutions, Series of 1928, bonds offered for sale on May 5—V. 126, p. 2696—was jointly awarded to the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$2,110.50, equal to 100.603, a basis of about 4.20%. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due \$10,000 in 1938 and \$20,000 from 1939 to 1955, incl.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY (P. O. Owosso), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, was recently awarded an issue of \$29,820.51 6% highway bonds at a premium of \$761.00, equal to 102.55.

SHULLSBURG, Lafayette County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of fire truck bonds has recently been purchased by an unknown investor.

SMYRNA, Cobb County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on May 21, by S. W. Dodgen, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1938 and \$2,000, 1939 to 1952, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin at the spot selected by the purchaser. Morris, Hawkins & Wallace of Marietta will approve legality of bonds. A \$2,000 certified check, payable to the Mayor, is required.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Everett), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 25, by John R. McKay, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of coupon school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due in from 2 to 15 years and optional after 2 years. Prin. and annual int. payable at the office of the State Treasurer in Olympia or at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Mosley & Co. of Boston, were awarded during May, a \$300,000 temporary loan on a 3.94% discount basis plus a premium of \$6.25. The loan matures on Nov. 7 1928.

SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Southampton), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York City, were awarded on Feb. 7, an issue of \$15,000 4 1/2% school bonds at a price of 101.09.

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Columbia)—BIDDERS.—The following houses also submitted bids for the purchase of the \$2,000,000 issue of notes awarded on May 4—V. 126, p. 2855—to a group headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York at 4.15%, plus \$101 premium:

Bidder	Bid	Premium
Peoples National Bank of Rockville	4.50%	\$3,110
Columbia National Bank of Columbia	4.40%	133
S. N. Bond & Co. of New York	4.40%	200

SPARTANBURG COUNTY (P. O. Spartanburg), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on May 24, by J. L. M. Williams, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$500,000 as follows:

\$400,000 highway bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1935; \$20,000, 1936 to 1943; \$25,000, 1944 to 1946, all incl. and \$30,000, 1947 and 1948.

100,000 tubercular hospital bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1938; \$5,000, 1939 to 1943 and \$7,000, 1944 to 1948, all incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Hovey National Bank in New York City. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the Board of County Commissioners is required.

SPRAGUE, Lincoln County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on May 25, by W. A. Hall, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of water and light refunding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$500. Dated June 30 1928 and due from June 30 1930 to 1942 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. O. Hayman, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. May 31 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds:

\$283,909.25 property owners' share street improvement bonds. Due March 1, as follows: \$28,909.25, 1930; \$29,000, 1931 to 1933, incl., and \$28,000, 1934 to 1939, incl.

42,455.71 property owners' share street improvement bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$9,455.71, 1930; \$9,000, 1931 and \$8,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.

Dated March 1 1928. Principal and interest payable at the National City Bank, New York City. Bids for each issue are requested a certificate check for 5% of the amount bid for is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Minden), Webster Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on May 8—V. 126, p. 2202—was awarded to Cleaver, Vass & Co. of New Orleans as 4 1/2% bonds, at a price of 100.894, a basis of about 4.65%. Dated May 15 1928 and due on May 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1938; \$4,000, 1939 to 1943 and \$5,000, 1944 to 1948, all incl.

STURGEON BAY, Door County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on May 15, by E. S. Ackerman, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of 5% coupon paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 and 1930; \$6,000, 1931; \$9,000, 1932 and \$10,000, 1933. Legal opinion will not be furnished. Printing of bonds to be included in bid. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

SUMNER COUNTY (P. O. Wellington), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. E. Alexander, County Clerk, until 11 a. m. on May 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$175,000 4% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due from Jan. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

SWANTON, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% bonds offered on April 23—V. 126, p. 2539—were awarded to the Farmers Merchants Deposit Co., Swanton, at a premium of \$125, equal to 100.49:

\$17,618.37 improvement bonds. Due serially on Sept. 1 1929 to 1938, incl

\$12,081.58 improvement bonds. Due serially on Sept. 1 1929 to 1938, incl. Dated March 1 1928.

TEMPLE, Bell County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on May 14 by N. A. Ensor, City Comptroller, for the purchase of six issues of 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 and 5% bonds, aggregating \$340,000 as follows:

\$115,000 school bonds. Due \$3,000 from 1929 to 1958 and \$5,000, 1959 to 1963, all incl.

100,000 city hall bonds. Due \$2,000 from 1929 to 1948, and \$3,000, 1949 to 1968, all incl.

60,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 from 1929 to 1958, incl. 25,000 abattoir bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1929 to 1953, incl.

25,000 street improvement refunding bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1929 to 1953, incl.

15,000 parks and playgrounds bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1929 to 1943, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 14 1928. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York City. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago or Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will approve legality. A \$5,000 certified check, payable to Lem Burr, Mayor, is required.

TENAFLY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by N. F. Dennis, District Clerk, until 8:30 p. m. May 24, for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$43,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over that amount. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1946; and \$2,000, 1947 to 1967 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Tenafly Trust Co., Tenafly. A certified check payable to the order of the Custodian of School Moneys, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Earle L. Peters, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 21 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2% aggregating \$736,000:

\$500,000 intercepting sewer bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$20,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1953, incl.

45,000 bridge repair bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$9,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1933, incl.

40,000 park bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$4,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1938, incl.

30,000 fire and police alarm bonds. Dated April 1 1928. Due \$2,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1943, incl.

25,000 street sign bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$5,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1933, incl.

25,000 park paving bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; and \$3,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.

20,000 playground bonds. Dated March 1 1928. Due \$2,000, Mar. 1 1930 to 1939, incl.

16,000 park building bonds. Dated April 1 1928. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1942, incl.; and \$2,000, 1943.

11,000 sidewalk bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1937, incl.; and \$2,000, 1938.

10,000 motor apparatus bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$2,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1933, incl.

10,000 work house bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$1,000, May 1 1929 to 1938, incl.

4,000 park mowing machine bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$1,000, Nov. 1 1929 to 1932, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City. A certified check payable to the order of the City Commissioner or Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland. Bids for bonds bearing a different rate of interest will receive consideration.

UNION CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk, until 8:30 p. m. (daylight saving

time) May 18, for the purchase of an issue of $4\frac{1}{4}$ or $4\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon or registered West Hoboken street and sewer bonds not to exceed \$297,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over that amount. Dated May 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 15 as follows: \$20,000, 1930 to 1941 incl.; \$30,000, 1942; and \$27,000, 1943. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the City for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

UNIONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the District Clerk, until May 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$300,000 school bonds maturing as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1944 incl.; and \$15,000, 1945 to 1954 incl.

UNION TOWNSHIP, Johnson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Otis M. Vandivier, Township Trustee, until 4 p. m. May 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$41,700 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % school construction bonds. Dated May 12 1928. Due serially on June and Dec. 30 of each year in equal installments.

UTICA, Oneida County, New York.—BOND OFFERING.—William S. Pugh, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) May 18, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$363,766.46, rate of interest not to exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ % and to be stated in multiples of 1-10th of 1%.

471,812.21 deferred assessment bonds. Dated May 15 1928. Due May 15, as follows: \$46,812.21, 1929; and \$45,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.
43,652.79 deferred assessment bonds. Dated Mar. 15 1928. Due Mar. 15, as follows: \$8,652.79, 1929; and \$7,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.
48,311.46 delinquent tax bonds. Dated May 15 1928. Due May 15, as follows: \$8,311.46, 1929; and \$10,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.

Only bids for the entire amount of bonds offered will receive consideration. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$7,275.53 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

Financial Statement of the City of Utica, N. Y., April 30 1928.

Bonded Debt—	
Bonded debt, exclusive of this issue of bonds.....	\$9,802,705.45
Sinking funds.....	1,113,232.70
Net Bonded Debt.....	\$8,689,472.75
Assessed Valuation—	
Assessed valuation of real estate, less exemption.....	\$128,403,859.00
Assessed valuation of special franchises.....	4,222,809.00
Assessed valuation of personal property.....	313,036.00
	\$132,939,704.00
Assessed val. of prop. assessable for schools and highways.....	266,003.00
	\$133,205,707.00
Valuation of property exempt from taxation.....	15,881,490.00
Total valuation of all property.....	\$149,087,197.00
Water debt..... None	
Population, Federal census, 1910.....	74,419
Population, State enumeration, 1915.....	83,547
Population, Federal census, 1920.....	94,156
Population, State enumeration, 1925.....	101,604
City of Utica incorporated, 1832.....	

VAN DERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles O. Welleman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 24 for the purchase of an issue of \$48,800 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % Pigeon Township road improvement bonds. Due semi-annually on May 15 and Nov. 15 from 1929 to 1938 incl.

VILLE PLATTE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Ville Platte), Evangeline Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of 6% ad valorem bonds offered for sale on March 31—V. 126, p. 1556—has been purchased by the Whitney-Central Bank of New Orleans. Denom. \$500. Due from April 1 1929 to 1938 incl.

WADSWORTH, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. G. Bowman, Village Clerk, until 12 m. May 26, for the purchase of the following issues of $5\frac{1}{2}$ % special assessment bonds:

\$9,950 improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.; \$1,500, 1936; and \$1,450, 1937.

4,125 improvement bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1929 and 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; and \$1,125, 1933.

Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Clerk, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

WAHOTOKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of $5\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon school building bonds offered for sale on May 4—V. 126, p. 2855—was awarded to the Elmer J. Kennedy Co. of Los Angeles at a price of 103.082, a basis of about 5.08%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 20 1928. Due \$1,000 from April 20 1930 to 1942 incl. No option of prior payment. Interest payable on April 20 and Oct. 20.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Della B. King, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. May 25 for the purchase of the following issues of $4\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds, aggregating \$176,110:

\$62,460 property owners' portion impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$2,460 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1929; \$3,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1930 and 1931; \$3,000 April 1 and \$4,000 Oct. 1 1932; \$3,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1933 and 1934; \$3,000 April 1 and \$4,000 Oct. 1 1935; \$3,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1936 and 1937, and \$3,000 April 1 and \$4,000 Oct. 1 1938.

50,650 property owners' portion impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$1,650 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1929; \$2,000 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1930 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1937, and \$3,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1938.

37,000 city's portion impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000, May 1 and Dec. 1 1929 to 1945 incl.; and \$1,000, May 1 and \$2,000, Dec. 1 1946.

26,000 city's portion impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1929; \$1,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1930 and 1931; \$1,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1932; \$1,000, April 1 and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1933; \$1,000, April 1 and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1934; \$1,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1935; \$1,000, April 1 and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1936 and 1937, and \$1,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1938.

The city bonds are dated May 1 1928 and the other issues April 1 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. A certified check of \$500 for each issue, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required.

WAUKON, Allamakee County, Iowa.—PRICE PAID.—The \$10,000 issue of $4\frac{1}{2}$ % refunding bonds that was purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport—V. 126, p. 2855—brought a \$65 premium, equal to 100.65, a basis of about 4.43%. Due \$500 yearly from 1930 to 1949, incl.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. May 15, by the Clerk Board of County Road Commissioners, for the purchase of the following issues of road assessment bonds aggregating \$560,000:

\$360,000 District No. 7 bonds. \$200,000 District No. 5 bonds.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$64,000 road improvement bonds offered on May 3—V. 126, p. 2697—were awarded to the First National Co. of Detroit, as $4\frac{1}{4}$ s, at a premium of \$130, equal to 100.203, a basis of about 4.20%. Dated April 1 1928. Due \$8,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1936, incl.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer, until 12 m. May 14 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$50,000 temporary loan maturing in Nov. 28 1928.

WEBSTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$46,500, offered on May 9—V. 126, p. 2697—were awarded to the National Bank of Rochester, as 4.20s at par:

\$36,000 water bonds. Due \$2,000 Aug. 1 1930 to 1947 incl.

10,500 sewer bonds. Due \$500 Aug. 1 1930 to 1950 incl.

Dated May 1 1928. The following bids were also received:	
Bidder—	
Batchelder, Wack & Co.....	Int. Rate..... 100.185
Pulleyn & Co.....	4.40%..... 100.079
George B. Gibbons & Co.....	4.40%..... 100.47
Dewey, Bacon & Co.....	4.40%..... 100.08
Farson, Son & Co.....	4.40%..... 100.222
Sage, Wolcott & Steele.....	4.25%..... 100.132

WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Ronald C. Alford, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.15 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 15, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$581,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues below:

\$388,000 $4\frac{1}{4}$ or $4\frac{1}{2}$ % improvement bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$15,000, 1933 to 1955, incl. and \$13,000, 1956. 193,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % assessment bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1929 to 1937, incl., and \$13,000, 1938.

Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, West Orange. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

Financial Statement.
I. Indebtedness.

Gross debt:	
Bonds outstanding.....	\$1,239,000.00
Floating debt (including temporary bonds outstanding).....	1,012,708.83
	\$2,251,708.83

Deductions:	
Water debt.....	None
Sinking funds, other than for water bonds.....	\$294,452.80
	294,452.80
Net debt.....	\$1,957,256.03

Bonds to be issued:	
Assessment bonds of 1928.....	\$193,000.00
Improvement bonds of 1928.....	388,000.00
	\$581,000.00
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds.....	579,258.54
	1,741.46

Net debt, including bonds to be issued.....	\$1,958,997.49
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II. Assessed Valuations.

Real property 1926.....	29,818,700.00
Real property 1927.....	33,712,945.00
Real property 1928.....	35,904,220.00

III. Population.

Census of 1920.....	15,871
Estimated, 1928.....	22,000

IV. Tax Rate.

Discal year 1928.....\$37.50 per thousand

WEST POINT, Clay County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 issue of 5% street improvement bonds that was offered for sale on June 4—V. 124, p. 3393—has been awarded to the First Savings Bank of West Point. Due from 1929 to 1938, incl.

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston was awarded on May 7 an issue of \$15,000 4% water bonds at 101.721. The following is a list of other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder—	
Weymouth Savings Bank.....	Rate Bid..... 101.65
R. L. Day & Co.....	101.39
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.....	100.05

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP, Johnson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter Kegley, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$12,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % school building bonds. Dated May 12 1928. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 June and Dec. 15 1929 to 1938, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Farmers State Bank, Bargersville.

WHITESTONE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Loomis), Wash.—INTEREST RATE—MATURITY.—The \$253,805 issue of irrigation bonds that was purchased at par by the State of Washington—V. 126, p. 2698—bears interest at 6% and is due from 1929 to 1953, incl.

WILDWOOD CREST (P. O. Wildwood), Cape May County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of $5\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon or registered boardwalk improvement bonds offered on May 7—V. 126, p. 2698—was awarded to the Marine National Bank of Wildwood, taking \$58,000 bonds (\$60,000 offered) paying \$60,280, equal to 104, a basis of about 4.93%. Dated April 1 1928. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1936, incl.; \$4,000, 1937 to 1944, incl.; and \$2,000, 1945.

The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder—	
Union Bank, Wildwood.....	Bonds Bid For..... Rate Bid..... \$60,152.20
Fidelity Trust Co., Wildwood.....	60..... 60,666.00
Wildwood Title & Trust Co.....	59..... 60,387.00

WILLACY COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Raymondville), Tex.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—A \$200,000 block of a \$500,000 issue of $5\frac{1}{2}$ % semi-annual road bonds has recently been purchased by H. D. Crosby & Co. of San Antonio. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in from 1 to 30 years.

WILLACY COUNTY RD. DIST. No. 3 (P. O. Raymondville), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of $5\frac{1}{2}$ % road bonds has been purchased jointly by H. D. Crosby & Co. of San Antonio and M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock for a premium of \$3,750, equal to 101.875. (Plus printing). (These bonds are part of a \$500,000 issue).

WILLACY COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Raymondville), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$400,000 issue of $5\frac{1}{2}$ % semi-annual road bonds has been recently purchased jointly by H. D. Crosby & Co. of San Antonio and M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in from 1 to 30 years.

WILLARD, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of improvement bonds aggregating \$66,400 offered on April 27—V. 126, p. 2540—were awarded to Callahan & Co. of Cleveland, as follows:

\$46,400 bonds as $4\frac{1}{8}$ s, at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.021, a basis of about 4.47%. Due \$2,320, April and Oct. 1 1929 to 1938, incl. 20,000 bonds as $4\frac{1}{8}$ s, at a premium of \$1. Due \$1,000, April and Oct. 1 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

Dated April 1 1928.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston were awarded on May 7 a \$1,000,000 temporary loan on a 3.94% discount basis plus a premium of \$11.00. The loan is dated May 8 1928 and is payable on Nov. 22 1928 at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, or by arrangement at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Williams Begg, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. on May 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$134,728.55 issue of $4\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon special improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and one for \$728.55. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,728.55 in 1929 and \$9,000 from 1930 to 1943, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer in Topeka. Legal opinion of Bowersock, Fizzell & Rhoades of Kansas City will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, is required.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ARCOLA, Sask.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by P. B. Thompson, Secretary, until May 14 for the purchase of an issue of \$15,000 20-installment debentures, rate of interest to be named by bidder and not to exceed 6%.

BLIND RIVER, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on May 1—V. 126, p. 2698—were awarded to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, at 97.46. The bonds mature in equal annual instalments of both principal and interest in from 1 to 20 years.

CALGARY, Alta.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% debentures, aggregating \$2,356,000, offered on May 3—V. 126, p. 2541—were awarded to the Bank of Montreal, at 95.60, a basis of about 4.93%: \$1,314,000 bridge, hospital, electric light, power, street railway, and water works extensions bonds. Due Mar. 13 1945.

600,000 local improvement bonds. Due Mar. 13 1935. 186,000 losses on sales of debentures. Due Nov. 26 1947. 156,000 local improvement bonds. Due Nov. 26 1937. 100,000 exhibition improvement bonds. Due Nov. 26 1947. The bonds, it is stated, are issued to refund \$2,300,000 7% bonds maturing June 1 1928 and are a direct and binding obligation of the city at large. The legality of the issue has been passed upon by E. G. Long, K.C., Public offering of the bonds is being made as follows:

Table with columns: Amount, Maturity, Price. Rows include \$600,000 Mar. 13 1935, 156,000 Nov. 26 1937, 1,314,000 Mar. 13 1945, 186,000 Nov. 26 1947, 100,000 June 1 1958.

FORD CITY, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposal to bond the city for \$55,000 will be submitted on May 26 to the rate payers for their approval, according to the "Monetary Times" of May 4. The issue if approved will be used for fire hall purposes.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont.—BIDS.—The following is a list of bids submitted for the two issues of bonds awarded to the Canadian Bank of Commerce (V. 126, p. 2856):

Table with columns: Bidder, Hospital, City of Fort William. Rows include Canadian Bank of Commerce, Wood, Gundy & Co., Bank of Montreal, Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Royal Securities Corp., Bond & Debenture Corporation, A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Bell, Gounilock & Co.

ONTARIO (Province of).—\$30,000,000 4% LONG-TERM BONDS SOLD.—J. D. Monteth, Provincial Treasurer, awarded on May 9, to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, New York, Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Bankers Trust Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Redmond & Co., Clark, Dodge & Co., Salomom Bros. & Hutzler, William R. Compton Co. and the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Bank of Nova Scotia, Dominion Bank, Kerr, Fleming & Co., McLeod, Young & Weir, Matthews & Co. and Hanson Bros., a \$30,000,000 issue of 4% long-term provincial gold bonds maturing serially on May 15 from 1929 to 1968 incl. (Annual amounts due shown on table below) at 94.10, a basis of about 4.41%. The bonds are dated May 15 1928 are coupon in denoms. of \$1,000 and registerable as to principal. Prin. and int. (May and Nov. 15) payable in gold coin of the United States in New York City, or in gold coin of lawful money of Canada in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Regina, Halifax, Calgary and St. John, Canada, or in London, England, at par of exchange at the option of the holder. Legality to be approved by E. G. Long, Esq., K. C. Toronto. Alternative bids were requested for either the 40-year bonds or two-year treasury bills, same amount to be awarded.

SYNDICATE OFFERS BONDS.—The bonds it is stated are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont, and constitute a direct and primary obligation of the Province and a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The syndicate is now offering the bonds for investment as follows:

Table with columns: Amount, Due, To Yield, Amount, Due, To Yield, Amount, Due, To Yield. Rows include \$327,000 1929 4.45%, \$339,000 1930 4.45%, \$352,000 1931 4.45%, \$367,000 1932 4.45%, \$381,000 1933 4.45%, \$397,000 1934 4.40%, \$413,000 1935 4.40%, \$429,000 1936 4.40%, \$446,000 1937 4.40%, \$464,000 1938 4.40%, \$483,000 1939 4.40%, \$502,000 1940 4.40%, \$522,000 1941 4.40%, \$543,000 1942 4.40%, \$565,000 1943 4.40%, \$587,000 1944 4.35%, \$611,000 1945 4.35%, \$635,000 1946 4.35%, \$661,000 1947 4.35%, \$687,000 1948 4.35%, \$715,000 1949 4.35%, \$744,000 1950 4.35%, \$773,000 1951 4.35%, \$804,000 1952 4.35%, \$836,000 1953 5.35%, \$870,000 1954 4.35%, \$905,000 1955 4.35%, \$941,000 1956 4.35%, \$978,000 1957 4.35%, \$1,016,000 1958 4.30%, \$1,057,000 1959 4.30%, \$1,100,000 1960 4.30%, \$1,144,000 1961 4.30%, \$1,190,000 1962 4.30%, \$1,238,000 1963 4.30%, \$1,287,000 1964 4.30%, \$1,338,000 1965 4.30%, \$1,391,000 1966 4.30%, \$962,000 1967 4.30%, \$1,000,000 1968 4.30%

Below is furnished a list of bids submitted for the obligations as published in the "Herald Tribune" of May 10. In commenting upon the difference of opinion as to the value of the bonds Edward H. Collins in the aforementioned journal said:

The difference in the bid prices on this issue, while the widest that has appeared at any outstanding sale this year reflects in no wise, of course, a difference of opinion as to the credit rating of the Province of Ontario. As suggested in this column recently syndicate meetings preparatory to this sale brought out a wide range of opinions as to the outlook for the bond market and for the money market. This divergence of views coupled with differences of policy attending the carrying of large bond issues accounted, no doubt, for the range of the tenders. This divergence of views was expressed in the competition for the short-term obligations as well as the long, as the tabulation of offers below shows:

Table with columns: Group, 40-Year, 2-Year, Price, Basis, Price, Basis. Rows include First National Bank, Bank of Montreal, Bankers Trust Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Kissel, Kinneutt & Co., Redmond & Co., Clark, Dodge & Co., Salomom Bros. & Hutzler, W. R. Compton Co., Northern Trust Co., Bank of Nova Scotia, Dominion Bank, Kerr, Fleming & Co., McLeod, Young & Weir, Matthews & Co., and Hanson Brothers, Blair & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Equitable Trust Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Illinois Merchants Trust, Continental National Co., First Trust & Savings, R. A. Daly & Co., Royal Securities Corp., Canadian Bank of Commerce, Royal Bank of Canada, Atlantic-Merrill-Oldham Corp., Cochran, Hay & Co., Ltd., Mills Spence & Co., First Detroit Co., Guardian Detroit Co., Inc., Marine Trust Co., Wells, Dickey & Co., and Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., National City Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., and Dominion Securities Corp., Guaranty Co. of New York participated in the National City syndicate in the bidding for the short-term issue, but not for the long-term bonds.]

HULL, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 4 1/2% registered bonds offered on May 7—V. 126, p. 2856—were awarded to Versailles, Vidraire & Boulais, Ltd., of Montreal, at 98.09. The bonds are dated May 1 1928 and are payable in 20 years at Hull, Montreal and Quebec. Other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Rows include A. E. Ames & Co., L. G. Beaubien & Co., Dyment, Anderson & Co., H. C. Monk & Co.

PERTH, ONT.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds were recently awarded to Tom Farmer, a local investor according to the "Toronto Globe" of May 7. They are \$172,692 paving debentures and \$12,798 sewer debentures.

REGINA, Sask.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Local Government Board, according to the "Monetary Times," of May 4, has authorized the city to issue \$125,000 4 1/2% 15-year debentures for exhibition purposes.

SASKATCHEWAN (Prov. of).—BONDS SOLD.—The following is a list of debentures reported sold by the Local Government Board from Apr. 14 to 21, as published in the "Monetary Times" of May 4:

School Districts: Grainview, \$750 5 1/2% 10-years, to C. C. Cross & Co.; Monnawala, \$2,200 5 1/2% 10-years, to Regina Public School Sinking Fund; Standon, \$1,000 5 1/2% 5-years, to Regina Public School Sinking Fund; Awke Hill, \$4,500 5 1/2% 15-years, to Regina Public School Sinking Fund; New Ontario, \$4,500 5 1/2% 10-years, to Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co.; High Bluff, \$5,500 5 1/2% 15-years, to Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co.; Ellsboro, \$4,000 5 1/2% 15-years, to H. M. Turner & Co.

SHERBROOKE, Que.—BIDS.—The following is a list of other bids submitted for the \$200,000 city bonds awarded on April 25 as 4 1/2% to Rene T. Lerclerc, Inc., of Montreal, at 99.01 (V. 126, p. 2698):

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Rows include A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Wood, Gundy & Co., W. E. Paton & Co., Dominion Securities Corp., Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hanson Bros., Inc., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Bank of Montreal.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—PROPOSED.—The City is contemplating the lotation of a \$300,000 4 1/2% 40-year bond issue shortly, according to the "Monetary Times" of May 4.

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