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The Financial Situation.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, made a bold move this week in arranging for financing the payment of the Third Liberty Loan bonds which mature Sept. 15 next. He is offering in exchange long-term Treasury bonds bearing only 3⅜% interest. There are still about \$1,225,000,000 of these Third Liberty bonds still outstanding. In the borrowing which the Secretary was obliged to do in connection with the Treasury's June program of financing, the feature which excited wide comment at the time was the relatively high interest rates the Secretary felt it incumbent to offer to insure the success of the undertaking—4% per annum in the case of one series of Treasury certificates running for six months and 3⅞% in the case of the second series running nine months. Now he is offering no more than 3⅜%, but on a long-term issue. The proposition comes, too, in a week when the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange touched 10%, the highest figure since Nov. 1920, though the collateral loan market has since then eased up considerably, and the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange on Tuesday and Thursday got as low as 5% and yesterday was 5½% all day.

Of course there is a vast difference between short-term borrowing and long-term borrowing, and the rental charge in the former case may not be at all indicative of the probabilities as respects the latter, that is the rate of return to be realized over a period of time extending well into the immediate future. Nevertheless the experiment will be watched with considerable interest, since, though the Secretary may be entirely right in his judgment as to the rate of return investors are likely to obtain twelve years hence or fifteen years hence, there is yet the question how far investors and other lenders of money

will be willing *now* to anticipate the prospective lower rate. Mr. Mellon is an able financier and has in the past proved a shrewd judge of conditions, present and prospective, both in the money market and in the investment world, and must be supposed to have calculated the chances of success very carefully before framing and submitting his proposal. The immediate response to the proposal has certainly been favorable, and the Third Liberty Loan bonds which sold on the New York Stock Exchange at the close on Tuesday at 100-1/32, advanced to 101 on Thursday, but dropped back to 100-19/32 at the close yesterday.

Yet it is impossible to ignore the fact that United States 3½% Treasury notes, series "A" 1930-32, have recently been ruling well below par, and the British Government, being able to obtain these notes at a discount, took advantage of the fact in making its semi-annual payment last month of \$67,200,000 to the United States on account of the principal and interest of its indebtedness to the United States, it having the option under the debt agreement of making payment either in cash or United States securities. It succeeded in acquiring \$66,617,100 of these notes and, as they carried \$582,899.63 of accrued interest, was able to meet the whole \$67,200,000 by turning in these notes, the only cash adjustment necessary being a payment of 37c. These are obligations having two to four years to run and bear 3½% interest, while the new Treasury bonds will bear only 3⅜%, as said, but have a much longer period of maturity. Another point worth noting as having some bearing on the matter is that while the Secretary in his June financing offered two series of Treasury certificates and invited subscriptions to each for \$200,000,000 "or thereabouts," the subscriptions for the nine-months certificates bearing no more than 3⅞% interest aggregated only \$254,097,500, while the subscriptions for the \$200,000,000 certificates maturing in six months and bearing 4% interest reached no less than \$738,266,000, indicating a decided preference for the higher rate offerings.

However, the new Treasury bonds are not without attractive features, and there are also some special inducements offered which should not be overlooked. At the outset some difference in the customary wording of the Treasury circular inviting subscriptions deserves to be noted. The circular is addressed to "banks, trust companies, savings banks, bankers, investment dealers, principal corporations and others concerned," as is generally the case, and it states that the Secretary of the Treasury "invites subscriptions from the people of the United States," which latter appeal is made only when a long-term offering is made, the evident desire being to effect a wide distribution of the new bonds instead of having them lodge in the possession of the ordinary banking and

financial institutions. The new Treasury bonds will mature June 15 1943, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after June 15 1940, in whole or in part, at par and accrued interest, on any interest day or days, on four months' notice of redemption.

Cash subscriptions are invited at par and accrued interest. The subscription books for the cash offering opened on July 5, and may close "without notice within a few days thereafter." The amount of the issue for cash will be limited to \$250,000,000 or thereabouts. The amount of the exchange offering is limited to the amount of the Third 4 $\frac{1}{4}$'s tendered and accepted. Exchange subscriptions are invited at par. Interest, however, on any Third 4 $\frac{1}{4}$'s surrendered and accepted—and this is the important feature—is to be paid in full to Sept. 15 1928. Accordingly, at the time of delivery of the new Treasury bonds the Federal Reserve Banks will pay to the subscriber six months' interest from March 15 1928 to Sept. 15 1928 on the Third 4 $\frac{1}{4}$'s surrendered in exchange. As delivery of the new bonds on exchange subscriptions is to be made on and after July 16 1928—in the case of the cash subscriptions delivery is not to be made until Aug. 1 1928—this means that holders of the Third 4 $\frac{1}{4}$'s making the exchange will get a gratuity of, roughly, two months' interest (July 16 1928 to Sept. 15 1928) at the old rate of 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %, since the new bonds will also bear interest from July 16 1928. In other words, a premium of 1/6 of 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % is offered as an inducement to the holder of the 4 $\frac{1}{4}$'s to make the exchange, or roughly .70 of 1%, and this explains the rise which occurred in the Third Liberty issue on the announcement of the offer of exchange.

The exchange offering is to be kept open for a limited period—probably until July 31, we are told—though the Secretary reserves the right to close the exchange offering, as well as the cash offering, at any time without notice. The promise is also made that "if the amount of exchange subscriptions received by the Treasury is such that the allotted subscriptions to the combined offering aggregate \$500,000,000 or thereabouts *there will be no further offering of long-term bonds in connection with the maturity of the Thirds.*"

It is well enough to recall that in January last an earlier attempt at refunding the Third Liberty bonds in advance of maturity was made. Then an issue of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Treasury notes dated and bearing interest from Jan. 16 1928 and due Dec. 15 1932, but redeemable at the option of the United States at par on and after Dec. 15 1930, was offered in exchange for the Third Liberty Loan bonds. The latter were at the time selling at a slight premium of 23/32, or 75c. on each hundred dollars, but the Treasury offered to pay interest in full on the Third Liberty bonds until March 15; \$607,399,650 Third Liberty bonds were tendered in exchange for such Treasury notes. The market price of these Treasury notes is now only about 99, and it was bonds of an earlier series of the same notes—Series A—that the British Government was able to acquire at a discount. The new Treasury bonds now offered bear only 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ % interest, but have a much longer period to run—12 to 15 years.

Satisfaction over the downward course of brokers' loans has proved short-lived, as on so many previous occasions. The monthly statement compiled

by the Stock Exchange, issued the present week and with the figures brought down to June 30, was all that could be desired and was in full accord with the reductions shown in the weekly returns of the Federal Reserve Banks for the last three weeks of June. In the three weeks referred to the Federal Reserve statements, covering the 45 reporting member banks in New York City, had shown an aggregate contraction of \$403,976,000, but if allowance be made for the fact that in the first week of June, when expansion was still making headway, there was an increase of \$93,774,000, the net reduction for the month would be only \$310,202,000. The Stock Exchange figures, which are more comprehensive than those of the Federal Reserve Board and are for the even month, show a shrinkage in the grand total during June of \$375,694,794, carrying the total down to \$4,898,351,487, which compares with \$5,274,046,281 on May 31 and \$4,907,782,599 on April 30, but with only \$4,322,578,914 on Feb. 29.

Unfortunately the weekly Federal Reserve statement, issued after the close of business on Thursday and bringing the results down to Tuesday night, July 3, shows that the downward course of these brokers' loans has not only been checked, but completely reversed. Following the three weeks' substantial contraction just noted, the figures for the week ending July 3 show a big increase again. The increase for the latest week amounts to no less than \$147,812,000. Of late speculation on the Stock Exchange has again been reviving, and the present week in particular the upward movement has been making quite rapid progress, indications of renewed pool operations being again in evidence. All this now finds expression in a renewed expansion in the total of brokers' loans. It is to be noted, too, that the bulk of this week's increase has been in the loans made by the 45 reporting member banks for their own account. In previous weeks much has been made of the fact that these reporting member banks had heavily reduced their own loan account, and that it was in the other categories that increases were occurring. The past week, however, the loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account have run up from \$941,346,000 to \$1,131,568,000 and the loans for account of out-of-town banks (which likewise had been shrinking) have also increased, the amount moving up from \$1,488,890,000 to \$1,511,506,000, while on the other hand the loans "for account of others" fell from \$1,729,028,000 to \$1,664,002,000. At \$4,307,076,000 July 3 the grand total of these loans to brokers and dealers in all the different categories compares with only \$3,126,327,000 on July 6 last year, showing an addition for the twelve months of almost 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ billion dollars.

This renewed expansion in borrowing on Stock Exchange account has unfortunately also been attended by further borrowing of the member banks at the Reserve institutions. The discounts of the member banks at the Reserve institutions have increased during the week from \$1,031,874,000 to \$1,191,010,000, at which figure comparison is with only \$506,768,000 at the corresponding date in 1927. The twelve Reserve institutions have also again added to their holdings of United States Government securities, the amount of these the present week being \$219,565,000 as against \$211,937,000 a week ago, though on the other hand the acceptance holdings of the Reserve Banks have fallen from

\$223,432,000 to \$209,664,000. The final result is that total bill and security holdings this week stand at \$1,620,729,000, as against \$1,467,733,000 a week ago, being an addition of no less than \$152,996,000; a year ago (July 6) the total was no more than \$1,081,579,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation increased during the week from \$1,604,635,000 to \$1,660,132,000, while gold reserves have further declined from \$2,583,310,000 to \$2,546,490,000. It should be added that member bank borrowing the past week has been particularly heavy in the New York Federal Reserve district, the discount holdings here having increased from \$373,079,000 to \$436,537,000, at which figure comparison is with only \$144,838,000 a year ago.

Down in Chattanooga the people have been celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into the publishing business of Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York "Times" and owner and publisher of the Chattanooga "Times." On July 1 1878 Mr. Ochs, having then just turned 20, became proprietor and publisher of the Chattanooga "Times." In 1896, 32 years ago, he became publisher and controlling owner of the New York "Times." The whole city of Chattanooga, along with the entire outside world, has been paying tribute to him on the occasion and according him the praise so justly his due. Mr. Ochs deserves all the good things said of him or that can be said. As President Coolidge in his telegram of congratulation from his summer lodge in Brule, Wisconsin, well observes, "The publication of one great newspaper for fifty years and of another great newspaper for thirty-two of those years is a notable achievement." But that is only half the story. It is the kind and quality of the papers that Mr. Ochs has been producing and publishing that constitutes his strongest claim to merit.

The New York "Times" is a metropolitan newspaper which from nearly every standpoint is as nearly perfect as it is possible for human skill and human ingenuity to make it. It had seen great days in its earlier history and won notable fame and distinction, but had been rapidly declining and was fast becoming moribund when Mr. Ochs succeeded to control. It needed resuscitation and rehabilitation. Mr. Ochs was equal to the task and has made of the "Times" one of the most admirable and most successful newspapers of the day. He has from the first conducted the paper according to the highest standards of excellence and has never allowed himself to swerve from the resolve to publish a newspaper clean in every sense of the word.

Other newspapers might depend upon other means of success, might pander to prejudice, might make demagogic appeals to inflame the ignorant masses, might fill the columns of his newspaper with prurient stories for the edification of the depraved, but never the New York "Times"! "All the news fit to print," a phrase more expressive than elegant, has been his motto, and what a wealth of news of that kind he has been able to gather from all quarters of the globe by the prodigal expenditure of money and energy! A man of that kind, with such a wonderful record, and with his life work so crowned with success, cannot be too highly honored, and it is an incentive to honest endeavor to have such general and wide recognition accorded to the fact.

The stock market continued to gain tone and strength the past week, but was somewhat reactionary yesterday. Prices moved upward early in the week, though call money on the Stock Exchange on Monday advanced to 10%, the highest figure touched since 1920. After Monday the tension in the money market relaxed considerably, and this furnished a new incentive for raising prices. On Thursday Secretary Mellon's offering of long-term Treasury bonds bearing only $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ interest was hailed as an indication of easy money conditions for the future. On the other hand, the statement of brokers' loans issued Thursday evening showed that this class of borrowing was again increasing and this exercised somewhat of a dampening influence upon the ardor of the speculative community, with the result that parts of the early gains were lost. The volume of trading has slowly increased, though of course business has not come anywhere near the magnitude of that recorded from day to day before the great crash in values early in June. On Monday transactions on the New York Stock Exchange aggregated 1,661,510 shares; on Tuesday 1,792,810 shares; on Thursday (Wednesday having been Independence Day and a holiday) 2,268,038 shares, and on Friday 1,974,300 shares. In the Curb Market dealings on Monday aggregated 428,670 shares; on Tuesday 519,660 shares; on Thursday 527,945 shares, and on Friday 525,110 shares.

Liquidation of weak accounts during May and June appears to have been very thorough, and room traders for the time being find it easier to advance prices than to depress them. That seems to be the secret of their operating on the bull side of the market at present, rather than the bear side. As far as the speculative specialties are concerned, General Motors stock closed yesterday at $192\frac{1}{4}$ against 188 on Friday of last week, but Radio Corp. of America closed at 184 against $187\frac{5}{8}$. Montgomery Ward & Co. closed at $157\frac{3}{4}$ against $150\frac{1}{8}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at $113\frac{3}{8}$ against $109\frac{1}{8}$. U. S. Steel has also continued to show an improving tendency, and closed yesterday at $138\frac{1}{2}$ against $136\frac{3}{4}$; but some of the other steel stocks have evinced a declining tendency. Bethlehem Steel closed at $55\frac{1}{2}$ against $55\frac{1}{2}$; Crucible Steel at $70\frac{1}{4}$ against $73\frac{1}{8}$, and Ludlum Steel at $55\frac{7}{8}$ against 56.

The copper stocks, while less prominent than heretofore, have also continued their manifestation of strength, but the net changes for the week are not important. Anaconda closed yesterday at $68\frac{3}{4}$ against $68\frac{1}{2}$ the previous Friday; Magna Copper at $52\frac{3}{8}$ against $52\frac{1}{2}$; American Smelting & Refining at $193\frac{5}{8}$ against 195; Cerro de Pasco at 78 against $76\frac{1}{2}$, and Kennecott at $91\frac{1}{4}$ against $90\frac{1}{4}$. The motor stocks have also given a good account of themselves (in addition to General Motors, already mentioned) yet show irregular net changes for the week. Studebaker closed yesterday at $71\frac{7}{8}$ against 68 the previous Friday; Packard at $77\frac{1}{2}$ against $74\frac{1}{2}$; Nash at $86\frac{5}{8}$ against $88\frac{1}{2}$; Hudson at $83\frac{7}{8}$ against $82\frac{1}{8}$, and Hupp at $58\frac{1}{2}$ against $59\frac{1}{2}$. The rubber stocks have continued depressed. U. S. Rubber pref. closed at $58\frac{1}{4}$ yesterday against $59\frac{3}{4}$ the previous Friday, and the common at $29\frac{1}{8}$ against $29\frac{3}{4}$; Good-year Tire & Rubber closed at $48\frac{3}{4}$ against $47\frac{3}{4}$, and B. F. Goodrich at $76\frac{1}{8}$ against 70. The oil shares also show irregular changes. Atlantic Refining closed yesterday at $138\frac{1}{8}$ against $140\frac{3}{8}$ the previous Friday; Houston Oil closed at 139 against $138\frac{3}{4}$;

Marland Oil at 35½ against 35, and Standard Oil of New Jersey at 44⅝ against 44¼.

In the railroad list, Texas Pacific has continued its upward bound, and closed yesterday at 168 against 162 on Friday of last week. Otherwise the changes have not been important. New York Central closed yesterday at 172 against 171½ the previous Friday; Atchison at 188⅞ against 188⅞; Canadian Pacific at 207¼ against 203¼; Great Northern at 98½ against 98⅞; Northern Pacific at 96⅞ against 95½; Wabash at 76⅞ against 72½; Union Pacific at 195 against 195⅞; Southern Pacific at 122⅞ against 121⅞; Texas & Pacific at 168 against 162; St. Louis-San Francisco at 113 against 113¼; Reading at 102¾ against 102; Del. & Hud. at 191 against 192½; Balt. & Ohio at 109 against 109; Ches. & Ohio at 184½ against 181½, and New York, Chicago & St. Louis at 132 against 130½.

Commercial failures in the United States during the month of June were quite as numerous relatively as in the earlier months of the year. The number, as shown by the records of R. G. Dun & Co., was 1,947, and the liabilities \$29,827,073. In June 1927 there were 1,833 similar defaults with an indebtedness of \$34,465,165. The increase in the number this year over last year was 6.2%, but the liabilities last month were 13.5% less than for the corresponding month of last year. The decrease in the indebtedness reflects in the main the fewer large trading failures that occurred last month, in comparison with a year ago. Five of the six months this year show more insolvencies in number than for the corresponding time of 1927, April alone reporting fewer mercantile defaults than occurred a year ago. On the other hand, for each month this year to date the liabilities have been less than they were last year. There have been 12,828 mercantile defaults the first six months of 1928 with total indebtedness of \$251,548,406; in 1927 the corresponding figures were respectively 12,296 and \$281,527,518, an increase as to the number of defaults this year of 4.3%, but a decrease in liabilities of 10.7%. The comparison for June as to the number of insolvencies is somewhat more adverse than for the half year, but there is an improvement in the showing for the amounts involved.

Of the total number of failures in June, 513 were in manufacturing lines with liabilities of \$12,722,577; 1,325 were trading concerns owing \$13,780,748, and 109 agents and brokers for which the indebtedness was \$3,323,514. In June of last year there were 427 insolvencies of manufacturing concerns for \$13,586,903; 1,310 trading defaults with liabilities of \$17,856,038, and 96 agents and brokers owing \$3,022,224. The increase in the number of mercantile failures in June this year was largely in the manufacturing division, although both of the other two classes into which the figures are divided also show increases. As already stated, the greater part of the reduction in the liabilities last month was in the trading division; in the class embracing agents and brokers the amount involved was slightly larger this year. Under manufacturing, the additions last month were mainly in the four separate classes embracing machinery and tools, the lumber division, clothing and bakeries. Increases also appeared among iron foundries and nails; hats and furs and the shoe and leather manufacturing lines. On the other hand, there was some reduction in the print-

ing division and in that embracing manufacturers of cotton goods.

The larger failures last month added a considerable amount to the liabilities reported for the lumber manufacturing division, and there was also some increase in liabilities this year for the divisions embracing hats, as well as for bakeries. In the trading classes the increases last month in the number of defaults were confined mainly to the four divisions embracing clothing, jewelers, druggists, and hotels and restaurants. There was a small increase for dealers in dry goods, but notable reductions appear for general stores, grocers, and dealers in shoes and leather goods. As to the liabilities in the trading class, there were but three divisions, grocers, clothing and dry goods, where the aggregate amounts for each separate class exceeded \$1,000,000, the total for these three divisions approximating \$5,340,000; a year ago there were six such divisions, including, with the three mentioned above, general stores, hotels and dealers in furniture, while the aggregate of indebtedness shown for these six divisions a year ago exceeded \$11,650,000. The marked decrease in the defaulted indebtedness in the June report this year under trading classifications was in general stores, hotels and furniture. There was some increase in liabilities this year for the grocery division, and for dry goods; likewise, for a smaller amount in jewelry and in hardware lines, the number of defaults last month in the last mentioned division showing a reduction.

In number, the larger defaults in June this year, that is, mercantile insolvencies where the amount in each instance was \$100,000 or more, were practically the same as in June 1927, 50 such failures last month comparing with 49 a year ago. The liabilities for these defaults this year, however, are very much less than they were a year ago, \$10,434,530 last month comparing with \$15,129,075 in June 1927. It is to this fact that the smaller amount involved in June this year is attributable. Furthermore, as previously noted, the reduction is mainly in the division embracing trading defaults. There were 1,897 failures last month in the United States, involving \$19,392,543, where the indebtedness in each case was less than \$100,000, the average amount for each being \$10,223; the corresponding figures for June 1927 were 1,784 defaults for \$19,336,090, an average for each of \$10,831.

European securities markets have been unsettled during most of the past week, with severe depression occurring in some sections of the various markets, Thursday, on news of the strange disappearance from a private cross-channel airplane of the prominent speculator, Captain Alfred Loewenstein. Whether the Belgian financier stepped or fell from the airplane, while 4,000 feet above the English Channel, may never be known, but his sudden demise took the financial and industrial world on the Continent by surprise and caused consternation at Paris, Berlin and Brussels and no little excitement at London. Shares of the International Holdings Company dropped at London from \$215 to \$100 and rallied to \$145, while Hydro-Electric Securities Corporation slumped similarly from \$51½ to \$25 before recovering to \$35. On the Continental markets these shares, in which Captain Loewenstein was known to be heavily interested, followed a similar course. The remaining sections of the markets

showed varying degrees of sympathetic weakness. The industrial market in London was hard hit by the news, but rallied on reassuring announcements from officials of companies in which the Belgian speculator was interested and from bankers with whom he was associated. In Paris the incident weighed heavily on trading throughout the day, with banks, electrical, industrial and foreign stocks materially lower. The Berlin Boerse was even more decidedly affected, all shares selling off sharply. Reports from the German capital stated quite definitely that "it had been known for some time that Captain Loewenstein was in serious difficulties on account of over-speculation." On the Brussels Bourse all stocks in which the financier was interested fell about 30% Thursday morning, the market being pegged thereafter, according to reports.

Trading on European markets was desultory earlier in the week with some unsettlement Tuesday as a result of developments at New York. Ten per cent. call money here on Monday and the resultant drop on the New York Stock Exchange caused a general decline at London, Paris and Berlin, on the following day. The London Stock Exchange found an additional cause of weakness in the pronounced heaviness of home rails, which continued their downward course all week. The movement was accentuated Tuesday by news of a heavy drop in traffic receipts which developed at the same time that J. H. Thomas, leader of the railroad unions, uttered a grave warning to the members of his organization at Bristol. Mr. Thomas was so impressed by the gravity of the situation that he frankly declared he was apprehensive of the future. These developments brought out offerings of railroad shares that could not be absorbed, with the result that prices declined sharply and closed without recovery. The gilt-edged section of the London market was an exception to the general movement, these securities being stimulated by knowledge of further large impending arrivals of gold in London which, it was thought, would make for easier money. The prospect of reinvestment of July dividends was also a factor in the gilt-edged market. The miscellaneous markets at all three great European centers reflected the improvement at New York, Tuesday, by general though moderate advances Wednesday. Thereafter, however, they were dominated by the Lowenstein incident.

The likelihood becomes greater almost daily that Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg's proposal for a multilateral treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy will receive almost universal approval among the nations and will enable them to give expression to a fervent desire for peace that appears to animate them at present. The proposal was laid before fourteen foreign governments on June 23 and informal expressions in the greater capitals during the following week indicated that consideration would be quite friendly. Additional comments this week have taken on more definite hue and have been more authoritative. In London, Monday, Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party and former Prime Minister, remarked before a party meeting in the House of Commons that Mr. Kellogg's proposal was a new gesture and would be of great value as a means of extricating the League of Nations machine from the rut into which the militarists had succeeded in driving it. In Paris, Tues-

day, Premier Raymond Poincare attended a celebration in honor of the American colony in the French capital and, though he did not mention the Kellogg proposal by name, nevertheless made references that were taken as relating unmistakably to that proposal. "France, while remaining faithful to the League of Nations and to individual treaties which she has already signed, will never let pass an opportunity solemnly to condemn offensive wars," said Premier Poincare. "As long as she is able to defend her security against possible invasions or attacks, she is ready to denounce war as the most detestable of the world's evils and to do everything in her power to prevent its return." In Berlin, on the same day, Dr. Hermann Mueller, the new Chancellor of the Reich, declared before the Reichstag that his Government would support the Kellogg proposal. "We will do our utmost for the realization of this sublime plan, which places the maintenance of peace on the broadest possible basis," the Socialist Chancellor declared. In Geneva, Wednesday, Russian representatives attending sessions of the League sub-committee on security were reported to have said that Moscow would gladly sign the Kellogg treaty if the opportunity offered.

The fourteen invited governments, meanwhile, appear to be engaged in a full exchange of views regarding the proposed compact. A Paris dispatch of July 1 to the New York "Times" remarked that jurists in the various Foreign Ministries involved had been carefully examining the terms of the suggested accord. "And of these examinations and discussions, the outcome," the dispatch added, "appears to have been a general conclusion that with only a few more precisions of view publicly stated so as to make their various positions perfectly clear, all those invited to sign this great treaty will be ready and willing to do so. In coming to this conclusion European diplomats have never lost sight of the fact that they must reckon not only with Mr. Kellogg but also with the American Senate. They have come to believe that the Secretary of State has gone as far as he can toward meeting the various reserves which were attached if he is to succeed in getting this New World charter approved by the upper house. For this reason there will probably be less insistence on further modification of the document than would otherwise have been the case." The European view, however, is not necessarily the same as that held in Washington. "From whatever side the Kellogg treaty is examined," the "Times" dispatch added, "it is found that it cannot be regarded as an instrument separate and independent from those already existing for the maintenance and preservation of peace. It is complementary to those which are existing, such as that of Locarno and the Covenant of the League. But it has this advantage from the European view, that by it the United States is involved morally at least in any situation which may arise threatening the peace of the world."

A rapid clarification of both the political and the financial situation in France has followed since legal stabilization of the franc was successfully accomplished on June 24. Fears had been expressed that stabilization would probably mean the end of Premier Poincare's Government of National Union composed of representatives of all important parties. The large bloc of Deputies who had been elected in the national balloting at the end

of April had shown signs of restlessness, with some actually drifting off into alignment with the parties of the extreme Left. They had been elected to the Chamber of Deputies solely on the basis of support for M. Poincaré's financial policies, and when these had been carried out sufficiently to permit legal stabilization, many observers looked for prompt disintegration of the support due the Premier and Finance Minister. The Premier had been subjected to severe criticism, chiefly because of his rigorous handling of malcontents in the Provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, and it was considered that a request for a vote of confidence might mean his downfall.

Premier Poincaré put an end to the uncertainty on June 29 when he asked for a vote of confidence on the general policy of his Government. This was accorded him in two ballots in which the voting was 460 to 120 and 455 to 126. Only the Communists and Socialists voted against him, the Radicals, or more moderate Left adherents, deciding finally that they would vote with the Government, although their spokesman, Édouard Daladier, made it plain that this did not imply agreement with the Government on all points of its program. The strength shown by the Premier was considered assurance that the Government of National Union will remain in office for at least another six months. The Premier, dispatches said, will thus be able to concentrate his efforts on the still difficult task of pulling the country out of its financial entanglements. In addressing the Chamber, M. Poincaré, according to a special cable to the New York "Times," briefly sketched the series of disastrous crises which led to the formation of his Government of National Union. He recalled M. Herriot's famous phrase: "Sons do not fight at the bedside of their sick mother," and added that he had grouped about him those who had opposed him. Since formation of the Government, he continued, "there has developed among us a spirit of close solidarity and I have never for an instant regretted my choice. It was out of the collaboration of all these elements and thanks to the abnegation now of one side and now of the other that the new spirit of confidence and all that that made possible has come. And to-day the Cabinet is more united than ever. We have only one regret—that the same union does not exist in the corridors of the Chamber."

The official stabilization of the franc was accepted by the general public in France quite as a matter of course. It might well have gone unnoticed by the French people generally, reports said, but for the numerous articles in the press discussing it. It had no effect on the international exchange value of the franc and none on the prices of merchandise in France. Experts suggested, however, that it may cause a slight lowering of the price level in France because of the safe opportunity which the fixed franc provides for merchants to deal at a narrower margin of profit. A canvass of London, Berlin and Amsterdam opinion taken by the New York "Times" correspondents showed that all these financial centers regarded the "de jure" stabilization of the franc as an extremely favorable development. Financial London, it was said, greeted the French government's action with enthusiastic approval, since "it must ultimately be of great benefit both to France and to Europe generally, because it constitutes the final and one of the most

important steps in the restoration of normal currency conditions in Europe." No great immediate movement of capital either to or from Paris was considered likely to result from legal stabilization of the franc.

The new balance sheet of the Bank of France, made possible by the French government's action of June 24, as issued for the first time a week ago, shows the exact position of that institution, the previous statements not having been altogether clear because they were computed partly on the basis of the pre-war franc and partly on the current value of that monetary unit. The gold bullion that had previously been valued in pre-war francs was revalued and multiplied by five. The additional gold purchases were added and the total coverage was shown as 28,934,000,000 francs. This sum, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its monthly bulletin pointed out, is slightly larger than the total amounts of gold which the old statements showed under the three categories of gold in hand, gold available abroad and gold abroad not available. The note circulation of the Bank of France of 58,772,000,000 francs was thus covered by a gold reserve of 49%, while the total sight obligations of 71,529,000,000 francs were covered by gold to the extent of 40.45%, as against the 35% required by law. The statement further indicated that the Bank of France has foreign balances totaling 26,000,000,000 francs, not including 10,000,000,000 francs of foreign exchange loaned. With these resources added, but not including the foreign exchange loaned, the percentage of cover of the Bank of France was computed at 77.5. The changes shown in this week's return of the Bank are referred to in a subsequent paragraph of this article.

Computations of franc parity in relation to other exchanges place this figure as reported in these columns last week, at 25.52 to the dollar and 124.21 to the pound sterling. Since stabilization the franc has been quoted at a premium both on New York and London and this has led to calculation of the gold movement points of the French monetary unit. As between New York and Paris, it was considered that gold would move toward the French capital when the franc reached 25.36 to the dollar or higher, and toward New York when it dropped to or below 25.61 to the dollar. The cost of importing gold from New York was figured at Paris as 3.60% of its price, and the Bank of France takes 2.60% for the expenses of coinage. The latter item causes the unequal variation from the central point between the price of gold bought abroad and sold abroad. For gold coming from or going to London, the difference is smaller as the cost of transportation is less. The shipment points over ordinary routes were therefore considered to be 123.76 and 124.56. Utilization of air mail between London and Paris might make a very slight difference in these figures. London bankers calculated that the Bank of France, by eliminating its mint charges, might take gold from London when exchange reached 124.08 to the pound sterling.

Two incidental points of great importance in European financial history were considered to have been accomplished, or at least emphasized, by the French financial reforms of June 24. These were firstly, the definite break-up of the Latin monetary union which was organized in 1865, and secondly, the end of the bi-metallic system in France. Of the

countries in the union before the World War only Switzerland maintained the value of its currency unimpaired. The Italian lira was finally stabilized at 5.26 1/3 cents, Belgium adopted a new unit for foreign trading, the Belga, with a gold content giving it a value of 13.904 cents, and now the French franc has been fixed at 3.92 cents, although all four currencies were originally valued at 19.3 cents. Of equal importance, according to a Paris dispatch of July 1 to the New York "Herald Tribune," is the demonetization of silver and the adoption of gold as the only legal basis for French currency. The Bank of France, the dispatch indicated, has ceded its silver holdings of 784,000,000 francs to the State for new silver coins that will be issued at the end of this year.

An appeal to France for speedy evacuation of the Rhineland was the chief note struck by the new Socialist Chancellor of Germany, Dr. Hermann Mueller, in his Ministerial declaration before the Reichstag Tuesday. Dr. Mueller also insisted that armaments must be completely abolished by all countries, paying at the same time a profound tribute to the proposal of Secretary Kellogg for a multilateral treaty renouncing all war as an instrument of national policy. Finally, the new Chancellor affirmed flatly that the definite fixation of Germany's reparation debt total was not only desirable but possible. The declaration this week followed after the successful formation of a new coalition Government had been announced in Berlin June 28. Dr. Mueller swore in his colleagues and held his first Cabinet meeting on June 29 and the policies then agreed upon were announced in the open Reichstag Tuesday in accordance with German governmental procedure.

By far the greater part of the Chancellor's pronouncement dealt with domestic affairs, in the discussion of which he manifested the caution necessitated by the conflicting claims of the five parties represented in his Cabinet. He began, a New York "Times" dispatch said, by stressing the secure and unshakable character of the German Republic. The Reich's foreign policy, the Chancellor declared, was based upon peaceful understanding without thought of revenge for past suffering or humiliation. Dr. Mueller then plunged into the problem of the occupied regions, of which he observed: "In accord with the whole German people, the German Government is convinced of the righteousness of our demand for the immediate liberation of these territories. Yet we must record the fact that the occupant powers have failed to act on the political developments of the last few years, and so no practical result has been attained. Only one and a half years separate us from the evacuation of the second zone under the peace treaty. But if evacuation is delayed until the completion of this period a most significant opportunity for translating into acts the policy of reconciliation will have been neglected, although all the preliminary conditions for such action are provided."

The Chancellor remarked further that German disarmament and the Reich's acceptance of the Locarno Treaty and her whole-hearted participation in the League of Nations activities were an earnest of German strivings for the universal suppression of armed conflict. He added that Germany was the first State which approved unconditionally the gen-

eral accord outlawing war proposed by the United States. Of reparations, Dr. Mueller said the Reich had fulfilled all her obligations fully and now wanted a settlement which, he believed, could be reached on condition that "all concerned displayed the required measure of vision and progress along the road of mutual understanding, of rational economic policies and adequate assurances for the vital needs of the German people." National tariffs, the Chancellor continued, must be lowered in accordance with the recommendations of the Geneva Economic Conference and the trade treaties guaranteeing reciprocal commercial advantages should be concluded among all nations. The declaration was well received in the Reichstag and was favorably commented on in unofficial circles in Paris.

The League of Nations Committee of Security and Arbitration met at Geneva June 28 and adjourned again on July 4 after a few desultory sessions in which, admittedly, very little was accomplished.

The work of drafting multilateral treaties of arbitration and conciliation for which the Committee met was overshadowed by the possibility of general consideration in the next League Assembly meeting of Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg's proposal for a multilateral treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy. This compact, it was felt, will take care of the League's problems of securing accords and will enable the League to get forward immediately with its work of disarmament. Just before the Committee adjourned Wednesday, it adopted a treaty text based on German suggestions which it voted to send to all Governments in preparation for the general discussion at the Assembly meeting next September. This treaty is to the effect that the nations bind themselves in advance to accept the recommendations of the League of Nations Council in the case of a threat of war and to refrain from measures likely to aggravate the dispute. The Belgian rapporteur made a favorable statement regarding this proposal, but dispatches indicated that Lord Cushendun, of Great Britain, would denounce it on the plea that alteration of the League Covenant is involved. The Committee also decided to bring up in the September League Assembly a project for financial assistance for countries that are victims of aggression.

Tragic events in the Yugoslavian Parliament on June 23, when a Montenegrin Deputy assassinated two members of the Croatian Peasants Party and wounded four others, were followed on July 4 by the resignation of the entire Cabinet, led by Premier Vukitchevitch. The King accepted the resignations after a conference with the Premier that lasted more than an hour, and then called various political leaders to report to the palace for conferences. The most likely successor to M. Vukitchevitch was considered to be the elderly statesman of the Radical Party, M. Stanojevitch, but the powerful Croatian leaders were understood to have given an ultimatum that unless Parliament is dissolved and new elections called immediately, they will not enter the coalition Government. It was considered, therefore, that the crisis will be a long one which will most probably end in a provisional Government whose primary purpose will be to conduct new elections. The domestic difficulties, though complicated enough, are made additionally

uncertain by the strain in relations between Yugoslavia and Italy, on which the domestic schisms are partially based. The time for renewal of the Yugoslav-Italian treaty of friendship is close at hand, but Premier Mussolini has insisted that as a prerequisite to renewal of that treaty, Yugoslavia must ratify the Nettuno conventions which grant certain favors to Italians living on the Yugoslavian littoral. The mere suggestion, late in May, that the Skuptchina, or Yugoslavian Parliament, was about to ratify this convention caused anti-Italian demonstrations in Yugoslavia which further aggravated the strain between that country and Italy. It is now hinted in Belgrade that Premier Mussolini, appreciating the difficult political situation in Yugoslavia, is in a mood to renew the treaty of friendship for another six months, giving Yugoslavia a breathing spell in which to heal the racial wounds made by the Skuptchina shooting and to conduct elections which will return a Parliament which can voice the will of the Yugoslav peoples on the Nettuno convention in a definite way.

A cabinet crisis in Greece, obviously precipitated by Eleutherios Venizelos, who still remains the most powerful politician in the country, caused the resignation of the Maimis Cabinet on June 29, after criticisms of the financial policies of G. Kaphandaris, Minister of Finance, had been voiced by M. Venizelos himself. The latter denounced as a political scandal an offer to public subscription of all shares in the newly created Bank of Greece. The Finance Minister retired from the Government on June 28, and on the following day the whole Cabinet handed their resignations to President Kondouriotis. Venizelos, on July 2, tried to induce the President to dissolve the Parliament, but this Admiral Kondouriotis declined to do. The President, nevertheless, requested M. Venizelos to form a new Ministry, and this was accomplished on July 3. On the following day the new Cabinet took the oath of office before President Kondouriotis. The Cabinet personnel, according to an Athens dispatch to the New York "Times," is as follows: M. Venizelos as Premier, M. Karapanos as Foreign Minister, M. Zavitziano as Minister of the Interior and, provisionally, of Finance; M. Gontika for Education, M. Petridi for Justice, M. Sofuli, War; M. Arginropulo, Marine; M. Vurlumi, National Economy; M. Emanuelidi, Public Welfare; M. Kanavo, Agriculture, and M. Christomano, Transportation.

The singular campaign of General Alvaro Obregon for the Presidency of the Mexican Federation of States was concluded on July 1 by his election to that office for a six-year term commencing December 1, when President Plutarco Elias Calles leaves office. General Obregon was the sole candidate for the Presidency, no other candidates having offered themselves since Serrano and Gomez, both candidates, were executed for conspiring against the Government. The election was one of the quietest ever held in Mexico, only one disturbance taking place at Panuco, State of Vera Cruz. The voting was extremely light, the election being considered a mere formality. Although alone in the field, General Obregon continued to discuss public questions, and he left the country in no uncertainty as to his attitude toward the questions that have lately agitated Mexico. He promised many times to continue those

policies of his political ally, President Calles, that have promoted the economic development of the country. There is the less uncertainty on this point since he instituted many of these policies himself in his incumbency of the office before Senor Calles became President. Toward foreign capital General Obregon has shown himself friendly, although he has proclaimed that it must co-operate and not come with conquest in view. He earnestly desires adjustment of the religious controversy, and has come out for temperance and against gambling. Although opposed to United States restrictions on immigration from Mexico, he is known to be well disposed toward this country. His election was proclaimed in Mexico City July 3.

In the meantime, the efforts of Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow to cement the improved relations between Washington and Mexico City continue to bear fruit. Mr. Morrow returned to Mexico City July 3, after a vacation in the United States. As he neared the capital President Calles issued a good-will message to Americans to be published in the newspaper "El Universal's" English language special Fourth of July edition: "The foreigner who comes to live with us, to share what we enjoy and what we have to endure, to make his home here, to combine his interest with ours—this foreigner will find us welcoming him with open arms and calling him brother," the declaration read. "Mexico," it continued, "wants the most friendly and cordial relations with all the nations of the world. We want to have our international relations established upon the basis of mutual respect. We want any conflicts that arise to be solved by justice alone. These are our ideals."

The Bank of Belgium on Saturday last reduced its discount rate from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 4% , being the first change since Nov. 1927. Otherwise there have been no changes this week in discount rates by any of the central banks of Europe. Rates continue at 7% in Germany; 6% in Austria; $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Italy and Norway; 5% in Denmark and Madrid; $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ in London and Holland; 4% in Sweden, and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ in France and Switzerland. In London open market discounts are $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ 11-16% for short and $3\frac{11}{16}\%$ 11-16% for long bills, against $3\frac{13}{16}\%$ 13-16% for the former, and $3\frac{7}{8}\%$ for the latter on Friday of last week. Money on call in London was $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ yesterday. At Paris, open market discounts remain at $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ and in Switzerland at $3\frac{3}{8}\%$.

In its latest weekly statement dated July 5 and dealing with the week ending July 4 the Bank of England reports a further gain in gold, namely £1,141,114; but total reserves increased only £231,000 in consequence of an expansion of notes in circulation, amounting to £911,000. The ratio of reserve to liabilities, which has been exceptionally high for some weeks dropped sharply this week from 43.09% to 38.24%. In the corresponding week last year the ratio stood at 26.35% and two years ago at 23.26%. A decrease of £2,010,000 was recorded in loans on Government securities while loans on other securities gained £18,873,000. Public deposits decreased £4,187,000, but "other" deposits rose £21,237,000. The Bank's stock of gold now amounts to £173,428,234, a gain of over £22,000,000 in a year, as at this time last year the gold on hand amounted to £151,074,446. Notes in circulation now aggregate

£137,167,000, against £138,257,930, and £142,-217,610 in 1927 and 1926 respectively. No change has been made in the minimum discount rate of 4½% which has ruled for over a year. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items of the Bank of England for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
	July 5.	July 6.	July 7.	July 8.	July 9.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	137,167,000	138,257,930	142,217,610	145,205,750	127,269,900
Public deposits.....	19,686,000	19,205,447	16,498,498	11,250,201	9,928,000
Other deposits.....	126,830,000	104,376,681	105,595,110	118,652,498	110,875,468
Government securities	28,769,000	47,546,982	37,520,328	42,516,733	48,057,467
Other securities.....	79,742,000	61,488,071	74,559,756	71,992,302	69,950,129
Reserve notes & coin	56,013,000	32,566,516	28,053,350	33,405,986	20,749,417
Coin and bullion...a	173,428,234	151,074,446	150,520,960	158,861,736	128,269,317
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	38.24%	26.35%	23.26%	25¼%	17½%
Bank rate.....	4½%	4½%	5%	5%	4%

a Included beginning with April 29 1925 £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion, previously held as security for currency notes issued and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to gold standard.
 b Beginning with the statement for April 29 1925, includes £27,000,000 of Bank of England notes issued in return for the same amount of gold coin and bullion held up to that time in redemption account of currency note issue.

The Bank of France in its weekly statement as of June 30 1928, the second statement issued since the revaluation of the franc became effective, reported an increase in note circulation of 1,856,094,000 francs, raising total note circulation to 60,628,094,000 francs, the highest figure ever recorded. Prior to the stabilization decree the highest point reached in note circulation was 60,384,546,500 francs, on May 9 1928. A year ago this week note circulation aggregated 52,786,385,825 francs. A large increase was shown in the gold item, namely 55,148,148 francs bringing that total up to 28,990,033,416 francs. Foreign sight credits (gold) on the other hand fell off 425,486,595 francs leaving a total of 15,559,114,-146 francs. Changes in the other items of the Bank's report were: Bills discounted increased 1,752,000,000 francs. Advances decreased 10,000,000 francs, current accounts 976,000,000 francs and foreign exchange obligations 842,376,000 francs. The statement now gives the condition of the bank as of the Saturday previous instead of Wednesday as heretofore reported. Below we furnish a detailed comparison with the previous week.

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes		Status as of	
	or Week.	June 30 1928.		June 25 1928.
		Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	55,148,148	28,990,033,416	28,934,885,268	
Foreign sight credits.....Dec.	425,486,595	15,559,114,146	15,984,600,741	
Bills discounted.....Inc.	1,752,000,000	15,269,000,000	13,517,000,000	
Advances.....Dec.	10,000,000	1,837,000,000	1,847,000,000	
Note circulation.....Inc.	1,856,094,000	60,628,094,000	58,772,000,000	
Current accounts.....Dec.	976,000,000	4,495,000,000	5,471,000,000	
Foreign exchange obligations...Dec.	842,376,000	8,935,624,000	9,778,000,000	

In its statement for the fourth week of June, the Bank of Germany reports an increase in note circulation of 767,478,000 marks, raising the total to 4,674,202,000 marks against 3,815,209,000 marks last year and 2,971,153,000 marks in 1926. Other daily maturing obligations rose 12,499,000 marks and other liabilities 6,984,000 marks. On the asset side silver and other coins decreased 18,623,000 marks and notes on other German banks dropped 16,474,000 marks, while gold and bullion rose 21,611,000 marks, reserve in foreign currency 4,789,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks 616,311,000 marks, advances 111,068,000 marks and other assets 67,279,000 marks. Deposits abroad and investments remained unchanged. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for 3 years past.

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for			
	Week.	June 30 1928.	June 29 1927.	June 30 1926.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	21,611,000	2,083,180,000	1,802,569,000	1,491,234,000
Of which depos. abr'd..	Unchanged	85,626,000	57,876,000	260,435,000
Reserve in for'n curr...Inc.	4,789,000	250,044,000	66,992,000	324,827,000
Bills of exch. & checks.Inc.	616,311,000	2,477,172,000	2,494,644,000	1,288,208,000
Silver and other coin...Dec.	18,623,000	85,385,000	94,850,000	107,546,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.Dec.	16,474,000	7,593,000	8,650,000	10,613,000
Advances.....Inc.	111,068,000	138,279,000	146,593,000	143,277,000
Investments.....	Unchanged	93,996,000	92,923,000	89,498,000
Other assets.....Inc.	67,279,000	684,172,000	461,763,000	521,626,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation...Inc.	767,478,000	4,674,202,000	3,815,209,000	2,971,153,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.Inc.	12,499,000	525,207,000	669,518,000	526,926,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	6,984,000	215,417,000	318,076,000	119,877,000

The New York money market confounded all propsets the past week and set the entire financial community at work trying to fathom the reasons for its remarkable performances. The stringency in the market for call money at the end of last week was expected and an 8% rate for demand funds was considered the logical consequence of heavy month-end settlements, the expected call on the banks for a condition statement, which materialized as of June 30, and the demand for holiday currency. Some easing was confidently expected early this week, but the market Monday showed quite the contrary tendency. After opening at 7½% for renewals, the rate advanced at noon to 8%, then to 9% and finally, in the closing hour, to 10%, at which it closed. This marked the highest rate that has prevailed since Nov. 10 1920. Withdrawals by the banks during the day totaled \$70,000,000, the largest for a single day that old time money brokers could recall. Tuesday's market was quite as remarkable as that of Monday, the call loan rate dropping to 5%, or just half of Monday's final quotation, after renewals were fixed in the morning at 8%. The high rate on Monday had attracted a huge supply of funds from out-of-town banks and this, coupled with heavy pay-offs, and with an inflow from London and Paris, brought an excess of money to this market. The supply from all points was estimated by bankers to have reached \$100,000,000 in the course of the day, and demand having fallen off in the meantime, much of the money remained unloaned. In the outside market, funds were offered late in the day at as little as 4%, making the decline even more drastic than the official Stock Exchange rate indicated. After the holiday, Wednesday, trading in money continued on a relatively steady basis. Call money was very active Thursday with the rate declining from an opening at 6% to a close at 5%, despite withdrawals of approximately \$20,000,000. The market finally became more sedate yesterday, with call funds prevailing at 5½%, although withdrawals were again \$10,000,000. Time money showed a very slight easing in the drastic decline of call funds Tuesday, all maturities being quoted at 5¾% to 5⅞% against the previous figures of 5⅞% to 6%. The bulk of the trading reported during the week was at the 5⅞% figure. The compilation of brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral made public Thursday by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to cover the week ended Wednesday evening also contained a surprise for the money market. The loans rose, according to the statement, \$147,812,000 in the week, reversing sharply the wholesome downward trend of the three previous weeks. Gold shipments from New York for the week ended Wednesday totaled \$30,915,000, according to the Federal Reserve Bank statement,

while imports were \$7,744,000, making a net loss for the week of \$23,141,000.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day, the renewal rate on Monday was 7½% and later in the day there was an advance to the unusual figure of 10% on new loans. On Tuesday the renewal rate was marked up to 8%, but as the day advanced the rate on new loans dropped to 5%. On Thursday after the 4th of July holiday the renewal rate was fixed at 6%, but some new loans were negotiated at 5%. On Friday all loans were at 5½% including renewals. In the case of time loans also there has been a little easing up after very high figures at the beginning of the week. On Monday the 30 day rate was 6%, the rate for 60 and 90 days 5½@6%, and the rate for four to six months 5¾@5⅝%. On Tuesday the quotation was 6% for both 30 and 60 days and 5⅞@6% for all other maturities. On Thursday and Friday the quotation was 5¾@5⅞% for all maturities from 30 days to six months. Commercial paper rates rose sharply the early part of the present week, but dropped back slightly the latter half. On Saturday and Monday names of choice character maturing in four to six months were quoted at 4¾@5%; on Tuesday the rate for this class of paper rose to 5@5¼% with no names selling under 5%, and on Thursday and Friday the prevailing rate remained 5@5¼ with exceptional names selling at 4¾%. For names less well known the quotation is 5¼%, which is also the rate for New England mill paper

Rates for banks' and bankers' acceptances have continued unchanged and the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council for prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks remain at 4⅞% bid and 4% asked for bills running 30 days, 4¼% bid and 4⅞% asked for bills running 60 and 90 days, and also for 120 days, and 4⅜% bid and 4¼% asked for 150 and 180 days. The posted rate of the Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances continued at 7% on Monday and Tuesday, but was reduced to 5½% on Thursday and to 5% on Friday. Open market rates for acceptances remain as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	4⅞	4¼	4⅞	4¼	4¼	4⅞
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	4¼	4⅞	4¼	4⅞	4¼	4

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	4⅞ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	4⅞ bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on July 6.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	4⅞	Apr. 20 1928	4
New York.....	4⅞	May 18 1928	4
Philadelphia.....	4⅞	May 17 1928	4
Cleveland.....	4⅞	May 25 1928	4
Richmond.....	4⅞	Apr. 24 1928	4
Atlanta.....	4⅞	May 26 1928	4
Chicago.....	4⅞	Apr. 20 1928	4
St. Louis.....	4⅞	Apr. 23 1928	4
Minneapolis.....	4⅞	Apr. 25 1928	4
Kansas City.....	4⅞	June 7 1928	4
Dallas.....	4⅞	May 7 1928	4
San Francisco.....	4⅞	June 2 1928	4

Sterling exchange ruled lower this week and was under greater pressure than at any time this year.

As during the past few weeks, the pressure on sterling exchange arose rather from demand for dollars than from any conspicuous offerings of sterling either here or in any other market, although it cannot be gainsaid that sterling exchange was on offer both in New York and London, as well as on the Continent. As might be expected from so sharp a decline in sterling, all the leading Continental exchanges will be seen to have suffered a corresponding marking down, as, barring exceptional causes, the European exchanges move more or less in sympathy with the London rate. The range for sterling this week has been from 4.86⅜ to 4.87 11-32 for bankers' sight, compared with a range of 4.87 to 4.87 9-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.87 1-16 to 4.87¾, compared with a range of 4.87½ to 4.87 15-16 a week ago. The decline as in most sections of the foreign exchange list has been due to the influx of foreign money to New York, owing to the excessively high rates for collateral loans on the New York Stock Exchange and the general tightening of other classes of money rates here. In Thursday's market sterling cables declined to a new low on the movement at 4.87 1-16 for cable transfers, compared with the year's low of 4.86 29-32 and the year's high of 4.88 77-16. Throughout the week, however, sterling futures were at a substantial premium over spot, whereas a week ago futures were selling flat. The British banks have been buying spot dollars and selling futures against them, placing themselves in dollars for lending in New York and at the same time covering themselves against exchange loss. In view of the drop in the call money rates in New York from 7 and 10% levels to 5% and 6% levels, the covering would seem very necessary.

It is considered surprising in some quarters that sterling should have declined in face of the Bank of England rediscount rate at 4½%. It was confidently believed and circulated in London and New York this week and last that the rate would be reduced to 4%. The present decline in sterling makes it probable that no change can take place in the Bank of England rate until money conditions on this side ease further. While the sterling quotations have been depressed on account of the differences in money rates here, as earlier in the year sterling was firm on account of the flow of funds to Europe from this side, it is not surprising to see some corresponding advantages accruing to London. For instance, London discount brokers report a considerable increase in acceptances of sterling bills to finance American cotton deliveries to Europe. Owing to the comparative cheapness of money in London, a large number of July finance bills are reaching the London market, which, it is believed, will advance the normal seasonal strain on sterling exchange by some months. This latter development further removes the probability of a change in the Bank of England rate this year. While June financing in the New York market has been the lowest in many months, London's share of financing has increased noticeably.

This week the Bank of England shows a further increase of £1,141,114 in gold holdings, bringing the total to £173,428,234, the largest gold holdings in the history of the Bank. London dispatches state that a total of £850,000 South African bar gold and £250,000 sovereigns will arrive in London next week and £750,000 in sovereigns and £70,000 bar

gold the following week, thus making a total of £1,000,000 which will automatically go into the vaults of the Bank of England during the next two weeks. On Monday the Bank of England received £500,000 gold sovereigns from South America. On Tuesday the Bank of England bought £452,000 in gold bars. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week June 26-July 3, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$7,744,000, of which \$7,660,000 came from Canada. Gold exports totaled \$30,915,000, of which \$27,779,000 was earmarked gold withdrawn by the Bank of France. \$3,000,000 was shipped to Poland, \$83,000 to Mexico, and \$53,000 to Germany. \$14,000,000 more gold is being shipped to France to-day. Canadian exchange continues at a discount, Montreal funds ranging this week from $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% to 7-32 of 1% discount.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling on Saturday opened off but recovered toward the close of the short session. Bankers' sight was $4.87\frac{1}{8}$ @ 4.87 5-16, cable transfers $4.87\frac{5}{8}$ @ 4.87 11-16. On Monday sterling was under pressure. Bankers' sight was 4.86 15-16 @ 4.87 11-32 and cable transfers $4.87\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4.87\frac{3}{4}$. On Tuesday pressure continued. The range was $4.86\frac{7}{8}$ @ $4.87\frac{1}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $4.87\frac{3}{8}$ @ 4.87 17-32 for cable transfers. On Wednesday there was no market owing to the July 4 holiday. On Thursday sterling was again heavily sold. Bankers' sight was $4.86\frac{5}{8}$ @ 4.87 and cable transfers 4.87 1-16 @ $4.87\frac{3}{8}$. On Friday the range was 4.86 23-32@ $4.86\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 4.87 1-16@ $4.87\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were $4.86\frac{3}{4}$ for demand and 4.87 3-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4.86\frac{5}{8}$, 60-day bills at $4.83\frac{1}{4}$, 90-day bills at $4.81\frac{3}{4}$, documents for payment (60 days) at $4.83\frac{1}{4}$ and 7-day grain bills at 4.86 . Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4.86\frac{5}{8}$.

The Continental exchanges have been dull and ruling generally lower. The reason for the lower quotations is to be found altogether in the European demand for dollar exchange to the neglect of other currencies, owing to the high money rates in New York. This ruling factor has already been covered in the discussion of sterling exchange. In Thursday's market French francs declined to a new low for the year of 3.92 and franc futures, like sterling futures, rose to a premium over spot, showing that French banks were lending to New York in a manner similar to the London banks. The Bank of France statement for the week ended June 30 shows a substantial decline in sight balances abroad and a decline in foreign exchange loans to private institutions. Bank of France gold holdings stand at 28,990,000,000 francs, compared with 28,935,000,000 francs a week ago. The lower ruling rate for francs this week induced by transfers of money to New York have no special significance, as the fluctuations in the franc will be kept strictly within gold points. As noted above, the Bank of France withdrew further shipments from its earmarked gold stock in New York totaling \$27,779,000, and is shipping \$14,000,000 more gold to-day. As might be expected from what has already been said, German marks also ruled lower. German funds have been offered in New York in amounts sufficient to partly offset the general movement of American credits to Germany. This week the Reichsbank shows an increase in its gold holdings of

21,611,000 marks. The average lower quotation of the mark is still considerably above par of 23.82 and is likely to remain so as the demand for money in Berlin continues strong, with chief reliance placed upon credits arranged in New York. It might be thought that the Belgian unit may have suffered disturbance owing to the Loewenstein tragedy. While belgas declined slightly, the decline was less than those of most other gold units. Lire, Swiss and guilders were lower. On Saturday last the Bank of Belgium reduced its rediscount rate from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 4% . The Belgian rate had been at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ since Nov. 16 1927. Polish zloty is practically at a fixed exchange rate but interest attaches to the unit this week because of the fact that \$3,000,000 gold was shipped from New York to Poland.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.20 on Friday of this week, against 124.12 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at $3.91\frac{7}{8}$, against $3.92\frac{5}{8}$ a week ago; cable transfers at $3.92\frac{1}{8}$, against $3.92\frac{7}{8}$, and commercial sight bills at 3.91 11-16, against $3.92\frac{1}{2}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.95 for checks and at 13.96 for cable transfers, as against 13.96 and 13.97 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.87 for checks and 23.88 for cable transfers, in comparison with $23.89\frac{1}{2}$ and $23.90\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at $5.24\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $5.25\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers, as against $5.25\frac{5}{8}$ and $5.25\frac{7}{8}$ 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 $0.61\frac{1}{2}$, against $0.61\frac{1}{2}$; on Poland at 11.20, against 11.20, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.30 for checks and at $1.30\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against $1.30\frac{1}{4}$ and $1.30\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have been quite featureless and all extremely dull. With the exception of Spanish pesetas the neutral exchanges, like the other Continentals, moved in sympathy with the lower sterling rate. As noted last week, the peseta, while continuing to show occasional weakness, will be protected against speculative aggression through Government influences. All the Scandinavian exchanges were heavy throughout the week. Though the Scandinavian centres have not been attracted by the higher New York money rates, their relationship to sterling is close, hence they were frequently quoted a few points below last week's ruling rates. Holland guilders have been lower owing to offers of Dutch funds to London and New York.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.27, against 40.28 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.29, against 40.30, and commercial sight bills at 40.24, against 40.24. Swiss francs closed at 19.27 for bankers' sight bills and $19.27\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with $19.27\frac{1}{4}$ and 19.28 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.77 and cable transfers at 26.78, against 26.79 and 26.80. 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 26.76 and cable transfers at 26.77, against 26.77 and 26.78. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.51 for checks and at 16.52 for cable transfers, which compares with 16.50 and 16.51 a week earlier.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TRAFFIC ACT OF 1922, JUNE 30 1928 TO JULY 6 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	June 30.	July 2.	July 3.	July 4.	July 5.	July 6.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.40745	1.40771	1.40740		1.40872	1.40776
Belgium, belga	1.39657	1.39625	1.39594		1.39566	1.39547
Bulgaria, lev	.007215	.007172	.007188		.007227	.007212
Czechoslovakia, krona	.029622	.029625	.029625		.029625	.029625
Denmark, krone	.267965	.267960	.267805		.267767	.267705
England, pound sterling	4.875690	4.876676	4.873928		4.872038	4.871278
Finland, markka	.025173	.025168	.025172		.025171	.025175
France, franc	.039273	.039265	.039236		.039205	.039216
Germany, reichsmark	2.38964	2.38925	2.38720		2.38762	2.38793
Greece, drachma	.013019	.013011	.013015		.013018	.013011
Holland, guilder	.402925	.403063	.402961		.402873	.402888
Hungary, pengo	.174359	.174386	.174348		.174372	.174336
Italy, lire	.052584	.052568	.052545		.052530	.052499
Norway, krone	.267709	.267705	.267546		.267564	.267580
Poland, zloty	.112022	.112080	.112220		.112118	.112100
Portugal, escudo	.044900	.044810	.044805		.044987	.044760
Rumania, leu	.006140	.006125	.006130		.006139	.006133
Spain, peseta	.165013	.164885	.164726		.164993	.165009
Sweden, krona	.268309	.268286	.268240		.268277	.268275
Switzerland, franc	.192786	.192764	.192739		.192730	.192727
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017607	.017603	.017602		.017609	.017605
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	.675208	.675208	.676041		.666250	.667083
Hankow tael	.675125	.673125	.673125		.663750	.665000
Shanghai tael	.659196	.659196	.658660		.650714	.651875
Tientsin tael	.691458	.691041	.691041		.682083	.682500
Hong Kong dollar	.503275	.503160	.503303		.500178	.501035
Mexican dollar	.475500	.475250	.475250		.473250	.471000
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.475416	.475416	.475416		.473333	.470416
Yuan dollar	.472083	.472083	.472083		.470000	.467083
India, rupee	.363142	.363212	.363082		.363142	.363085
Japan, yen	.464944	.464394	.463261		.463327	.462711
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.561458	.561458	.561458		.561458	.561458
NORTH AMER.						
Canada, dollar	.997587	.997482	.997413		.997630	.997560
Cuba, peso	.999750	.999625	.999512		.999625	.999593
Mexico, peso	.475375	.475375	.475833		.474833	.474833
Newfoundland, dollar	.995218	.995156	.995062		.995250	.995125
SOUTH AMER.						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.967330	.966785	.965746		.965558	.964870
Brazil, milreis	.119450	.119375	.119263		.119245	.119190
Chile, peso	.121986	.121987	.121964		.121843	.121837
Uruguay, peso	1.022340	1.023072	1.022290		1.022081	1.021631
Colombia, peso	.980400	.980400	.980400		.981600	.981600

HOLIDAY

The South American exchanges have been quiet for several weeks and on the whole firm, owing to the greatly improved financial outlook and to the economic expansion prevailing in all the South American countries. This week Argentine paper pesos were inclined to rule lower, the result rather of inactivity than of any fundamental change in the finances and prosperous economic position of Argentina. Yesterday the Argentine peso sold below parity for the first time in many months. Chile alone of the South American countries is in a poor economic position, but even here the situation is much brighter and the central bank of Chile expects a return to normal conditions in the near future. Last year the general position of the country was one of difficulty. The farmers had poor crops, which aggravated the bad conditions of previous years. The nitrate industry was threatened with almost complete paralysis. Other lines of mining had shown little activity for a number of years except in the case of some of the larger copper companies. There was a large deficit in Government revenues inherited from 1926 and the stagnation of business was quite pronounced throughout the country, despite its wealth of natural resources. The Bank of Chile reports that while the country has been passing through a period of liquidation, there is every prospect of an increase in credit facilities and general business promises improvement. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.34 for checks, as compared with 42.50 on Friday of last week, and at 42.39 for cable transfers, against 42.55. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.94 for checks and at 11.95 for cable transfers, against 11.94 and 11.95. Chilean exchange closed at 12.21 for checks and at 12.22 for cable transfers, against 12.21 and 12.22, and Peru at 4.01 for checks and at 4.02 for cable transfers, against 4.01 and 4.02.

The Far Eastern exchanges continue to rule fractionally lower. The silver currencies were inclined to go off as compared with recent weeks, as

silver has declined somewhat. However, the silver currencies are much firmer than they were several months ago and this fact alone is sufficient to account for slightly lower ruling rate for Japanese yen. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 46.25@46½, against 46½@46 11-16 on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 50.30@50 5-16, against 50¾@50½; Shanghai at 65¾@65½, against 66½@66 5-16; Manila at 49 9-16, against 49 9-16; Singapore at 56½@56½, against 56½@56½; Bombay at 36½, against 36½, and Calcutta at 36½, against 36½.

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, June 30.	Monday, July 2.	Tuesday, July 3.	Wednesday, July 4.	Thursday, July 5.	Friday, July 6.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 117,000,000	\$ 131,000,000	\$ 143,000,000	Holiday	\$ 155,000,000	\$ 127,000,000	Cr. \$ 678,000,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve bank from all parts of the country in the operation of the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large credit balances, however, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions, as only the items payable in New York City are represented in the daily balances. The large volume of checks on institutions located outside of New York are not accounted for in arriving at these balances, as such checks do not pass through the Clearing House but are deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank for collection for the account of the local Clearing House banks.

The following table indicates the amount of bullion in the principal European banks:

Banks of	July 5 1928.			July 7 1927.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 173,428,234	£ —	£ 173,428,234	£ 151,074,446	£ —	£ 151,074,446
France a.	1,147,137,706	13,717,826	1,160,855,532	1,147,300,268	13,760,000	1,161,060,268
Germany b	99,809,600	c994,600	100,804,200	87,234,650	994,600	88,229,250
Spain	104,321,000	28,438,000	132,759,000	103,896,000	27,666,000	131,562,000
Italy	52,831,000	—	52,831,000	46,517,000	3,961,000	50,478,000
Neth'lands	36,253,000	1,990,000	38,243,000	33,654,000	2,370,000	36,024,000
Nat. Belg.	22,800,000	1,248,000	24,048,000	18,404,000	1,168,000	19,572,000
Switzerland	17,885,000	2,375,000	20,260,000	18,265,000	2,783,000	20,988,000
Sweden	12,836,000	—	12,836,000	12,305,000	—	12,305,000
Denmark	10,108,000	619,000	10,727,000	10,703,000	736,000	11,439,000
Norway	8,170,000	—	8,170,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week	685,576,540	49,382,426	734,958,966	637,473,364	53,438,600	690,911,964
Prev. week	682,009,876	49,218,426	731,228,302	638,480,619	53,807,600	692,288,219

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France are exclusive of gold held abroad, amounting the present year to £74,576,536. 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. d On account of the difficulty of distinguishing the amount of gold held abroad from the gold held in vault, under the new form of the statement issued the last week, we continue the figure reported for June 21.

"Eternal Truth" Not Dependent on the Schools.

Michael Pupin, former Serbian peasant, now fifty-four years in the United States, distinguished scientist and inventor, author of "From Immigrant to Inventor," contributes an article to June "Scribner's" entitled "Our Industrialism and Idealism." He dates the rise of our scientific research and implied idealism from the founding of the National Academy of Sciences by Lincoln and Joseph Henry in the Civil War days. He says: "This movement is the American Renaissance. It succeeded beyond the rosier expectations and gave us as its first contribution our American Universities of to-day. Johns Hopkins, organized in 1876, was the earliest among them. Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Princeton, and others followed in rapid succession. They were

American colleges only, and became American universities when their scientific research laboratories came into existence and began to cultivate the modern American spirit of scientific research. It is the spirit of the philosophy of scientific idealism, which has stood the test of many centuries. Call it the philosophy of the three "Ms." Motive, mental attitude, and method of research are the three characteristics of this philosophy. The *motive* is unselfish search of the eternal truth; the *mental attitude* is open-minded and unprejudiced interpretation of the language of nature; the *method of research* is the method employing observation, experiment and calculation. The idealism of this philosophy is simple, definite, and obvious. It is the idealism which guided Archimedes, Galileo, Newton, Franklin, Faraday, and all their disciples in their epoch-making scientific achievements for the benefit of mankind. The cultivation of this philosophy of scientific idealism was gradually transplanted during the last fifty years from the scientific research laboratories of our American universities to the research laboratories of our American industries. I witnessed this transplanting in every one of its phases. The philosophy of scientific idealism is to-day the bond of union between our industries and our universities. This is one of the greatest achievements of the American Renaissance which started sixty-five years ago, and contributed more to the reinforcement of Washington's and Lincoln's ideal of the American Union than all the other achievements of this period put together. It is our strongest arm of our national defense. The miracles of science and of inventions of this period will long be forgotten when this welding of the American industries to the American universities will be still remembered as the greatest achievement of this age. . . . The great American industries, recognizing their obligation to pure science and to its guiding light, the philosophy of scientific idealism, are now creating a twenty-million-dollar fund to be expended in ten consecutive years in the cultivation of purely scientific research for the good of our American idealism in science."

Now the chief purpose of this article by Mr. Pupin is to deny and dissipate the European charge that we are a nation of money-getters, without culture, wrapped up in our industrialism and machinery, and trailing the glory and freedom of our democracy in the dust of acquisitiveness and avarice. The view presented in the excerpt quoted above of this union of industrialism and idealism is at least novel. But is it well founded? Idealism in and behind our industrial progress there is. Science did supplant the old curricula of languages, mathematics, logic, in our colleges and universities, but it was a science far broader than that which may have stimulated, though it did not inspire our inventive and industrial achievement. It was the science of chemistry, physics, geology, zoology, biology in all its phases. The theory above enunciated, seems, to speak in an idiomatic way, to put the cart before the horse. Edison, perhaps, our greatest scientist, did not have university training, was not led into his life work by this so-called pure science emanating from scholastic shades, yet his individual researches, discoveries and inventions have immensely added to the cultural idealism of our people and of our world, while at the same time pure industrialism (money-making and machinery in operation) as represented

by capital investments is estimated in the billions, and there is corresponding and consequent happiness and comfort in the homes of men. The story is told of Francis Bacon that he stopped his carriage in the roadway to stuff a fowl with ice and snow to preserve it; but one of the Armours sent out the first train of refrigerator cars, long, long, afterward—neither dependent on pure science from the universities.

This fifty-year period after the Civil War had other and vital stimuli not remotely connected with the universities. We might introduce a political influence upon industry starting at about the same time, but that might be questioned and is not to our purpose. What does appear is that a native genius for invention, an acknowledged possession of our people, then began to show itself, and a study of the growth of practical machines will demonstrate it. There *was* an idealistic motive involved, as we have frequently contended, other than profits and acquisition, and it remains the chief motive in business to-day, the motive of the largest production, the largest use and development of indigenous resources, to the end of the "greatest good to the greatest number," and the maintenance of the home, family, and better life of the people. This is the very refinement of a practical and useful idealism. It was not generated in universities and transferred to industries. It followed its own, independent, course. It included and was supported by "money-making," until to-day it is able to contribute untold millions to university endowments, foundations, and kindred institutions, to say nothing of the twenty millions referred to over ten years to "pure science."

It seems to us the names cited refute the argument made. Leave Galileo and Newton out, and take our own Franklin. The youth, walking the streets of the Quaker City, munching his loaf, was a genius in himself in his discoveries and studies in science, not the product of a school, and while he did little with his discovery in electricity (though Steinmetz, an industrial laboratory worker, did), he did invent a stove that warmed the body that the mind could act. The point is that a practical idealism is still an idealism that furthers scientific research and will ever do so, and at the same time advances the better life. May it not be asked, then, at a time when there is a furtive call for a "vacation" in machine invention, what danger is there that science will die because there is no longer independent and university search for hidden laws denominated as "pure science"? And of what value is a scientific discovery that cannot be applied to the common life? And actuated by even so questionable a motive as profit, with the billions invested, can industrial idealism ever cease to urge men on in the study of the hidden laws of nature, comparable to which the laboratories of the universities are of minor consequence, though by no means unimportant?

In medieval times the lone scientists had the Church and State to fight. Superstition drove them to conceal their discoveries. To-day they are free! The ideal of democracy supports the idealism of science. The contributions of public education, of business initiative and enterprise, the forced drafts of production, transportation and use, leading to the physical and practical endeavors of millions of free men, these prepare the way for the flame-bursts of pure science. Let those who will obscure the real

motive behind the machine-age—it is bending every scientific achievement of pure and applied science to the good of man. In the university laboratory, in the industrial laboratory—and far more in the workshops of trade and commerce, thousands of influences, researches, discoveries, organizations of capital, and institutions of the higher life, are combining to sustain the knowledge we have, and weave it into the wisdom which beginning in love ends in *truth!*

The Democratic Platform and Candidate.

When Mr. Claude Bowers, in his keynote speech, quoted from Hamilton to the effect that a government is strong in proportion as it is profitable to the powerful, he distorted history in the interest of his cause. It is true that in the past a feeling for a strong centralized government has been closer to the Republican party to-day than to the Democratic and that it is part of the doctrine of Hamilton. But the strong centralized government of Hamilton's day has undergone a change. Then, the two forces in the establishment of the Republic were centripetal and centrifugal. Against the background of European autocracy, against the failure of the Confederacy, called a "rope of sand," it was believed on the one hand that the new Federal government should dominate the States in order to effect a permanent union, while on the other it was feared this might grow so strong as to obliterate the States and thus destroy the human rights of the people, and this was the cause Jefferson espoused. The *balance* that came about was the constitutional, limited government we enjoy to-day. And while it was feared, twenty years ago, too much power was being vested in the Executive, the danger now seen to arise is in another form and is known as bureaucracy rather than autocracy and this the present Republican party, born after the Civil War, and inheriting the theory of Hamilton, modified by time, now opposes and denounces. But it is clear distortion to say that this historic party actually lives alone to create and foster in our civic institutions power in the hands of the few rather than the many. It is true that in its protective tariff policy, to which it steadfastly adheres, it does favor certain industries (though it denies this) at the expense of other, but this is far from the charge of pampering the powerful for the sake of giving them power to rule over the weak.

So that while it is right to refer to Hamilton and Jefferson as the patron saints of the two parties, much water has gone under the wheel since they lived and taught. And it is an ill service to give all the credit to either of these founders. If the Democratic party has always been a States Rights party its consistent advocacy of this doctrine culminated once in a civil conflict to support the right of a State, under the Constitution, to secede, and that, whether right or wrong as a principle, was settled by the sword—and is now in the result accepted by all men as the best. Nor do we forget that the late World War President advocated the self-determination of the small peoples. It is a fatal error, therefore, in the platform of the present Democratic party to make an ogre out of so-called "Hamiltonianism," while it is wholly admissible to advocate the Jeffersonian doctrine of "personal rights."

But a political party platform adhering to time-honored principles, should be practical and perti-

nent to the needs of the time in which we live, and still hold itself in leash that it do not become the slave of expediency. If a general criticism of the platform adopted by the Democrats at Houston, Texas, may be offered, it is that it does this very thing, and at times inconsistently. For instance, it warns against bureaucracy and then in seeking a remedy for the evils that afflict the farmer it advocates the creation of a Federal Farm Board with powers similar and equal to those of the Federal Reserve Board. Waiving altogether the utter lack of analogy between banking and agriculture, if the thing advocated is ever foisted upon the people it would become a tyrannical burden upon all and actually crush out the life and independence of the farm industry.

This farm plank is long, involved, promising many things and specific in nothing. In nothing unless it be to bring about without delay a fabled "equality" with other industry though in the same breath admitting that manufacture has a natural advantage over agriculture in that it does not have to contend with seasons, climate, storms and insect pests. How equality can be established by government in the face of this handicap we suppose the campaign will disclose. The other great issue, prohibition, is heralded by the explainers as a "compromise." It promises, however, "an honest effort to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment . . . and all laws enacted pursuant thereto," which, in its simplicity, seems to be "bone dry,"—and in this is no different from the Republican prohibition plank, though on the other hand Gov. Smith has indicated that he has his own views on the liquor question and is not prepared to stand squarely on this plank of the platform.

As to labor, the Democrats declare for the right of collective bargaining through agencies of free choice, and promise to look into the wrong uses of the "injunction." But when the prohibition plank is measured by the views of the nominee, the two do not seem to be in accord. To say that a wet candidate must run on a dry platform is perhaps unjust, but there is conflict here and the campaign will tell the story. Taken as a whole, and we have not space for detail and leaving out the bitter denunciations and diatribes against Republican "corruption," and the hiatus from Hamilton to Lincoln, with its own alleged unbroken line from Jefferson, the platform is to an impartial observer at least unsatisfactory. It bears throughout the evidences of an overweening desire to win, and to trim with that idea in mind. Yet it is in the main a good Democratic platform and holds to the time-honored faith and will no doubt, by and large, satisfy the party. When we consider Governor Smith as the candidate—he is a New York product, a man having the courage of his convictions, loved and honored by his native State. That he has intimate knowledge of State affairs is admitted. But that he will become the idol of the people of other States remains to be seen. Apparently he chooses to be known personally as an advocate of modification though promising as President to enforce the Constitution and the laws. We think his outstanding appeal to the Democrats of the nation is his ability to "win," rather than his profound statesmanship in national affairs. His strong personality is an asset to the party, and he will make a forceful campaign.

It is too early to hazard a guess, even as to the leading "issue," but the background of political success will make Governor Smith a leader in his own party. Winning, as Roosevelt said, is "his habit," and as the "happy warrior" he will enter the "fight" with vigor and enthusiasm. There is a big contest ahead. And looking at the platforms, none too explicit in their statements and promises, and at the candidates, both "good men" in their respective spheres, it will occur to many, not avowed partisans, to say—and "may the best man win!"

The Democratic Convention.

A party out of power cannot hold the same sort of convention as one in power. In the first place, it has nothing immediate to endorse. The national Democratic convention held at Houston, Texas, was perforce compelled to go back to the Wilson Administration for something to which it could "point with pride." It was not loth to do this. And often and ever it did so, in speeches and platform. But much of the praise sounded like ancient history. Furthermore, the Wilson rule was in war-time and the war is over. So that, taken as a whole, the convention was at the outset weakened in its attitude toward the present, forced to rely upon objection rather than construction. It easily swung into denunciation, the stock in trade of the defeated. The convention opened with a terrific ram's-horn blast of invective the like of which has not been heard in many a convention year. If, in the category of blame, anything was left out it has not yet been discovered. As a keynote speech it was a rip-snorter, a humdinger, a sockdoleger. The walls of republicanism may not have fallen, but the new radio listener got the worth of his money. And the convention liked it, judging by the applause. With this best foot forward, the orators naturally fell into step, and we would be led to believe that political and governmental corruption is to be the major issue of the campaign. And in fact after several days a "ten-foot banner" was lifted in the hall bearing the strange device: "Turn the rascals out," signed "James A. Reed"!

Now this may be the high-water mark of statesmanship, but whether it is or not, there is a sort of compulsion on the party out of power to turn the ins out if there is to be a place for a new administration, and it may not be wondered at that this became a keynote throughout the meeting and found a prominent place in the platform finally adopted. Still, we doubt if the country is quite prepared to believe that there is no good at all in the Republican party and that Coolidge, Mellon and Hoover have been the arch enemies of the Republic, even admitting that Daugherty and Fall were not examples of virtue. But passing this virulence of epithet, and the delegates as a whole are not to be blamed for it, though it undoubtedly lent a certain tone to the convention, the Democrats in national convention assembled did not vary much from the tradition of the party as emotional, zealous, and intensely partisan declamation. Yet it was a comparatively quiet and orderly assembly with few crucial moments or spectacular exhibitions, and quite unlike the famous melee at Madison Square Garden four years ago. Save for the appropriate and well-turned address of Franklin D. Roosevelt placing Governor Smith in nomination, the speeches were true to type, filled with references to Jefferson, Jackson and

Wilson, the "party of the people," and the monumental claim of financial achievement "under a democratic administration" of the enactment of the Federal Reserve act. Seven candidates were placed in nomination for the Presidency. And while from the first it was apparent that Governor Smith "had the votes" there were no steam-roller methods and every man had his chance. But all this does not show forth the true inwardness of this convention. We must go to the Committee on Resolutions for that. Here there was much time and talk wasted—for the result does not seem to justify the travail. The "wet and dry issue" was the "bone of contention." The result does not show any clear-cut difference from that reached by the Republicans. If we are capable of interpreting the plain language of the two planks, they are both *dry*, each standing firm for *enforcement* of the law and the amendment and neither asking for repeal or modification. As to the respective candidates, time will show where *they* stand. Or has it already done so? As to the Farm Relief problem there is put forth a long resolution or plank promising in an ill-defined and to us unintelligible way some sort of "equalization" of agriculture with labor and industry and this without waiting for the consent of any other nation on earth or any section, class or bloc at home. On the floor of the convention there was little discussion on these controversial questions. They were, by a pre-arrangement, we presume, "fought out" in committee. At any rate, the "drys" from the democratic South sat silent and the "wets" from New York and the cities did not openly make a fight for repeal or modification. And it may be thereupon supposed that the long talked of issue will await a more opportune time. But will it? It was remarked by one "friend" of the nominee that "the Governor is a platform in himself," and he has expressed a wish at least to turn the matter back to the States for a determination, according as each may desire, of the "alcoholic content." Thus, we have a convention resolved upon self-control and worshipping at the shrine of "harmony," even though effected by compromise—which in politics seems always possible.

For fire and fireworks, always excepting the lurid onslaught of the keynoter, this convention did not come up to expectations. And that is worthy of praise. Yet was there the "deliberation" which should be the province of a party in convention assembled? It must appear that the underlying purpose was to "win." Largely, we think, the candidate was selected because believed to be a winner. It may look, considering the large majorities in the two conventions for the respective nominees, that the "voice of the people" was manifest in each. But was it? It has been remarked that "few" Democrats comparatively "attended" the Democratic primaries. If so, were they not chiefly, then, party workers, with the desire to win? Another banner unfurled in the convention read "Win with Reed." It follows that this thought continually present throughout the proceedings overshadowed, obscured, the principles and policies that ought to come out of the mind and heart of great parties. Such a thought was not absent in the Republican Convention. And it all goes to show that while platforms are many-sided, covering a great many topics, standard-bearers are the aim rather than incident.

One thing is noticeable in this Democratic convention, if the platform is the essence of delibera-

tion, the "Republican party" is more often written into the text of the Democratic platform than "Democratic" in the Republican. Why in either? Are parties solely for opposition? Is there nothing on which they can agree that is worthy of cold mention? Are not great principles worthy of succinct statement though they may cover the same ground? And this leads to one other pertinent question at this time: can either party win solely on the faults and derelictions of the other?

Public Utility Earnings in May

Gross earnings of public utility enterprises in May, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 95 companies or systems operating gas, electric light, heat, power, traction and water services and comprising practically all of the important organizations in the United States, were \$177,000,000, as compared with \$182,000,000 in April and \$171,255,699 in May 1927. Gross earnings consist in general of gross operating revenues, while net earnings in general represent the gross, less operating expenses and taxes, or the nearest comparable figures. In some cases the figures for earlier years do not cover exactly the same subsidiaries, owing to acquisitions, consolidations, &c., but these differences are not

believed to be great in the aggregate. The following shows gross and net public utility earnings by months from January 1925, the figures for the latest months being subject to revision.

	PUBLIC UTILITY EARNINGS.			
	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
<i>Gross Earnings—</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	163,500,133	177,473,781	191,702,022	196,573,107
February	151,639,233	165,653,704	177,612,648	*187,383,281
March	151,583,666	167,642,439	179,564,670	*187,716,509
April	147,841,101	166,927,022	176,467,300	*182,000,000
May	145,571,954	159,135,618	171,255,699	*177,000,000
Total (5 mos.)	760,136,137	836,837,564	896,602,339	930,672,897
June	142,448,670	157,744,715	167,975,072	-----
July	141,033,357	153,245,315	161,638,462	-----
August	142,422,405	153,188,101	162,647,420	-----
September	146,666,696	159,519,246	169,413,885	-----
October	158,770,250	170,733,069	177,734,493	-----
November	163,128,279	176,000,649	182,077,497	-----
December	172,488,624	188,146,705	194,985,134	-----
Total (year)	1,827,124,618	1,995,415,364	2,113,074,302	-----
<i>Net Earnings—</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	58,671,777	66,974,941	73,746,891	79,013,379
February	54,102,576	61,555,164	66,907,757	*74,293,744
March	52,475,643	60,696,920	65,412,739	*72,766,141
April	51,016,359	59,471,359	64,907,729	*70,000,000
May	48,972,398	54,993,907	61,194,779	66,850,000
Total (5 mos.)	265,238,753	303,692,291	332,169,895	362,923,264
June	47,777,644	55,699,751	59,167,096	-----
July	44,309,630	49,238,806	53,980,280	-----
August	44,770,778	49,844,522	53,551,164	-----
September	49,139,669	56,930,481	61,897,207	-----
October	55,057,277	60,878,181	65,259,727	-----
November	60,511,807	65,844,729	70,214,468	-----
December	65,414,632	73,023,848	78,937,417	-----
Total (year)	632,220,190	715,152,609	775,177,254	-----

* Revised.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, July 6 1928.

With high temperatures throughout the country, retail trade has been stimulated to a certain extent during the past week. Real summer weather benefitted for that matter both, both trade and the crops. Buying for vacation requirements played its part. Harvesting of the wheat crop in the Southwest was, needless to say, much furthered by dry hot weather. The same conditions at times helped corn, after a period of abundant rains. Grain prices in the main were very well sustained, with significant buying of wheat by Russia on a large scale in the European markets coincidentally with unsatisfactory reports in regard to the condition of the winter wheat crop in Russia. The big industries of the country are for the most part quiet. The automobile trade makes the best showing. Auto manufacturing as a matter of fact is active and employment is not very much below the high level recorded in the past. Wheat declined only a cent or two, despite favorable weather for harvesting over much of the Southwest and good conditions for the spring wheat crop, for export demand on this also has been good, partly from Russia. Russia seems to be threatened with something like a shortage of supplies, as the Russian peasant is not raising bountiful enough crops. It is said that the Soviet authorities have been buying 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 bushels of wheat in Europe or enroute to European markets. It seems clear enough that the Soviet regime will never succeed in forcing communism, open or disguised, down the throats of the shrewd peasantry of Russia. Farmers, without calling themselves by such a name are individualists the world over. They want and will have the fruits of their toil and will not share their hard earnings with others who call themselves communists or anything else.

Corn advanced somewhat, especially on the July delivery, which reflects a good cash demand, while other deliveries have been in the main steady, partly because recent rains were excessive. The corn crop may be about 200,000,000 bushels larger than the last one. Deliveries of corn are light and Chicago's rivals are paying higher prices than that market for the actual grain. Some export business has been done in rye and if exporters take anywhere from 1,500,000 to 3,000,000 bushels of wheat within a day or two as they have lately it may be a hint that sooner or later foreign buying of rye will be on a larger scale. Oats have declined somewhat, owing to favorable weather for the crop. Provisions have advanced, partly under the influence of steady prices for corn and hogs, though the demand has not been active. On the other hand there was a lack of selling pressure. Cotton early in the week dropped \$4.50 a bale,

owing to better weather and a favorable Government report in regard to the emergence of the weevil from the cages at test points. Moreover the technical position had been weakened by a prolonged advance and the accumulation of quite a large long account.

But of late private reports in regard to the weevil have been so disturbing that prices have rallied sharply. There is little net change for the week. The prolonged rains left the fields grassy over a good deal of the belt and the crop is backward, this alone protecting it from the weevil, although the infestation may not be so heavy as it was at this time last year. In Texas there are increasing complaints of hot dry weather, temperatures during the week ranging from 102 to 108 degrees. Much the same conditions have prevailed in Oklahoma. In southern, western and central Texas the plant is said to be suffering from persistent very hot weather and a lack of the normal development to combat such conditions. Today there was liquidation on the eve of the Government report on the 9th inst., giving an estimate of the acreage. Cotton people seem all at sea on this subject with the estimates of the increase ranging from 2 to 9%. Cotton goods have been quiet, partly because of the holiday, July 4th, and partly because of the disturbing fluctuations in the raw commodity, especially the decline early in the week. Finished cotton goods sold more freely in parts of the country, where the weather was warmer and the demand was mostly for prompt shipment. That seemed significant. No doubt many dealers have carried dilatory tactics in the matter of buying rather far and it is stated that they are more anxious to get goods at once than to haggle over prices. Unfinished cottons, however, have been dull. Cotton mill vacations from June 29 to July 9 were general at the South. Men's wear woollens and worsteds were quiet awaiting the opening of new lines for the next lightweight season. The demand for broad silks was mostly for small lots. Rayon prices will be maintained on their present plane until the opening of November. Raw silk was quiet and lower.

Coffee advanced with a better spot demand for the mild grades and Brazilian prices noticeably firm. The limit of Santos daily receipts has been reduced. Again it is very apparent that the Brazilian authorities supervising the coffee business of the country have the situation well in hand, and short sellers in this country strengthen the position at least to some extent of a Brazilian committee. Raw sugar has declined during the week with trade small, and of late the withdrawals of refined sugar have not come up to expectations. Wool has been dull and more or less depressed. Iron has been dull, without noticeable change in prices, while the production for six months is supposed to have

been about 4½% smaller than in the same time last year and is the smallest for four years past. Large orders for cast iron pipe are reported as neutralizing in a measure the effect of lower prices for scrap. Steel has been quiet and nominal prices are believed to be shaded from time to time, notably in plates, though this seems to be also true in some other directions, with competition naturally more or less keen at this stage of the season. The sales of soft coal by Mid-West producers are said to be larger. The electrical industry has gained by copious rains in May and June, permitting an unprecedented production of current. The electricity production in May was 8% larger than in the same month last year and the production by means of water power made a new high record, something that no doubt contributed to the excellent showing of the earnings of public utilities for May.

In petroleum the tendency seems to be towards improvement after prolonged depression due to overproduction. Drilling operations in the Seminole field have been further restricted. In May the petroleum output decreased 1.3% as compared with the same month last year, while the consumption gained nearly 23%, and for the first time since late in 1926 stocks showed a decrease, even though it was slight. Car loadings are still decreasing. The failures for six months show a slight increase compared with the same time last year, but the liabilities are much smaller. Detroit employment continues slowly to decrease. This is the third week in which small declines have been reported. This week it is only 270. At the same time the total employment of 262,651 is over 80,000 more than a year ago, and nearly 45,000 more than at this time in 1926.

The stock market was irregular to-day with some declines and the tone none too confident. Loans to brokers by Federal Reserve member banks of New York City reported yesterday showed an increase of \$147,812,000 following the recent steady contraction. The call money rate here of 10% on the 2d inst. sent it to the highest figure since November 1920. To-day money on call was 5½% and the fact that the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank did not increase its rediscount rate was regarded with satisfaction. After all the net changes in prices to-day were not as a rule marked, and there were not a few advances. It is suggested that the technical position of the market is probably better after the recent liquidation and the chastening experience of the speculative world coinciding with sharp if temporary advances in money rates.

New high records for production of automobiles, both for the first half of the year and for June were reported by many companies and contrary to the trend of previous years, it was said that there seems to be no sign of the customary slowing down of demand and production as the spring season opened into full summer. At Fall River, Mass. the cotton market has been inactive during the past week. At Manchester, N. H. all departments of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. resumed operations on Thursday, July 5 after a three-day shutdown. The mills closed Saturday noon, and the vacation period was arranged to include the Fourth of July. There will be a longer shutdown beginning Friday, Aug. 3 which is expected to last two weeks.

New Bedford, Mass., wired that at a conference between manufacturers advisory committee and the general strike committee on the question of postponing the reopening of New Bedford mills next Monday, pending submission of differences to arbitration, there was no change in the decision of the mills for a general opening Monday morning with the 10% wage cut in effect. Fully 98% of the mills making narrow sheetings are represented in the curtailment movement which became effective on June 30 and will be continued until next Monday, it was stated. In other branches of the trade it is about 90%. Many of the mills are said to be considering the wisdom of staying closed beyond July 9.

Atlanta, Ga., wired that all cotton mills in Georgia and other southern States were idle on July 4th. About 85% of approximately 3,000,000 cotton spinning spindles in the Southern States suspended operations last Friday night as the beginning of a week's vacation. All mills will resume operations on Monday, July 9, the majority of which will operate only 3 days per week. Those operating full time are working upon large contracts. The closing of the mills during the week is expected to eliminate from the market between 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 yards of textiles. This represents all departments of fine goods to other descriptions. At Greensboro, N. C., owing to temporary depression in the

textile industry, the four textile plants of the Cone interests, employing 4,000 operatives, are closed this week to resume work Monday, July 9th. The mills are the Proximity, White Oak and Revolution cotton mills, and the Proximity Print Works. It is the present intention to operate the Greensboro plants on a 40-hour a week schedule after July 9th, it is said. This will include both the day and night shifts. Textile mills at Greensboro have been running four days a week for some time. The total shut down on June 30th was about 400,000 spindles affecting about 6,500 employees. Further curtailment in this line is contemplated by some mills in August. At Charlotte, N. C., the higher cotton prices have brought about some improvement in cotton goods and yarns, although the advance in goods has so far failed to stimulate any great activity in buying.

At Manchester, England, the returns on the ballot regarding the proposal that mills spinning from American cotton go on half time showed that the required 90% of assenting spindleage of the section had not been obtained, though the vote came very close to it. Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s sales for June showed an increase of 32.47% over June 1927, which is the largest June in the history of the company. Montgomery Ward & Co.'s sales for June showed an increase of 14.8% and are also the largest for any June in their history. Woolworth chain store sales increased in June 9.77% over June last year and for six months 7.29% over the same time in 1927.

On the 2d inst. it was 73 to 84 degrees here with humidity 69 to 75 degrees, making it trying and there were some prostrations. At Boston the temperature was 76 to 80, Montreal, 76 to 86; Philadelphia, 74 to 88; Portland, Me., 74 to 82; Quebec, 76 to 82; Chicago, 84 to 86; Cincinnati, 78 to 86; Cleveland, 80 to 82; Kansas City, 90 to 92; Minneapolis, 80 to 84; Omaha, 86 to 90. On the 3d inst. it was up to 89 degrees here. On the 5th inst. it was 69 to 85 degrees here; today, 63 to 71 degrees, the latter at 3 p. m. It was raining to-day for a time, but cleared off fair and cooler to-night. Boston yesterday was 62 to 88; Chicago, 58 to 66; Cincinnati, 64 to 84; Cleveland, 64 to 64; Kansas City, 76 to 96; Milwaukee, 68 to 74; Philadelphia, 68 to 88; Portland, Me., 62 to 82; San Francisco, 54 to 70; Seattle, 56 to 66; St. Paul, 68 to 86.

Monthly Indexes of Federal Reserve Board.

The indexes of production, employment and trade for May, issued by the Federal Reserve Board, follow (the terms "adjusted" and "unadjusted" used below refer to adjustments for seasonal variations):

(Monthly average 1923-25=100.)

	1928 May	1928 Apr.	1927 May		1928 May	1928 Apr.	1927 May
Industrial Production, adjusted—				Building Contracts—			
Total.....	109	109	111	Adjusted.....	152	136	126
Manufactures.....	110	110	111	Unadjusted.....	163	157	135
Minerals.....	105	103	108	Wholesale Distribution, adjusted—			
Manufactures, adjusted—				Total.....	96	89	95
Iron and steel.....	117	125	117	Groceries.....	99	*93	97
Textiles.....	107	101	116	Meats.....	110	112	109
Food products.....	96	97	103	Dry goods.....	87	78	87
Paper and printing.....	121	118	112	Men's clothing.....	96	77	87
Lumber.....	61	*97	95	Women's clothing.....	62	57	69
Automobiles.....	108	110	107	Shoes.....	113	93	110
Leather and shoes.....	97	96	100	Hardware.....	94	87	91
Cement, brick, glass.....	113	108	108	Drugs.....	116	110	104
Nonferrous metals.....	111	110	111	Furniture.....	92	87	98
Petroleum refining.....	150	147	132	Wholesale Distribution, unadjusted—			
Rubber tires.....	—	*131	127	Total.....	89	*86	88
Tobacco manufactures.....	120	119	122	Groceries.....	96	88	95
Minerals, adjusted—				Meats.....	110	105	109
Bituminous.....	93	87	94	Dry goods.....	75	70	76
Anthracite.....	114	109	117	Men's clothing.....	57	75	52
Petroleum.....	119	119	120	Women's clothing.....	35	53	39
Iron ore.....	80	—	120	Shoes.....	114	99	111
Copper.....	110	103	107	Hardware.....	97	89	93
Zinc.....	113	114	108	Drugs.....	109	112	98
Lead.....	100	100	113	Furniture.....	87	88	93
Silver.....	88	*89	90	Dept. Store Sales—			
Freight-Car Loadings, adjusted—				Adjusted.....	104	103	103
Total.....	106	104	107	Unadjusted.....	107	102	102
Grain.....	102	109	100	Dept. Store Stocks—			
Livestock.....	88	89	95	Adjusted.....	99	100	101
Coal.....	101	99	103	Unadjusted.....	101	104	103
Forest products.....	90	85	93	Mail Order House Sales—			
Merchandise, l. c. l., and miscellaneous.....	110	108	108	Adjusted.....	132	117	118
				Unadjusted.....	116	115	99

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS.
Unadjusted (1919=100).

	Employment.			Payrolls.		
	May 1928.	April 1928.	May 1927.	May 1928.	April 1928.	May 1927.
Total.....	89.4	89.3	92.6	103.8	102.7	108.1
Iron and steel.....	84.9	84.2	88.4	94.3	92.2	96.2
Textiles—Group.....	87.8	90.0	93.6	93.4	94.7	103.3
Fabrics.....	88.9	91.0	96.5	95.3	95.5	107.6
Products.....	86.3	88.7	89.9	91.1	93.8	98.1
Lumber.....	86.7	86.8	91.6	98.6	98.0	105.3
Railroad vehicles.....	72.5	72.0	78.5	80.7	81.2	89.8
Automobiles.....	141.2	133.6	123.7	178.3	171.8	158.7
Paper and printing.....	106.3	105.9	107.3	146.7	146.7	150.3
Food, &c.....	83.0	82.8	83.7	99.0	96.5	100.7
Leather, &c.....	77.7	79.8	82.6	72.7	75.3	84.4
Stone, clay, glass.....	113.8	109.1	124.0	140.9	134.6	157.6
Tobacco, &c.....	76.8	76.0	78.2	77.3	73.8	83.6
Chemicals, &c.....	74.5	76.7	75.3	106.6	108.8	107.0

*Revised.

Heavy Construction Awards Show Large Increase in the First Half of 1928.

Engineering construction contracts awarded in the first six months of the current year were valued at \$1,773,936,000, an increase of 17 per cent compared with the same period last year and a new high record, *Engineering News-Record* reports. In the corresponding period last year the sum involved in heavy construction contracts actually let was placed at \$1,514,979,000. Significant gains occurred this year in several classes of operations, namely, streets and roads, 37 per cent; industrial buildings, 25 per cent; commercial buildings, including large apartment houses and hotels, 24 per cent, and Federal government work, 10 per cent. The rate of operations in June was high, the money value of awards for the month (four weeks) being \$323,354,000, as against \$357,059,000 in May (five weeks) of this year, and \$352,428,000 in June (five weeks) last year.

Comparing the first half of this year with the same period in 1927 the Middle Atlantic district registered a gain in heavy construction operations of fully 39 per cent, with the South up 23 per cent, New England district, 1 per cent. West of the Mississippi and in the Far West awards were 1 and 7 per cent lower, respectively, than last year. The *Engineering News-Record* construction cost index number for July 1 settled at 206.65, as compared with 206.15 a month previous, and 203.68 in July, 1927. The slight advance reflects a moderate gain in the average common labor rate. Construction volume index number for June is 308, the highest June volume on record, and 9 points above that of May.

Production of Electric Power in United States in May Higher Than in Previous Month and an Increase of About 8% Over May, 1927.

The total output of electric power by public utility plants in the United States in the month of May amounted to 7,121,015,000 kilowatt-hours, an increase of approximately 8% over the corresponding month in 1927 when production was about 6,493,000,000 kilowatt-hours, according to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey. Of the total for May of this year 3,942,266,000 kilowatt-hours were produced by fuels and 3,178,749 kilowatt-hours by water power. The survey further shows:

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

Division.	Totals by Fuels and Water.			Change in Output from Previous Year	
	March.	April.	May.	April.	May.
New England.....	499,453,000	452,207,000	459,233,000	+5%	+7%
Middle Atlantic.....	1,918,463,000	1,786,348,000	1,797,952,000	0%	+1%
East North Central.....	1,738,368,000	1,632,651,000	1,654,127,000	+6%	+8%
West North Central.....	410,545,000	384,909,000	415,310,000	+2%	+6%
South Atlantic.....	872,954,000	840,689,000	894,808,000	+12%	+25%
East South Central.....	300,750,000	268,907,000	276,392,000	0%	-5%
West South Central.....	297,083,000	287,405,000	310,271,000	+15%	+20+
Mountain.....	307,354,000	310,452,000	338,633,000	+11%	+11%
Pacific.....	901,527,000	889,305,000	974,289,000	+12%	+9%
Total in U. S.....	7,246,497,000	6,852,873,000	7,121,015,000	+6%	+8%

The average daily production of electricity by public-utility power plants in May was 229,700,000 kilowatt-hours, about 1/2 of 1% larger than the average daily output in April.

The output for May was 8% larger than that for May, 1927, but the output for March and April was only 6% larger than for the same months of 1927. These figures apparently indicate some improvement in the demand for electricity during the month of May.

The production of electricity by the use of water power in May surpassed the records that were established in April. More electricity was produced by the use of water power in May than in any previous month, the total being 3,179,000,000 kilowatt-hours. The average daily rate of production of electricity by water power was the largest on record and for the first time exceeded the 100,000,000 mark, with an average daily output of 102,500,000 kilowatt-hours. The proportion of the total output produced by water power was 44.6%, which surpasses all previous figures.

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	7,265,000,000	6%	36%	38%
February.....	6,166,000,000	6,871,000,000	11%	37%	38%
March.....	6,840,000,000	7,234,000,000	6%	39%	39%
April.....	6,482,000,000	6,853,000,000	6%	40%	43%
May.....	6,600,000,000	7,121,000,000	8%	41%	45%
June.....	6,493,000,000	---	---	39%	---
July.....	6,477,000,000	---	---	37%	---
August.....	6,693,000,000	---	---	36%	---
September.....	6,605,000,000	---	---	33%	---
October.....	6,932,000,000	---	---	34%	---
November.....	6,876,000,000	---	---	36%	---
December.....	7,211,000,000	---	---	38%	---
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, co-operates in the preparation of these reports.

Dr. Klein of Department of Commerce Finds Sound Business Based on Facts—National Retail Credit Survey by Government.

Recommending more facts on credit practices as one of the best forms of prosperity insurance, Dr. Julius Klein, Director, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Commerce Department, speaking before the National Retail Credit Men's Association in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 19, expressed the opinion that many of the nation's most complicated economic problems would probably prove of simple solution with the application of precise data. Despite the fact that a material portion of our prosperity of recent years is based upon our retail credit structure, Dr. Klein said that it appears to be the consensus of opinion among credit authorities that these operations are being conducted without sufficient knowledge of the underlying and ruling facts.

The leading retailers, he said, know the facts about their operations, and the many credit bureaus throughout the country are doing excellent work in stabilizing credit conditions in their communities. Dr. Klein emphasized, however, that no systematic study has been made of the retail credit field in general, and in consequence the conduct of this business often lacks adequate direction. Conclusions as to its soundness are being made upon mere opinions rather than facts. The best estimates available, according to the speaker, indicate that the annual total for installment sales alone for consumers' goods are about four to five billion dollars out of a total national retail turnover of about forty billions and a national income of about ninety billion dollars.

The increase of prosperity calls to-day for increase in efficiency and a lowering of costs in distribution. Our manufacturers and our farmers have increased their production efficiency and cut their prices but the cost of distribution has not been reduced correspondingly and extending credit forms a material part of distribution costs. Retailers whose costs are abnormally high undoubtedly suffer and it is just as true that unnecessarily high prices discourage buying and reduce the sale of both manufacturers and farmers. On the other hand, anything that will help to reduce the cost of extending retail credit will be a boon to consumers, retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, and farmers. But we are up against a great difficulty, Dr. Klein declared, in attempting to attack the problem as a whole or in part because of the lack of vitally necessary fundamental data.

Realizing this situation, the Commerce Department, Dr. Klein explained, readily agreed to conduct a national retail credit survey upon the request and with the co-operation of the National Retail Credit Men's Association through its 18,000 or more members. He said that it has been the cardinal policy of the Department during recent years to extend every conceivable aid to all branches of commerce and industry following the guiding principle of attempting to undertake the tasks which the business community present in the order of their importance.

Working in close harmony with credit organizations it is planned that the Government survey is to be based upon two questionnaires, one to be filled in by representative retailers and one by representative consumers. It is guaranteed that the returns will be treated as strictly confidential as to individual reports.

Summaries will be published representing groups by geographic regions and by types of business. They will be brought together and analyzed in connection with all other information which may be made available in government offices or in the files of private business. Several private agencies, which have a large volume of information on hand, have already volunteered to share their knowledge with the Department.

In an effort to carry on the work effectively and efficiently a preliminary retail credit survey is now being conducted in Baltimore on the basis of a tentative questionnaire. Cash transactions, open credit and deferred or installment payments are the three major subjects of the Baltimore survey. If adequate returns can be secured this information will form the nucleus for a national study scheduled to get under way later in the summer.

Dr. Klein said that he was in complete agreement with the opinion of the Credit Men's Association that the retail credit facts should be of inestimable value in leading the public and all elements of business to a decisive victory in the country-wide war on waste.

A reference to the proposed nation-wide survey of retail credit appeared in our issue of May 26, page 3204.

Monthly Indexes of Department of Commerce.

The monthly indexes of production, stocks and unfilled orders of the Department of Commerce, issued June 30, follow:

Production.

Marketings of animal products in May, although higher than in the preceding month, were lower than a year ago, according to the index numbers of the Department of Commerce. Crop marketings showed a decline from the preceding month and a gain over last year. The output of forest products showed an increase over the previous month but no change from a year ago. Mineral production was larger than in April but smaller than in May of last year, while the output of manufactures, after adjustments for seasonal variations, showed a small decline from both the preceding month and May a year ago, the indexes of both minerals and manufactures being those of the Federal Reserve Board.

Commodity Stocks.

Stocks of commodities, after adjustments for seasonal variations, were larger at the end of May than at the end of either the previous month or May of last year, the increase over the previous month being solely due to larger holdings of raw foodstuffs, while the increase over a year ago was due to larger stocks of both raw foodstuffs and manufactured commodities, other than foodstuffs.

Unfilled Orders.

Unfilled orders of manufactured commodities at the end of May were lower than at the end of either the preceding month or May, 1927. As compared with the previous month, unfilled orders for textiles and lumber showed gains, insufficient, however, to offset the decline in iron and steel. Contrasted with a year ago, the gain in iron and steel orders was insufficient to offset declines in textiles and lumber.

The index numbers of the Department of Commerce are given below, together with the industrial production index of the Federal Reserve Board.

Index Numbers, 1923-1925=100.	1928.		1927.
	April.	May.	May.
Production			
Raw materials			
Animal products	95	107	115
Crops	81	70	62
Forestry	96	100	99
Industrial (compiled by Federal Reserve Board)			
Minerals	103	104	108
Total manufactures (adjusted)	110	109	111
Iron and steel	125	117	116
Textiles	101	107	116
Food products	97	96	103
Paper and printing	118	125	112
Lumber	95	91	95
Automobiles	110	108	103
Leather and shoes	96	99	100
Cement, brick, and glass	108	113	108
Nonferrous metals	110	111	111
Petroleum refining	147	---	132
Rubber tires	130	---	127
Tobacco manufactures	119	---	122
Commodity Stocks (unadjusted)			
Total	139	129	122
Raw foodstuffs	183	163	145
Raw materials for manufacture	117	102	108
Manufactured foodstuffs	97	96	89
Other manufactured commodities	129	125	121
Commodity Stocks (Adjusted for seasonal element)			
Total	133	139	135
Raw foodstuffs	154	182	180
Raw materials for manufacture	131	118	138
Manufactured foodstuffs	107	93	108
Other manufactured commodities	127	125	121
Unfilled Orders			
Total	77	73	74
Textiles	71	72	88
Iron and steel	82	72	64
Transportation equipment	73	73	73
Lumber	70	78	86

ponding month of the previous year for the first time since April 1927, but loadings of bulk freight continued smaller. Foreign trade increased in May, contrary to the usual seasonal tendency, and there were increases also in a majority of this bank's indexes of domestic retail trade.

(Computed trend of past years—100 per cent.)

	1927.	1928.		
	May.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
Primary Distribution				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous	107	103	104	105
Car loadings, other	104	92	95	96
Exports	103	97	87	105p
Imports	110	104	98	107p
Panama Canal traffic	87	86	89	84
Wholesale trade	99	98	93	---
Distribution to Consumer				
Department store sales, 2nd District	94	98	97	96
Chain grocery sales	106	102	103	102
Other chain store sales	100	100	98	98
Mail order sales	100	97	100	110
Life insurance paid for	106	111	106	110
Advertising	102	95	97	95
General Business Activity				
Bank debits, outside of N. Y. City	110	107	112	111
Bank debits, New York City	129	159	162	167
Velocity of bank dep., outside of N. Y. City	108	111	1116r	117
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City	131	162	164	169
Shares sold on N. Y. Stock Exchange	179	281	305	307
Postal receipts	92	90	87	92
Electric power	108	104	104	---
Employment in the United States	99	95	96	96
Business failures	105	115	102	113
Building contracts, 36 States	123	125	133	144
New corporations formed in N. Y. State	113	115	110	118
Real estate transfers	91	92	89	82
General price level	170	174	175	177
Composite index of wages	222	223	221	222

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington April 26 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of May and the five months ending with May. 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 DOMESTIC EXPORTS FROM AND IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1928.
(Value in 1,000 Dollars.)

Group.	Month of May.				Five Months Ending May.			
	1927.		1928.		1927.		1928.	
	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.
Domestic Exports								
Crude materials	74,831	19.6	89,811	21.8	493,386	25.2	463,175	23.8
Crude foodstuffs	30,684	8.0	19,739	4.8	125,340	6.4	79,147	4.1
Manufactured foodstuffs	36,933	9.7	33,124	8.0	192,851	9.8	191,716	9.9
Semi-manufactures	60,958	15.9	66,885	16.1	292,668	14.9	305,880	15.7
Finished manufactures	178,979	46.8	203,348	49.3	857,421	43.7	903,846	46.5
Total domestic exports	382,385	100.0	412,907	100.0	1,961,666	100.0	1,943,764	100.0
Imports								
Crude materials	135,718	39.2	138,553	39.1	707,939	40.0	675,439	38.2
Crude foodstuffs	37,163	10.7	47,955	13.5	209,993	11.9	243,299	13.7
Manufactured foodstuffs	39,392	11.4	34,233	9.6	199,164	11.3	183,276	10.4
Semi-manufactures	63,780	18.4	59,087	16.7	310,969	17.6	310,313	17.5
Finished manufactures	70,448	20.3	74,887	21.1	340,218	19.2	357,039	20.2
Total imports	346,501	100.0	354,715	100.0	1,768,283	100.0	1,769,366	100.0

Canadian Bank of Commerce Finds Conditions in Primary Industries More Favorable than Year Ago
—Conditions in Lumber Business Here and Abroad
—Output Reduced in Finland.

The monthly commercial letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, dated July, thus discussed business conditions:

The conditions which affect the primary industries during the current season largely determine the course of business throughout the year, and fortunately they are at this date, with the exception of those in respect of pulp and paper, more favorable than in the generally prosperous year of 1927. The foregoing conclusion is based chiefly on the healthy development of the western wheat crop, which is entering the most critical period of its growth in the best possible condition. The national situation as regards agriculture is described elsewhere in this letter.

There is further improvement to record in the lumber industry, for while weakness is still evident in some foreign markets the demand is large in Canada and the United States. A sound program of trade extension is under way in the latter country, and an effort is being made to adjust production to market requirements. Indeed, the operations of the mills in Oregon and Washington have been curtailed by the general agreement of the members of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, and it has been proposed that the lumbermen in British Columbia should adopt the same course. With a view to stabilizing the English market, which is overstocked, the Association of Sawmill Owners in Finland has recently agreed to reduce its output by at least 10%, and this would more than offset the slight increase which is contemplated in Russia. These corrective measures will not solve all the difficulties of the industry, but, generally speaking, the outlook is the most favorable in the past three or four years. The principal development in the pulp and paper situation is an increase in the total output, but as this is from a greater number of machines the industry is now operating at only about 80% of the rated capacity. Proposals have been made to rationalize the industry by controlling production and sales, and a sound scheme to improve the position of the industry would be welcome, for it is apparent that the leading companies can best meet foreign competition by working together as far as possible. It should be noted, however, that the majority of the Canadian mills, being modern and favorably situated, can continue to operate profitably even at the lower prices now prevailing for their products.

Farmers Will Be Well Paid This Year, According to Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.—Business Review Also Sees Airplane Exports Assuming Importance.

Crops will be harvested on a rising market in most sections of the country according to the "Outline of Business" issued by the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Company. Prices of farm commodities are up by more than 45% as compared with the pre-war level and May figures were highest for that month during the past eight years. Retail trade shows signs of an upswing. Sales for May, according to compilations of the Federal Reserve Board show an increase of more than 4% compared with the same month of last year. Airplanes and parts, the bank says, begin to assume an importance in our foreign trade. Approximately \$622,000 worth of planes, \$278,000 worth of parts and \$159,000 worth of motors were shipped abroad in the first five months of this year.

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

The following indexes of business activity are from the July 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Average daily freight car loadings increased more than usual in May, merchandise and miscellaneous loadings were larger than in the corres-

The recent developments affecting mining have been entirely favorable, and the production of all metals, except silver, is at a record level, while prospecting for undiscovered deposits and the development of promising properties are on the largest scale ever known. The results of deep-sea fishing have so far been satisfactory, and if the summer catches are of normal volume the season should prove to be more successful than was the case last year.

The latest reports on the output of iron and steel show that the producers have experienced the most favorable conditions, as far as volume of business is concerned, since the period of inflation following the war. The monthly average of iron production during the first half of 1927 was the highest since 1920, and that of steel the highest since 1918, though the industries have not yet operated at full capacity. Curtailment is usually expected during midsummer, but as the leading producer has large unfilled orders on hand this should not be so marked as in former years. The automobile industry, after several months of uncertainty due to the new Ford policy, returned to normal conditions in April, and its production in May was the largest in its history.

Wholesale Trade During May as Reported to Federal Reserve Board—Volume Exceeded That of April.

Volume of wholesale trade was larger in May than in April, and the Federal Reserve Board's index of wholesale distribution in nine leading lines increased from the low point of the year in April to slightly below the high point of the year, which was reached last February, according to the compilation issued by the Board June 30. The Board's report further says:

The decreases in dollar sales of clothing, drugs, and furniture were smaller than those which usually occur at this season of the year, and in all other lines the volume of sales increased, although in the case of meats the increase was somewhat less than the usual seasonal amount.

As compared with last May, the volume of merchandise sold by all wholesale firms reporting to the Federal Reserve System increased about 1%, owing largely to one additional business day in May of this year. Sales of drugs, men's clothing, and hardware were larger than in May 1927, while sales of women's clothing, furniture and dry goods declined somewhat. A summary of the changes in sales, by lines, in May, as compared with April 1928, and May 1927, is given in the table:

CHANGES IN VALUE OF WHOLESALE SALES.

Line.	P. C. of Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in Sales in May 1928 Compared with	
	April 1928.	May 1927.
Groceries.....	+8.9	+1.5
Meats.....	+3.3	+0.1
Dry goods.....	+8.2	-0.7
Men's clothing.....	-24.2	+8.9
Women's clothing.....	-34.7	-10.8
Boots and shoes.....	+15.3	+2.9
Hardware.....	+9.1	+3.9
Drugs.....	-2.8	+11.4
Furniture.....	-1.1	-6.3
Total, nine lines.....	+3.6	+1.4

Sales of agricultural implements and machine tools at wholesale continued at a much higher level than a year ago. Reports of 75 agricultural machinery and farm implement manufacturers indicated an increase in sales in May over April. Orders for machine tools reported to the National Machine Tool Builders' Association declined 8% in May, but were 6% above the corresponding month of last year. Shipments of automobile parts and accessories, as reported to the Motor and Accessory Manufacturers' Association, increased in May to a level exceeded only by the record total in March of this year.

Stocks of Wholesale Firms.—Merchandise inventories held by wholesale firms at the end of May were lower than in April in all lines reporting stocks to the Federal Reserve System except in the case of furniture. The total value of stocks carried in all lines was about the same as on May 31 1927, although inventories of dry goods and drugs increased during the year.

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

Month	Total Nine Lines.	Groceries.	Meats.	Dry Goods.	Men's Clothing.	Women's Clothing.	Boots and Shoes.	Hardware.	Drugs.	Furniture.
<i>With adjustment for seasonal variation—</i>										
1927—										
January.....	94	93	113	83	84	77	112	92	104	98
February.....	95	93	112	87	97	75	110	93	103	98
March.....	96	96	108	90	101	67	97	98	106	101
April.....	93	95	111	86	87	68	94	94	106	96
May.....	95	97	109	87	87	69	110	91	104	98
June.....	93	98	104	88	90	65	90	92	106	102
July.....	95	91	102	88	90	79	134	92	105	102
August.....	100	97	109	102	101	72	111	97	112	109
September.....	96	94	109	91	92	66	104	99	114	103
October.....	91	90	109	86	81	54	91	94	111	99
November.....	95	94	105	89	86	67	105	100	112	100
December.....	93	92	109	87	93	61	101	97	106	89
1928—										
January.....	94	93	106	89	99	70	114	92	108	89
February.....	97	98	113	88	99	70	109	93	109	95
March.....	93	97	109	83	94	55	96	91	109	95
April.....	89	92	112	78	77	57	93	87	110	87
May.....	96	99	110	87	96	62	113	94	116	92
<i>Without adjustment for seasonal variation—</i>										
1927—										
January.....	86	86	113	78	65	71	92	82	102	86
February.....	91	81	107	88	123	95	87	82	95	98
March.....	103	94	104	95	138	108	111	102	117	114
April.....	90	90	104	76	85	64	100	96	108	97
May.....	88	95	109	76	52	39	111	93	98	93
June.....	87	101	106	78	46	28	85	96	99	90
July.....	83	92	104	81	78	43	107	90	100	84
August.....	111	97	111	125	165	98	122	98	110	111
September.....	112	102	117	113	140	98	127	106	122	117
October.....	106	102	122	99	101	87	114	105	128	118
November.....	93	100	101	88	61	45	110	98	113	105
December.....	82	90	103	70	48	39	82	90	99	83
1928—										
January.....	87	85	106	85	76	65	94	82	106	78
February.....	93	85	108	89	128	88	87	82	101	96
March.....	99	95	105	87	131	89	110	95	120	107
April.....	86	88	105	70	75	53	99	89	112	88
May.....	89	96	110	75	57	35	114	97	109	87

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

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

Increase (+) or decrease (-) per cent.

Line and Federal Reserve District.	Sales—May 1928 Compared with		a Stocks—May 1928 Compared with	
	April 1928.	May 1927.	April 1928.	May 1927.
<i>Groceries—</i>				
United States.....	+8.9	+1.5	-3.0	-1.9
Boston District....	+16.8	+4.9	-2.9	-9.7
New York District..	+6.3	-1.8	-6.4	+0.7
Philadelphia Dist..	+14.1	+2.3	-4.3	+0.7
Cleveland District..	+12.0	+7.2	-5.7	+1.5
Richmond District..	+9.9	+4.5	-2.9	+0.3
Atlanta District...-	+7.2	-6.6	-5.7	+11.7
Chicago District...-	+12.5	-1.5	-0.4	-6.6
St. Louis District..	+6.2	-5.0	-6.5	+3.8
Minneapolis Dist..	+8.0	+3.0	+0.0	+8.0
Kansas City Dist..	+8.2	-2.4	-1.3	+10.4
Dallas District....	+3.3	+6.1	-3.7	+8.3
San Francisco Dist.	+3.9	+2.4	-4.2	-18.0
<i>Dry Goods—</i>				
United States.....	+8.2	-0.7	-3.1	+5.8
New York District..	+3.2	+0.9	-----	-----
Philadelphia Dist..	+17.9	-0.3	-3.9	+1.3
Cleveland District..	+7.6	+9.3	-5.1	+2.0
Richmond District..	+0.7	-9.1	-6.2	+11.4
Atlanta District...-	-3.8	-11.4	-4.6	+6.5
Chicago District...-	+10.0	+3.0	-2.5	+3.8
St. Louis District..	+16.9	-7.2	-2.3	+6.1
Kansas City Dist..	+6.5	+4.5	-4.8	+18.7
Dallas District....	+4.6	-6.1	-3.7	+8.4
San Francisco Dist.	+9.8	+4.3	-2.5	-0.2
<i>Shoes—</i>				
United States.....	+15.3	+2.9	-9.2	-2.0
Boston District....	+1.4	+6.0	-3.6	-10.3
New York District..	+11.9	-0.9	-1.8	-11.6
Philadelphia Dist..	+3.0	+6.1	-4.6	+14.7
Cleveland District..	+6.4	+1.9	+12.0	-6.2
Richmond District..	+12.4	+17.2	+0.8	-27.9
Atlanta District...-	+1.8	+1.0	-----	-----
Chicago District...-	+15.1	+20.6	+2.4	+28.5
St. Louis District..	+18.8	-1.1	-22.2	+18.7
Minneapolis Dist..	+8.0	-13.0	+2.0	+67.0
San Francisco Dist.	-5.9	-6.5	+5.6	+21.8
<i>Hardware—</i>				
United States.....	+9.1	+3.9	-0.9	+0.2
New York District..	-6.7	+5.7	-6.7	+3.2
Philadelphia Dist..	+10.1	+0.5	-3.9	-0.6
Cleveland District..	+14.3	+0.5	-----	-----
Richmond District..	+2.2	-15.6	-4.6	-1.4
Atlanta District...-	+5.2	-0.8	-5.8	-1.2
Chicago District...-	+16.4	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9
St. Louis District..	+15.6	+13.3	-0.9	-25.2
Minneapolis Dist..	+11.0	+18.0	+4.0	-3.0
Kansas City Dist..	+8.9	-1.9	-3.2	-0.8
Dallas District....	+5.3	+28.6	+0.7	+15.8
San Francisco Dist.	+9.2	+4.5	-2.0	-3.3
<i>Drugs—</i>				
United States.....	-2.8	+11.4	-3.5	+4.1
New York District..	-18.6	+29.8	-7.5	+12.8
Philadelphia Dist..	+4.8	+2.3	-----	-----
Cleveland District..	+3.4	+9.8	-----	-----
Richmond District..	+3.2	-1.5	-----	-----
Atlanta District...-	+12.7	+8.1	-----	-----
Chicago District...-	+5.6	+8.4	-3.0	-4.7
St. Louis District..	+0.4	+7.6	+0.0	-5.7
Kansas City Dist..	-0.6	+20.4	+1.3	+22.4
Dallas District....	-0.9	+1.4	-0.7	+0.3
San Francisco Dist.	-1.2	+14.7	-1.7	-7.8
<i>Furniture—</i>				
United States.....	-1.1	-6.3	+1.9	-8.9
Richmond District..	+11.0	-48.6	-----	-----
Atlanta District...-	-10.6	+18.6	-5.2	-2.1
St. Louis District..	+6.8	-12.0	-19.6	-12.3
Kansas City Dist..	+11.5	+16.0	+0.2	+5.4
San Francisco Dist.	+5.1	-3.0	+7.5	-3.7
<i>Agricultural Imp</i>				
United States b...-	+3.4	+22.1	-----	-----
Minneapolis Dist..	-22.0	+19.0	+2.0	-3.0
Dallas District....	+17.5	+45.6	-3.5	-18.6
<i>Paper and Stationery—</i>				
New York District..	+10.9	+9.7	-----	-----
Philadelphia Dist..	+2.1	+9.7	-2.5	-3.1
Atlanta District...-	-4.6	-7.0	-----	-----
San Francisco Dist.	-8.0	+4.1	+3.6	-2.5
<i>Automobile Supp</i>				
San Francisco Dist.	+4.5	-4.3	+0.2	-1.8
<i>Cotton Jobbers—</i>				
New York District..	+3.2	-3.4	-2.5	-15.1
<i>Silk Goods—</i>				
New York District..	+3.2	+3.8	-----	-----
<i>Cotton Commiss</i>				
New York District..	+30.4	+8.4	-----	-----
<i>Machine Tools—</i>				
United States c...-	-7.5	+61.4	-----	-----
<i>Diamonds—</i>				
New York District..	-5.4	-12.4	-----	-----
<i>Jewelry—</i>				
New York District..	+18.9	-0.6	-2.4	d+7.1
Philadelphia Dist..	+74.5	+16.2	+25.3	-3.6
<i>Electrical Supp</i>				
Philadelphia Dist..	-18.0	-0.5	+15.9	-2.2
Atlanta District...-	+0.4	-1.4	-11.0	-34.1
Chicago District...-	+5.5	+9.0	-2.5	-5.7
St. Louis.....	+16.5	-3.2	-1.8	+43.5
San Francisco Dist.	+7.6	+8.5	-13.2	-7.1

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

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

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

^d Includes diamonds.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Keeps Running Lower than in 1927 or 1926.

Cars loaded with revenue freight for the week ended on June 23 totaled 986,789, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on July 3. Compared with the preceding week, this was a decrease of 16,503 cars, reductions being reported under the week before in the loading of all commodities except coal and forest products. The total for the week of June 23 was also a decrease of 31,271 cars below the same week in 1927 as well as a decrease of 68,573 cars compared with the corresponding week two years ago. Particulars follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 385,344 cars, a decrease of 7,164 cars below the corresponding week last year and 6,176 cars below the same week in 1926.

Coal loading totaled 144,892 cars, a decrease of 11,497 cars below the same week in 1927 and 35,160 cars below the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 33,340 cars, a decrease of 7,451 cars under the same week last year and 9,556 cars below the same week in 1926. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 22,000 cars, a decrease of 5,118 cars below the same week in 1927.

Live stock loading amounted to 24,362 cars, a decrease of 2,721 cars below the same week last year and 2,262 cars below the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 18,429, a decrease of 1,505 cars compared with the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 256,383, a decrease of 1,283 cars below the same week in 1927 and 891 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading amounted to 67,543 cars, 572 cars above the same week last year but 6,773 cars under the same week in 1926.

Ore loading totaled 65,528 cars, 735 cars below the same week in 1927 and 5,667 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 9,397 cars, 992 cars below the same week in 1927 and 2,088 cars below the corresponding week in 1926.

All districts reported decrease in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week last year except the Southwestern which showed an increase. All districts, however, 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
Four weeks in May	4,006,058	4,108,472	4,145,820
Week of June 2	934,214	911,510	944,864
Week of June 9	995,960	1,028,367	1,052,471
Week of June 16	1,003,292	1,016,479	1,036,643
Week of June 23	986,789	1,018,060	1,055,362
Total	23,454,056	24,499,602	24,267,591

Efforts to Arbitrate Strike at New Bedford, Mass. Cotton Mills Fail—Mills to Re-open with 10% Cut.

After more than three hours of conference on July 5 between the manufacturers' advisory committee and the general strike committee of the Textile Council, which was held at the invitation of the State Board of Conciliation and State Board that the reopening of the New Bedford mills next Monday be postponed pending the submission of the existing differences to arbitration failed of adoption, due to the opposition of the representatives of the employees. Special advices from New Bedford to the "Journal of Commerce", reporting this added:

The manufacturers' committee signified its readiness to accept the State Board's recommendation and to postpone the reopening of the mills, submitting the questions at issue to arbitration, but the workers' representative refused to agree at this time to arbitrating the questions, so the conference broke down, leaving matters where they were, with the mills affected by the strike announcing that there will be a general reopening Monday morning, with the 10% wage cut in effect.

Edward Fisher, chairman of the State Board, following the conference, said that his board had not yet given up hope, and that he expects before the end of the week to take some further action, looking toward a settlement.

Mayor Ashley and the chief of police today made arrangements to swear in as special policemen every available man on the civil service list, as well as about 100 members of the local militia companies, who will be mounted on horses for service at the mills Monday morning.

The proposed reopening of the mills was referred to in our issue of June 30, page 4008.

Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Retail Trade in United States—Increase in May as Compared with Year Ago.

In its survey for the month, issued June 29, the Federal Reserve Board states that retail trade in May, following a decline in April, increased by slightly more than the usual seasonal amount. The Federal Reserve Board's index of department store sales, adjusted for seasonal variations and number of working days, was 104 in May, on the basis of the average for 1923-25 as 100, as compared with 103 in April, and the index of mail order house sales rose from 117 to 132. Sales by chains of grocery, apparel, shoe, and candy stores showed more than the usual seasonal increase over those of April, and sales of drugs and cigar chain stores were in about the same volume. Five-and-ten-cent stores reported a small decline in sales. Continuing the Board says:

As compared with a year ago, sales of all types of retail firms showed an increase in May. Department store sales gained about 5%; sales of mail order houses increased by 17%; and the increase in sales of chain stores ranged from 11% for candy chains to 29% for apparel stores. The only decrease from May of last year was reported by chains of cigar stores. A share of the general increase may be attributed to an additional business day in May 1928 and, when allowance is made for this difference, average daily sales of department stores in May were only 1% larger than those of a year ago. A summary of the changes in sales of the different classes of retail stores in May 1928 compared with May 1927, and the number of stores reporting, are shown in the following table:

CHANGES IN VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AND NUMBER OF STORES REPORTING.

Line.	P. C. of Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Sales in May 1928 Compared with May 1927.	Number of Stores.	
		May 1928.	May 1927.
Department stores	+4.8	510	510
Mail order houses	+16.9	4	4
Chain stores—			
Grocery	+24.6	28,925	28,276
Five and ten cent.	+13.3	2,995	2,792
Apparel	+29.3	1,166	938
Drug	+22.4	984	829
Cigars	+13.7	3,493	3,415
Shoes	+2.9	656	592
Candy	+10.5	305	271

Department Store Sales and Stocks by Federal Reserve Districts.—The increase in department store sales over those a year ago was general in most cities and in all Federal Reserve districts, except in the Philadelphia district, where trade remained at about the 1927 level. The greatest increases occurred in the Chicago, San Francisco, St. Louis and New York Federal Reserve districts, while in the Boston and Cleveland districts sales increased by only 1%. The cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis and San Francisco reported declines from May 1927.

Inventories carried by department stores for the country as a whole declined during the month of May by more than the usual seasonal amount, reflecting chiefly large stock reductions in the Minneapolis and Dallas districts. Stocks were generally lower than those held at the end of May a year ago, except in the Chicago Federal Reserve district, and the rate of stock turnover in May of this year was slightly higher for the country as a whole than in May 1927.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

(Index numbers. 1923-25 average equals 100.)

U.S.	Federal Reserve District Number.											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	*10	11	12
Sales (unadjusted)	100	97	99	94	98	99	108	98	92	89	97	109
1927—Mar	111	111	112	103	116	110	109	117	108	104	98	109
Apr	102	100	102	94	105	103	108	108	96	91	88	112
May	103	96	102	95	101	105	110	115	105	94	92	109
1928—Mar	102	89	103	90	101	99	102	113	99	83	92	102
Apr	107	101	109	94	106	106	114	122	104	95	93	116
May	105	104	107	96	103	102	105	114	101	99	---	100
1927—Mar	105	102	107	98	107	105	104	106	101	92	---	108
Apr	103	102	104	96	103	105	105	107	98	90	---	108
May	105	98	106	94	102	105	113	118	105	97	---	109
1928—Mar	103	97	106	91	100	102	103	110	100	78	---	108
Apr	104	98	107	92	100	104	107	115	103	89	---	107
May	106	105	107	105	105	107	108	105	102	94	116	92
1927—Mar	106	107	109	103	106	107	110	105	103	95	115	93
Apr	103	106	105	98	102	104	103	101	102	91	112	90
May	103	105	105	98	103	103	105	105	96	91	117	86
1928—Mar	104	107	108	96	103	104	108	106	98	93	115	87
Apr	101	106	104	93	100	100	103	103	96	88	115	83
May	103	103	105	100	101	103	105	102	100	91	---	90
1927—Mar	102	104	105	99	99	102	105	101	98	92	---	88
Apr	101	105	105	98	99	103	102	100	98	88	---	89
May	100	103	103	93	99	100	102	102	94	88	---	84
1928—Mar	100	104	104	92	96	99	103	102	94	90	---	83
Apr	99	105	104	93	96	99	102	102	94	85	---	81
May	100	104	104	92	96	99	103	102	94	85	---	81

* Monthly average 1925 equals 100.

SALES OF MAIL ORDER HOUSES AND CHAIN STORES.

(Index numbers. 1923-25 average equals 100.)

Mail Order Houses (4)*	Chains of Stores.						
	Grocery (34)*	5 & 10 (14)*	Apparel (5)*	Drugs (13)*	Cigar (4)*	Shoe (7)*	Candy (4)*
Unadjusted	101	148	104	114	129	99	103
1927—Feb	125	174	116	148	143	111	96
Mar	120	172	135	199	144	113	150
Apr	99	171	123	171	134	113	109
May	108	193	115	137	148	96	86
1928—Feb	125	224	133	200	163	107	117
Mar	115	202	135	195	154	100	130
Apr	116	213	139	221	164	110	130
May	112	155	133	173	139	115	121
1927—Feb	117	163	128	175	139	113	104
Mar	113	166	137	192	144	115	117
Apr	118	171	132	172	137	113	99
May	116	194	142	201	153	107	120
1928—Feb	113	210	142	224	157	109	119
Mar	117	203	147	205	161	105	109
Apr	132	206	144	213	161	105	113
May	112	155	133	173	139	115	121

* Note.—Number of companies reporting.

CHANGES IN SALES AND STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT STORES, MAY 1928.

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

Federal Reserve District and City.	Change in Sales.		Change in Stocks.	
	May 1928 Compared with May 1927.	Jan. 1-May 31 1928 Compared with Jan. 1-May 31 1927.	May 31 1928 Compared with May 31 1927.	April 30 1928.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Boston:				
Boston	+0.0	-4.9	-0.8	-0.7
Outside Boston	+2.8	-1.0	+0.7	-1.1
New Haven	+6.6	+0.2	-1.7	+0.1
Providence	+1.7	-0.6	-0.7	-0.9
Total	+0.8	-3.6	-0.6	-2.9
New York:				
New York	+7.6	+0.4	-1.1	-3.7
Bridgeport	+6.4	-4.3	-1.7	+9.0
Buffalo	-1.1	-3.2	-0.3	-8.1
Newark	+9.1	+3.1	-0.7	-4.3
Rochester	+4.0	-0.5	+0.9	-4.6
Syracuse	+1.7	-1.9	-3.2	+0.4
Other cities	+6.0	+2.4	-2.5	-3.4
Total	+6.8	+0.4	-0.9	-3.7
Philadelphia:				
Philadelphia	-1.4	-5.0	-5.4	-4.9
Allentown	+2.0	-4.4	+3.1	+0.5
Altoona	+5.4	-8.0	+6.2	+0.8
Harrisburg	+18.1	+2.2	-6.1	-5.7
Johnstown	+1.0	-12.0	-22.2	-4.6
Lancaster	+2.9	+2.1	-2.2	-6.9
Reading	-1.2	-0.3	-1.1	-2.9
Scranton	-5.0	-7.3	-6.3	-4.1
Trenton	+2.4	-1.8	-6.3	-4.0
Wilkes-Barre	+2.9	+1.8	+1.8	-3.3
Wilmington	+14.1	+0.8	-2.7	-5.1
Other cities	-0.6	-7.1	+9.0	+5.9
Total	-0.6	-4.6	-4.6	-4.5

Federal Reserve District and City.	Change in Sales.		Change in Stocks.	
	May 1928 Compared with May 1927.	Jan. 1-May 31 1928 Compared with Jan. 1-May 31 1927.	May 31 1928 Compared with	
			May 31 1927.	April 30 1928.
			Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Cleveland:				
Cleveland.....	+4.7	+1.1	+3.4	-4.0
Akron.....	+13.4	+10.0	+7.3	+7.3
Cincinnati.....	+4.1	+0.8	+1.3	-7.6
Columbus.....	+4.6	+1.3	-1.9	-4.5
Dayton.....	+3.7	-0.7	+4.6	-2.3
Pittsburgh.....	-6.2	-6.1	-7.3	-0.8
Toledo.....	+13.7	+4.5	-1.1	-4.5
Wheeling.....	+3.1	-5.8	-11.6	-5.1
Youngstown.....	+7.1	-1.0	-5.7	-8.3
Other cities.....	-5.2	-7.9	-3.4	-2.3
Total.....	+1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-2.7
Richmond:				
Richmond.....	+5.3	+2.4	-1.2	+0.9
Baltimore.....	+0.5	-1.7	-6.3	-3.1
Washington.....	+5.2	+1.9	+0.9	-3.5
Other cities.....	-4.1	-5.8	-2.3	-3.5
Total.....	+2.2	-0.3	-2.7	-3.5
Atlanta:				
Atlanta.....	+14.3	+16.2	-6.4	-6.7
Birmingham.....	+21.0	+10.8	-0.9	-5.8
Chattanooga.....	-5.2	-3.9	-6.7	-3.5
Nashville.....	+4.8	+6.7	+6.1	-8.6
New Orleans.....	+4.7	-2.6	+0.9	-3.1
Other cities.....	-2.2	-3.8	+2.3	-1.9
Total.....	+6.8	+3.4	-0.5	-4.4
Chicago:				
Chicago.....	-9.0	+2.1	+0.8	-3.4
Detroit.....	+23.1	+16.2	+8.2	-1.8
Indianapolis.....	+4.2	+0.2	+3.8	-5.5
Milwaukee.....	+5.6	-0.6	+0.7	-2.5
Other cities.....	+5.6	-2.4	-6.8	-4.0
Total.....	+10.3	+4.0	+0.8	-3.2
St. Louis:				
St. Louis.....	+6.6	+1.2	-7.7	-1.8
Evansville.....	+5.8	-0.2	+1.6	-0.9
Little Rock.....	+10.6	+3.8	+6.4	-6.0
Louisville.....	-2.0	-4.4	+0.8	-4.1
Memphis.....	+15.3	+10.0	-7.0	-2.0
Total.....	+7.5	+2.2	-5.2	-2.5
Minneapolis:				
Minneapolis.....	-5.0	-11.0	-14.0	-8.0
Duluth-Superior.....	+2.0	-4.0	+2.0	-4.0
St. Paul.....	+7.0	-1.0	-4.0	-5.0
Total.....	+3.0	-4.0	-6.0	-6.0
Kansas City:				
Kansas City.....	+5.0	+1.0	-2.7	-3.2
Denver.....	+3.2	-3.0	-2.1	-4.5
Lincoln.....	+9.9	+5.3	-1.1	-0.9
Oklahoma City.....	+15.5	+4.5	+26.0	-2.7
Omaha.....	+5.0	+1.3	-0.6	-5.1
Topeka.....	+7.0	-0.4	-9.5	-4.4
Tulsa.....	+3.5	-2.4	-0.6	-9.1
Other cities.....	+4.6	+4.7	-3.0	-2.9
Total.....	+5.7	+0.4	-0.1	-4.1
Dallas:				
Dallas.....	+0.9	+1.1	-13.1	-5.0
Fort Worth.....	+8.4	+3.3	-1.6	-4.3
Houston.....	+4.7	+7.0	-1.9	-4.4
San Antonio.....	-0.8	-3.8	-15.3	-3.4
Other cities.....	+3.5	+3.4	-1.7	-6.4
Total.....	+3.3	+2.4	-7.2	-4.0
San Francisco:				
San Francisco.....	-5.9	+2.7	-3.6	-3.1
Los Angeles.....	+2.9	+0.3	+2.2	-1.1
Oakland.....	+12.3	+5.2	-3.7	-2.3
Salt Lake City.....	+13.6	+7.5	-12.4	-5.0
Seattle.....	+16.7	+9.0	+8.2	-2.1
Spokane.....	+8.5	-1.0	-5.8	-2.8
Other cities.....	+14.3	-0.8	-10.4	-6.7
Total.....	+4.1	+2.2	-0.6	-2.2
United States.....	+4.8	-0.06	-1.7	-2.9

STOCK TURNOVER OF DEPARTMENT STORES, 1928.

Federal Reserve District and City.	Rate of Stock Turnover.*				Federal Reserve District and City.	Rate of Stock Turnover.*			
	May.		Jan. 1-May 31			May.		Jan. 1-May 31	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.		1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.		1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Boston—	.34	.34	1.64	1.71	Atlanta (Con.)	.20	.20	0.93	0.95
Boston.....	.34	.34	1.64	1.71	Chattanooga.....	.28	.32	1.24	1.37
Outside Boston.....	.25	.25	1.24	1.27	Nashville.....	.18	.18	0.91	0.98
New Haven.....	.23	.21	1.18	1.16	New Orleans.....	.21	.24	0.99	1.15
Providence.....	.23	.23	1.15	1.18	Other cities.....	.22	.24	1.04	1.14
Total.....	.30	.30	1.47	1.53	Chicago—	.34	.32	1.57	1.59
New York—	.35	.32	1.66	1.61	Chicago.....	.44	.38	2.05	1.82
N.Y. & Bklyn.....	.26	.23	1.04	1.29	Detroit.....	.39	.39	1.77	1.03
Bridgeport.....	.29	.29	1.28	1.36	Indianapolis.....	.30	.29	1.33	1.34
Buffalo.....	.33	.30	1.61	1.58	Milwaukee.....	.27	.24	1.26	1.23
Newark.....	.29	.29	1.44	1.46	Other cities.....	.34	.32	1.59	1.54
Rochester.....	.33	.31	1.57	1.53	Total.....	.34	.32	1.59	1.54
Syracuse.....	.18	.16	0.95	0.88	St. Louis—	.30	.26	1.52	1.40
Other cities.....	.33	.30	1.56	1.53	St. Louis.....	.18	.18	0.95	0.96
Total.....	.33	.30	1.56	1.53	Evansville.....	.28	.23	0.93	0.98
Philadelphia	.32	.30	1.45	1.44	Little Rock.....	.26	.28	1.26	1.34
Philadelphia.....	.19	.19	0.97	1.11	Louisville.....	.30	.24	1.27	1.09
Allentown.....	.22	.22	1.05	1.17	Memphis.....	.29	.25	1.36	1.28
Altoona.....	.27	.21	1.12	1.01	Total.....	.29	.25	1.36	1.28
Harrisburg.....	.24	.19	1.09	1.05	Minneapolis	.49	.44	2.24	2.25
Jannett.....	.21	.21	1.16	1.22	Minneapolis.....	.31	.30	1.36	1.45
Lancaster.....	.34	.33	1.33	1.36	Duluth-Sup'r.....	.32	.29	1.58	1.59
Reading.....	.29	.26	1.39	1.36	St. Paul.....	.36	.33	1.70	1.71
Scranton.....	.23	.23	1.13	1.11	Total.....	.24	.21	1.20	1.17
Trenton.....	.25	.22	1.13	1.12	Kansas City	.18	.17	0.84	0.86
Wilkes-Barre.....	.23	.22	0.96	0.98	Denver.....	.23	.21	1.07	0.99
Wilmington.....	.23	.22	0.96	0.98	Lincoln.....	.26	.24	1.16	1.16
Other cities.....	.30	.29	1.34	1.35	Omaha.....	.32	.29	1.53	1.65
Total.....	.27	.27	1.37	1.41	Topeka.....	.17	.16	0.65	0.66
Cleveland	.28	.29	1.40	1.42	Tulsa.....	.22	.20	1.04	1.04
Cleveland.....	.32	.31	1.41	1.44	Other cities.....	.22	.20	1.04	1.04
Akron.....	.28	.26	1.37	1.31	Total.....	.26	.24	1.19	1.13
Cincinnati.....	.26	.26	1.29	1.31	Dallas	.26	.23	1.23	1.11
Columbus.....	.28	.27	1.27	1.25	Fort Worth.....	.23	.21	1.06	1.02
Dayton.....	.30	.26	1.32	1.28	Houston.....	.28	.27	1.22	1.26
Pittsburgh.....	.35	.31	1.59	1.19	San Antonio.....	.28	.25	1.26	1.14
Toledo.....	.21	.21	0.93	0.97	Other cities.....	.28	.27	1.15	1.14
Wheeling.....	.28	.27	1.27	1.25	Total.....	.26	.24	1.19	1.13
Youngstown.....	.29	.26	1.39	1.36	San Fran.	.22	.23	1.15	1.08
Other cities.....	.28	.27	1.32	1.32	San Francisco.....	.25	.25	1.30	1.38
Total.....	.29	.26	1.40	1.33	Los Angeles.....	.25	.20	1.12	1.00
Richmond	.27	.25	1.26	1.25	Oakland.....	.23	.18	1.03	0.86
Richmond.....	.29	.29	1.54	1.34	Salt Lake City.....	.29	.27	1.26	1.25
Baltimore.....	.23	.23	0.97	1.05	Seattle.....	.18	.17	0.78	0.75
Washington.....	.27	.26	1.27	1.27	Spokane.....	.19	.17	0.80	0.80
Other cities.....	.32	.34	1.36	1.58	Other cities.....	.24	.23	1.18	1.16
Total.....	.29	.26	1.27	1.27	Total.....	.29	.28	1.39	1.37
Atlanta	.32	.34	1.36	1.58	United States	.29	.28	1.39	1.37
Atlanta.....	.21	.22	1.01	1.02					
Birmingham.....									

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

CHANGE IN SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES, BY DEPARTMENTS (Increase (+) or decrease (-) in sales in May 1928 compared with May 1927.)

Department.	Total.	Federal Reserve District									
		Boston.	New York.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Dallas.	San Fran.		
		Per Ct.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.		
Piece Goods—											
Silks and velvets.....	-8.1	-7.7	-3.2	-14.0	-8.4	-4.2	-14.6	-4.1	-7.3		
Woolen dress goods.....	-11.7	-11.3	-7.7	-16.9	-19.2	+15.8	-26.1	-7.8	-21.6		
Cotton goods.....	+1.5	-1.4	+23.7	-4.8	+1.9	+18.8	+6.0	-1.5	-13.6		
Linens.....	-5.6	-10.0	+3.0	-9.5	-11.1	+3.2	-11.6	-13.7	-12.0		
Domestics, muslins, sheeting, & Ready-to-Wear Accessories—											
Neckwear & scarfs.....	-1.2	-11.3	-7.0	+3.3	-0.4	+6.4	+2.5	+11.8	-0.2		
Millinery.....	+14.6	+9.7	+15.4	+20.7	+17.9	+19.9	+4.1	+5.3	+5.4		
Gloves (women's & children's).....	+9.3	+6.3	+8.1	+16.8	+17.5	+11.7	+10.3	+51.1	-4.9		
Corsets, brassieres.....	+2.9	-0.3	+4.4	+1.5	+1.8	+12.1	+0.7	+16.3	-0.7		
Hosiery (women's & children's).....	+8.0	+2.3	+5.7	+11.7	+6.4	+10.9	+13.1	+6.5	+5.9		
Knit underwear.....	+2.7	+1.8	+2.9	+0.3	+6.9	+11.8	+6.9	-9.0	-1.7		
Silk & muslin underwear (incl. petticoats).....	-5.9	-39.7	+11.6	-4.1	+2.0	+7.0	+10.9	+5.0	+8.0		
Infants' wear.....	+8.7	+5.2	+12.5	+6.4	+5.6	+15.2	+9.7	-8.2	+8.7		
Small leather goods.....	+11.0	+2.6	+12.5	+12.8	+14.2	+17.5	+11.8	+20.5	+5.5		
Women's shoes.....	+8.6	+0.9	+28.2	+4.7	+17.1	+5.3	+13.4	+1.7	-0.3		
Children's shoes.....	+15.8	---	+11.9	+20.9	+14.5	+11.7	+17.2	+29.6	+11.9		
Women's & Misses' ready to wear—											
Women's coats.....	+9.8	-1.2	+6.4	+16.6	-0.6	+20.7	+21.4	+8.7	-7.1		
Women's suits.....	-8.7	+59.3	-10.0	-10.1	+73.2	-29.4	-0.5	+71.8	-14.0		
Tot. (2 above lines).....	+1.9	+1.9	+3.0	-1.3	-5.4	+14.4	+24.6	-2.7	-2.1		
Women's dresses.....	+15.0	+6.5	+18.4	+23.5	+26.5	+31.2	+47.2	+57.8	-7.9		
Misses' dresses.....	+9.9	+16.2	+1.8	+4.8	+33.4	+18.1	+31.2	-10.5	+21.6		
Jun. & girls' wear.....	+22.6	+25.2	+21.8	+15.7	+19.3	+39.2	+36.1	+11.3	+26.2		
Men's and Boys' Wear—											
Men's clothing.....	-2.4	+1.6	-5.7	-8.6	+12.2	-7.3	+13.4				

cording to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, which says:

Total sales of electricity, while declining seasonally, exceeded those of a year earlier by 9.4%. Similarly, the output of electric power decreased in the month but was about 9% larger than in May 1927. Details follow:

Electric Power—Philadelphia Federal Reserve District 12 Systems.	May.	Change from April 1928.	Change from May 1927.
Rated generator capacity	1,601,000 kw.	0.0%	+18.3%
General output	436,659,000 kw.	-0.6%	+9.1%
Hydro-electric	145,513,000	+0.9	+319.7
Steam	200,592,000	-9.1	-33.5
Purchased	90,554,000	+8.3	+41.1
Sales of electricity	348,636,000	-4.2	+9.4
Lighting	67,225,000	-12.7	+11.1
Municipal	7,557,000	-7.7	+8.9
Residential and commercial	59,668,000	-13.3	+11.4
Power	232,238,000	+1.6	+8.6
Municipal	5,079,000	+8.2	+192.4
Street cars and railroads	45,125,000	-1.4	+2.8
Industries	183,034,000	+2.2	+8.2
All other sales	48,173,000	-16.1	+11.5

Report on Hosiery Industry in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The following report, compiled by the Bureau of the Census, showing the percentage of change from April to May in the activity of 142 hosiery mills in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District, is issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia:

PERCENTAGE CHANGES FROM APRIL TO MAY.

	Men's Full-Fashioned.	Men's Seamless.	Women's Full-Fashioned.	Women's Seamless.
Production	+31.3	+5.6	+7.1	-8.5
Shipments	+11.5	-8.1	+1.6	+1.3
Finished stock end of month	+26.3	-0.8	+4.9	-8.9
Orders booked	-47.6	+9.9	+27.1	-16.8
Cancellations received	-75.9	-61.1	-3.3	-14.2
Unfilled orders end of month	-12.4	+4.9	2.8	-14.4

	Boys', Misses' & Children's.	Infants.	Athletic and Sport.	Total
Production	-9.8	-7.8	-20.1	+2.5
Shipments	-18.0	-12.2	-29.9	-2.1
Finished stock end of month	-10.8	-8.4	+1.2	-0.6
Orders booked	+17.0	-18.7	-2.2	+13.3
Cancellations received	-44.3	-97.2	-63.5	-32.6
Unfilled orders end of month	-13.1	-20.2	-27.3	-0.4

Business Conditions in Richmond Federal Reserve District—Labor Conditions Improve But There Are Still Many Idle Workers—Retail and Wholesale Trade Gain—Failures More Numerous.

In its account of conditions in its District, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond has the following to say in its June 30th monthly Review:

Business failures in both the fifth (Richmond) district and the nation in May were more numerous than in either April 1928 or May 1927, but aggregate liabilities involved in last month's insolvencies compared favorably with other recent months. Labor conditions continued to improve in May and early June, but there are still many idle workers in the district. Bituminous coal production in May slightly exceeded production in April this year and May a year ago. The textile situation remained unsatisfactory, with mills continuing part time operations, in the absence of forward orders. Building permits issued in May in thirty cities of the fifth district exceeded those issued in May 1927 in both number and valuation, bringing the total valuation for all permits issued this year 25% above the valuation figures in the first five months of 1927. Retail trade in department stores in May 1928 exceeded the trade of May 1927 by about 2%, but May this year contained an additional business day. Wholesale trade last month was larger in all lines reported upon than in April, but was below the trade of May 1927 in all lines except groceries and shoes. Unseasonably cool and wet weather in most of the district during May and the first half of June so delayed crop development that it is difficult to analyze prospects in agriculture for this year. The cotton crop is from two to three weeks late, and is in serious danger from weevils, but, with the exception of cotton, prospects for this year's farming operations appear to range from fair to good, although practically all crops are late and many fields are full of grass.

District Summary.

Credit demands at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and at member banks rose last month, contrary to seasonal trend, chiefly due to late farming work and to increased loans by member banks on miscellaneous stocks and bonds. Loans for commercial purposes declined seasonably between the middle of May and the middle of June. Debits to individual accounts at clearing house banks in the district's leading cities were seasonably lower during the four weeks ended June 13th than during the preceding period ended May 16th, but were higher than debits during the four weeks ended June 15.

Details of conditions in the wholesale and retail trade in the District are furnished as follows by the Bank:

Seventy-nine wholesale firms, representing six important lines of trade in the fifth reserve district, reported to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond on their May business. Increased sales during the month in comparison with sales during May 1927 were shown in groceries and shoes, but sales of dry goods, hardware, furniture and drugs were smaller than sales during the corresponding month last year. In comparison with sales made in April this year, May sales gained in all lines reported upon, partly due to the longer month. Total sales since January 1st were larger in groceries and shoes than during the corresponding five months in 1927, but dry

goods, hardware, furniture and drug sales were smaller this year than last.

Stocks on hand at the end of May this year were larger than stocks on hand May 31, 1927, in groceries and dry goods, but shoe and hardware stocks were smaller on the 1928 date. During May stocks of shoes on the shelves of the reporting firms increased over those on hand on April 30th this year, but stocks of groceries, dry goods and hardware declined during the month.

Collections during May were better than in April in shoes and furniture, but were slower in groceries, dry goods, hardware and drugs. The dry goods, shoe and drug percentages were slightly higher than those of May last year, but the May 1928 percentages in grocery, hardware and furniture lines were lower than those of May 1927.

Confidential reports sent to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond by 30 leading department stores in the fifth reserve district show sales during May 1928 averaging 2.2% above the volume of sales in May 1927, but exactly half of the reporting stores returned lower totals. In total sales from January 1st through May 31st this year, sales in the reporting stores averaged 3/10ths of 1% below aggregate sales during the first five months of 1927. On the other hand, May sales this year averaged 9.5% above average May sales during the three years 1923-1925, inclusive.

Stocks of merchandise on the shelves of the reporting stores were 2.7% lower in selling value at the end of May 1928 than a year earlier, and were 3.5% smaller than a month earlier. The decrease in May under the April 30th figure was about the seasonal average.

The percentage of sales to average stocks carried during May was 27.3% for the district as a whole, and the percentage of total sales during the first five months of this year to average stocks carried during each of the five months was 126.5%, indicating an annual turnover of 3.036 times. During the first five months of 1927 the turnover was at a rate of 3.041 times.

Collections by twenty-nine of the thirty reporting stores during May totaled 28.8% of outstanding receivables as of May 1st, a higher average than 27.1% attained in April this year, and 26.6% collected in May 1927. All cities reported higher percentages in May than in April this year, and Baltimore, Richmond and Washington also showed an improvement over the percentages of May 1927.

Business Conditions in Dallas Federal Reserve District—Increased Demand in Wholesale and Retail Lines—Improved Agricultural Outlook.

The Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, in summarizing conditions in its district in its July 1 "Monthly Business Review," says in part:

A stronger demand for merchandise in both wholesale and retail channels of distribution and a marked improvement in the agricultural outlook following the heavy general rains throughout the district were significant developments in business and industry during the past month. Sales of department stores in larger cities reflected a gain of 14% over the previous month and were 4% greater than in May 1927. While buying in some lines of wholesale trade was seasonably quiet, distribution generally was on a broader scale than in either the previous month or the same month last year. Reports indicate that there has been a strengthening in the undertone of confidence in the business situation and that business leaders are becoming more optimistic regarding the outlook for the coming months. Debits to individual accounts at banks in larger cities were 2% greater than in April and exceeded those in May 1927 by 10%. Southwestern car loadings during May were 6% above those a year ago.

The generous rains which fell over practically every section of the district during the past month greatly improved agricultural and livestock conditions. Although row crops are about two weeks later than usual in most sections of the district, crops have made rapid growth since the rains and farmers are making excellent progress with field operations. Reports indicate that fields generally are in a good state of cultivation and there is an ample season in the ground for immediate needs. The prospective yield of the wheat crop is larger than was anticipated a month ago. While the oat crop is turning out better than expected in some sections, it is very poor over a large area. The condition of ranges and of livestock has shown a marked improvement in most sections and the outlook points toward good grazing conditions during the summer months.

The past month witnessed a further increase in the business mortality rate, both the number of failures and the indebtedness involved being larger than in either the previous month or the same month last year.

Building activity evidenced a material improvement during May. The valuation of permits issued at principal cities rose to \$10,962,660, which was 62% greater than in the previous month and 16% greater than in May last year. The production and shipment of lumber showed an increase over the previous month and were considerably larger than in the corresponding month last year. While production of cement was less than in April, it exceeded the output in May 1927, and shipments were the largest of any month in several years.

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

Wholesale Trade.

The distribution of merchandise in wholesale channels during May reflected a substantial gain over both the previous month and the same month last year. Following the general rains and the improvement in the agricultural situation buying on a broader scale developed in most lines of trade throughout the district. While buying generally is being held to a conservative basis and mostly to cover short time requirements, business leaders are becoming more optimistic and there is a strengthening of sentiment throughout the trade.

While the distribution of dry goods at wholesale was seasonably quiet on some items, sales of reporting firms were 4.6% greater than in the previous month. They were, however, 6.1% less than in the corresponding month last year. Distribution during the five-month period of the current year exceeded that of the same period last year by 5.6%. Retailers continue to hold purchases to actual need and are following conservative merchandising policies. The outlook generally is reported to be fair to good.

There was a substantial demand for hardware at wholesale during the past month. Sales were 4.8% larger than in the previous month and 28.5% greater than in May 1927. Reports indicate that buying in most sections is showing an improvement on seasonal goods since the improvement in agricultural conditions and that the outlook is generally favorable.

The sales of reporting wholesale grocery firms were 3.3% greater than in the previous month and 9.0% greater than in the corresponding month last year. While conditions are somewhat spotted, reports indicate that there has been a considerable improvement in recent weeks. Prices are generally steady and the outlook is fairly good.

Following the general rains, which improved the agricultural situation, the demand for farm implements reflected a considerable improvement. Sales of reporting firms were 17.5% larger than in April and were 45.6% greater than in the corresponding month last year. Sales during the first five months of the current year exceeded those of the same period of 1927 by 65.6%. The future outlook is considerably improved. Prices remained generally firm.

Seasonal quietude prevailed in the wholesale drug trade during May. While sales were 0.9% less than in the previous month, they were slightly larger than in May a year ago. Sales during the first five months of the current year exceeded those during the same period last year by 8.3%. Collections during May were slightly greater than in the previous month. The outlook is generally good.

CONDITION OF WHOLESALE TRADE DURING MAY 1928.
(Percentage of Increase or Decrease In)

	Net Sales. May 1928 Compared with		Net Sales. Jan. 1 to Date Com- pared with Same Period Last Year.	Stocks. May 1928 Compared with		Ratio of Col- lections Dur- ing May to Accounts and Notes Out'd's On April 30.
	May 1927.	April 1928.		May 1927.	April 1928.	
Groceries.....	+9.0	+3.3	+8.8	+8.3	-5.3	61.2
Drygoods.....	-6.1	+4.6	+5.6	+3.4	-3.7	27.0
Farm implements..	+45.6	+17.5	+65.6	-18.6	-3.5	15.5
Hardware.....	+28.5	+4.8	+22.1	+15.8	+7	39.7
Drugs.....	+1.4	-9	+8.3	+3	-7	45.2

Retail Trade.

Retail buying during May, as measured by department store sales in larger cities, reflected an increase of 13.6% over the previous month and was 3.5% larger than in May last year. The growth in sales as compared to a year ago, was due in large measure to increased sales in departments carrying "ready-to-wear accessories, men's clothing," and other goods influenced largely by seasonal demand. Sales during the five months of the current year have averaged 2.5% greater than during the same period of 1927.

Stocks at the close of May showed a reduction of 4.0% as compared to a month earlier and were 7.1% less than a year ago. The reduction in stocks and increased sales produced a more rapid rate of turnover, in fact, the rate in May was the highest of any month this year. The percentage of sales to average stocks during the five months of the current year was 1.19 as compared to 1.14 in 1927.

Collections reflected only a slight change, the ratio of May collections to accounts receivable on May 1 being 35.9 as against 36.3 in April and 35.2 in the corresponding month of last year.

BUSINESS OF DEPARTMENT STORES.

	Dallas.	Fort Worth.	Hous- ton.	San An- tonio.	All Others.	Total Dist.
Total Sales—						
May '28 compared with May '27.	+9	+8.4	+4.7	+1.3	+3.5	+3.5
May '28 compared with Apr. '28.	+1.1	+8.6	+20.6	+18.7	+29.9	+13.6
Jan. 1 to date compared with same period last year.....	+1.1	+3.3	+7.0	+2.4	+3.4	+2.5
Credit Sales—						
May '28 compared with May '27.	+3.4	+13.7	+5.2	+3.7	+4.7	+5.4
May '28 compared with Apr. '28.	-3.5	+6.8	+25.4	+21.2	+26.4	+11.2
Jan. 1 to date compared with same period last year.....	+5.9	+9.8	+1.1	+7	+6.1	+4.8
Stocks—						
May '28 compared with May '27.	-13.1	-1.6	-1.9	-14.1	-1.7	-7.1
May '28 compared with Apr. '28.	-5.0	-4.3	-4	-3.5	-6.4	-4.0
Rate of stock turnover in May '27	.23	.21	.27	.25	.27	.24
Rate of stock turnover in May '28	.26	.23	.28	.29	.28	.27
Rate of stock turnover Jan. 1 to May 31 1927.....	1.11	1.02	1.26	1.20	1.14	1.14
Rate of stock turnover Jan. 1 to May 31 1928.....	1.23	1.06	1.22	1.33	1.15	1.19
Ratio of May collections to accts. receivable & outst'g May 1 1928	31.5	35.1	40.7	39.1	40.4	35.9

Automobile Models and Prices.

The Studebaker Corporation of America is about to announce new models of the Studebaker and Erskine lines. Among the numerous improvements made are the use of ball-bearing spring shackles, which increase riding comfort, eliminate rattles and squeaks, require no adjustment and call for inspection only at 20,000 mile intervals, when lubricant may be added if desired; new radiator design, deeper and narrower with wide shell finished in chromium plating; new flat type radiator cap; enlarged and chromium finished hub caps; chromium finished head lamps, side lights, cowl beading and all other metal surfaces; new flat-type thin-grip steering wheel of hard rubber molded over steel base; adjustable to preference of driver, and new color combinations.

The new President, now \$1,685 to \$2,485, is available in two chassis sizes, 121-inch and 131-inch wheel bases, and 10 different models. The 109-horsepower straight-eight motor delivers 80 miles an hour. The Commander, priced from \$1,435 to \$1,665, has an 85-horsepower motor delivering 72 miles per hour, with a wheel base of 121 inches. The Dictator, priced from \$1,185 to \$1,395, with a 6-cylinder motor of 70 horsepower, offers speed of 67 miles per hour, with a wheel base of 113 inches. The new Erskine Six has a 109-inch wheel base and a 43-horsepower motor which delivers 62 miles per hour, and is priced at \$835 to \$1,045.

The State and Royal models of the new cars carry six wire wheels, the two spares being set in front fender wells. Sport roadsters and cabriolets are unusually distinctive. Both have tops finished in colors harmonizing with bodies.

Cabriolets have front compartments finished in broadcloth, mohair or leather upholstery, with dickey seats in leather. Rear curtains of these models can be fastened against the ceiling in a few seconds, permitting ease of conversation with passengers in the rumble seat. All coupes, cabriolets, sport roadsters and victorias have liberal storage space.

Chrysler Corporation is introducing two new Chrysler series, the "65" and "75," and an entirely new low-priced 4-cylinder line named the "Plymouth," superseding the 4-cylinder "52" Chrysler. Several new features in body design are presented, offering innovations over some of the conventional lines heretofore adhered to. The radiator line particularly has undergone a marked change, the visible part of the shell now being only about an inch in width. The front of the radiator itself is covered with a metal casing which may be opened or closed from within.

The new Chrysler "75s," which are a little larger than the "72s," are available in eight models, coupe, phaeton, convertible coupe, convertible sedan, roadster, town sedan, crown sedan and 4-passenger coupe, with prices ranging from \$1,535 to \$1,655, compared with \$1,545 to \$1,795 for the corresponding "72" types. The Chrysler "65s," replacing the "62s," have six models, coupe, phaeton, coupe with rumble seat, roadster, 2 and 4-door sedans, with prices ranging from \$1,040 to \$1,145, compared with \$1,065 to \$1,075 on the corresponding "62" line. The Plymouth line is offered in five models, roadster, phaeton, coupe, 2 and 4-door sedans, priced at \$670 to \$725, compared with \$670 to \$790 on the corresponding former models of the "52" line.

The "80" has not been discontinued and it is expected that a new line will be announced in about a month.

The Franklin Automobile Co. is introducing the new Franklin Airman Limited series with lower prices on several models. Price reductions of \$25 on the 119-inch wheelbase Oxford sedan equipped with wooden wheels, of \$75 on the convertible coupe on the same chassis and with same wheel equipment, and of \$35 on the 128-inch wheel base Oxford sedan are made. The list prices of seven models on the 119-inch wheel base range from \$2,000 to \$2,790, with wood wheel equipment, and from \$2,075 to \$2,865 with six wire wheels equipment. Seven models on the 128-inch chassis range from \$2,050 to \$2,980 with wood wheel equipment and \$2,125 to \$3,055 with wire wheel equipment.

H. H. Franklin, President of the company, said: "Franklin Airman Limited is a faster and more luxurious automobile than we have ever built. Special attention has been given to every detail of equipment, with exclusively developed colors and materials in upholstery."

Gain in Sales of Used Cars and Retail Sales of Automobiles in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia reports that retail sales of new passenger cars increased from April to May in number and value and were substantially larger than in May 1927. The bank adds:

Distribution of automobiles to dealers, while declining slightly in the month, also showed a considerable gain over the volume of a year earlier. Sales of used cars, too, increased greatly in number and value as compared with the previous month and a year before. This likewise is true of retail sales on deferred payment, although the number of cars sold was only slightly larger than in May 1927. Stocks of new and used cars declined in May but were materially heavier than on the same date last year.

Automobile Trade Philadelphia Federal Reserve District 12 Distributors.	May 1928 Change from April 1928.		May 1928 Change from May 1927	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
Sales, new cars, wholesale.....	-1.6%	-1.4%	+25.7%	+25.1%
Sales, new cars, at retail.....	+8.1%	+6.2%	+44.2%	+42.0%
Stocks of new cars.....	-10.4%	-14.0%	+52.6%	+23.5%
Sales of used cars.....	+84.4%	+77.6%	+76.2%	+70.7%
Stocks of used cars.....	-5.0%	-5.8%	+64.5%	+52.7%
Retail sales, deferred payment.....	+30.7%	+26.9%	+1.4%	+42.3%

Profits in Automobiles—Earnings of Leading Motor Companies Establish New High Records.

Dominick & Dominick, under date of June 23, state that "despite the amazing decline of the Ford Company in motor car production from first place in the first quarter of 1927 to eighth place in the first quarter of 1928, total automobile output has shown an increase over the previous year, and the earnings of leading motor car companies have established new high records." The further observations follow:

It is not likely that the year will equal the record output of 1926, chiefly due to the failure of Ford to produce more rapidly, but as far as profitable operation is concerned, the leading motor car companies should have no complaint when 1928 comes to an end.

One of the most interesting elements in the industry is the constant change in the relative ranking of the various cars. Ford, of course, has held first place for years, and its present position as eighth in the list indicates the sacrifice which the Ford Company has made in the interest of

future expansion. Its place has been taken by Chevrolet, which for the first three months this year was far in the lead. Hudson-Essex remained second to Chevrolet. Oakland-Pontiac and the Willys-Knight Whipplet advanced to third and fourth place, superseding Buick and Chrysler, which stood fifth and sixth respectively, with Dodge in the seventh position. Studebaker-Erskine, Nash, Oldsmobile, and Durant-Star completed the first dozen.

Total production of all motor vehicles for the first four months in the year, including Ford, amounted to 1,449,164 units as compared with 1,424,763 the previous year, an increase of 1.7%. With the exception of a bad beginning in January, this increase was evident for each of the four months as indicated in the following table:

Total Automobile Production.		
	1927.	1928.
January	254,303	240,156
February	323,418	336,313
March	417,686	438,507
April	429,356	434,188
Total four months	1,424,763	1,449,164

To this total might be added the figures for all cars other than Ford for the month of May, the Ford figures not yet being available. Production of cars other than Ford was 388,747 in May 1928, as compared with 339,923 in the same month a year ago. It is now clear that while the output for 1928 will exceed last year's figure of 3,574,000 cars, it will not equal the record figure of 1926 of 4,503,000 cars. The final total is likely to be in excess of 4,000,000.

Dominant in this year's production were the sales of General Motors to dealers, which have been about 20% greater than the previous year, establishing a constant succession of new monthly records. The sales of this corporation alone for the first half of this current year will exceed 1,000,000 units. The problematical factor for the balance of the year is the Ford production. The new Model A is still attracting wide attention, and a marked increase in output is possible.

Net earnings of nine leading companies for the first quarter of 1928 are given in the table below. All but two—Nash and Willys-Overland—show an increase. Earnings of Willys-Overland were actually very much larger than in 1927, but rebates to dealers on account of price cuts involved a large extraordinary expenditure:

Net Earnings—First Quarter.		
	1928.	1927.
General Motors	\$67,207,384	\$52,257,609
Hudson	4,207,373	4,026,515
Willys-Overland	1,647,576	2,358,896
Chrysler	4,702,732	4,392,569
Dodge	1,981,552	1,545,340
Studebaker	3,979,873	3,402,934
Nash	2,604,378	3,925,458
Hupp	1,615,528	485,578
Packard (to Feb. 28)	4,607,267	2,073,568

Regarded from the long perspective, the automobile industry looks more favorable than ever, on the basis of the replacement demand. At the end of the current year there will probably be some 25,000,000 cars in America and Canada. Estimating the life of a car at about five years, the replacement demand alone would require a production of 5,000,000 cars annually. In addition, of course, there would be a demand resulting from the normal growth of population and the very greatly increasing foreign trade which now consumes 500,000 cars a year.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred twelve mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended June 23 1928 manufactured 119,750,160 feet, sold 113,414,148 feet and shipped 135,231,013 feet. New business was 6,336,012 feet less than production and shipments 15,480,853 feet more than production.

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

Week Ended—	June			
	23.	16.	9.	2.
Number of mills reporting	112	110	111	112
Production (feet)	119,750,160	118,088,396	116,348,014	107,402,250
New Business (feet)	113,414,148	121,630,177	139,270,685	118,339,845
Shipments (feet)	135,231,013	142,088,154	143,375,989	131,413,196
<i>Unshipped Business—</i>				
Rail (feet)	170,996,158	173,280,713	175,335,250	176,769,729
Domestic cargo (feet)	183,057,652	182,350,157	201,498,379	208,620,995
Export (feet)	128,549,368	137,530,801	139,592,086	144,021,386
Total (feet)	482,603,178	503,161,671	516,425,724	523,412,110
<i>First 25 Weeks of—</i>				
Aver. number of mills	113	76	105	119
Production (feet)	2,928,947,389	1,828,876,290	2,547,526,165	2,519,985,594
New Business (feet)	3,196,652,779	1,930,542,487	2,679,626,752	2,575,248,688
Shipments (feet)	3,051,248,578	1,902,309,006	2,650,745,417	2,611,486,159

Domestic Exports of Cotton, Cotton Cloths, Yarns, Threads and Hosiery.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on June 26 issued its monthly report on the domestic exports of cotton, cotton cloths, yarns, thread and hosiery for the month of May and the five months ending with May, with comparisons for the corresponding periods a year ago. The exports of raw cotton were considerably smaller in quantity but larger in value in May of this year than in May last year, 591,345 bales having been shipped out in May 1928 against 628,132 bales in May 1927, and the value of these exports was \$64,974,057 in May this year as compared with \$48,052,890 in May last year. For the five months' period ending with May 1928 the exports of raw cotton were only 3,066,521 bales, as against 4,739,417 bales in the five months' period ending with May 1927. The value of these shipments was \$320,198,117, against \$339,140,132. The exports of cotton manufactures increased somewhat in May and the five months' period ending with May as compared with the corresponding periods a year ago. Below is the report in full:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON, COTTON CLOTHS, YARNS, THREADS AND HOSEIERY.

	Month of May.		5 Months Ended May.	
	1927.	1928.	1927.	1928.
Raw cotton, incl. linters, bales	628,132	591,345	4,739,417	3,066,521
Value	\$48,052,890	\$64,974,057	\$339,140,132	\$320,198,117
Cotton manufactures, total	\$11,465,087	\$11,552,334	\$52,421,892	\$53,592,128
Cotton cloths, total, sq. yds.	51,795,951	44,857,354	226,796,080	202,452,915
Value	\$6,636,971	\$6,650,741	\$29,545,954	\$30,351,223
Tire fabrics, sq. yds.	496,120	442,820	1,316,496	2,698,156
Value	\$152,574	\$177,019	\$399,810	\$1,035,345
Cotton duck, sq. yds.	1,301,449	1,403,432	6,458,404	5,994,860
Value	\$408,776	\$451,162	\$1,997,239	\$2,209,851
Other cotton cloths—				
Unbleached, sq. yds.	11,119,729	11,056,616	55,011,376	41,610,922
Value	\$947,422	\$1,011,420	\$4,799,295	\$3,917,790
Bleached, sq. yds.	8,393,872	7,634,572	35,252,695	36,098,310
Value	\$923,545	\$926,404	\$3,931,149	\$4,101,860
Colored, sq. yds.	30,484,781	24,319,914	128,757,109	116,050,667
Value	\$4,204,654	\$4,084,736	\$18,418,461	\$19,266,377
Cotton yarn, thread, &c.—				
Carded yarn, lbs.	1,416,140	1,326,101	7,619,422	5,589,165
Value	\$415,941	\$525,989	\$2,300,395	\$2,105,622
Combed yarn, lbs.	1,184,585	1,143,884	4,579,848	5,241,008
Value	\$896,383	\$889,126	\$3,348,470	\$4,270,053
Sewing, crochet, darning and embroidery cotton, lbs.	149,125	86,779	601,722	494,519
Value	\$132,004	\$92,708	\$554,421	\$497,247
Cotton hosiery, doz. prs.	417,836	349,936	2,032,773	1,828,795
Value	\$659,997	\$585,456	\$3,440,920	\$3,213,174

Detroit Employment Declines.

Detroit advices July 6 to the "Wall Street News" state: Detroit Employers' Association reports employment figures for week ended July 3 as 262,651, a decrease of 270 from the previous week, but an increase of 80,345 over the corresponding week of last year.

Domestic Exports of Grain and Grain Products.

The Department of Commerce at Washington gave out on June 23 its monthly report on the exports of the principal grains and grain products for May and the five months ending with May, as compared with the corresponding periods a year ago. Total values of these exports were smaller in May 1928 than in May 1927, \$22,998,000 being the value of the exports in May 1928 and \$34,412,000 the value in May 1927. Exports of barley in May this year were 1,092,000 bushels as against 1,337,000 bushels in May 1927; exports of corn only 1,104,000 bushels as against 1,516,000 bushels; exports of oats but 453,000 against 3,207,000 bushels; exports of rye 3,324,000 bushels against 5,857,000 bushels; exports of wheat only 4,823,000 bushels against 8,960,000 bushels, and exports of wheat flour 845,000 barrels against 1,099,000 barrels. Exports of malt, oatmeal and rice, however, went out in larger quantities in May of this year than in May last year. The details are as follows:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS

	May.		5 Mos. Ended May	
	1927.	1928.	1927.	1928.
Barley, bushels	1,337,000	1,092,000	6,882,000	5,013,000
Value	\$1,183,000	\$1,136,000	\$5,687,000	\$5,463,000
Malt, bushels	282,000	327,000	1,048,000	1,198,000
Corn, bushels	1,516,000	1,104,000	8,574,000	13,560,000
Value	\$1,325,000	\$1,262,000	\$6,814,000	\$14,112,000
Kaffir and milo, bushels	—	3,000	—	864,000
Cornmeal, barrels	50,000	20,000	228,000	109,000
Hominy and grits, pounds	4,709,000	762,000	16,576,000	3,765,000
Oats, bushels	3,207,000	453,000	4,847,000	2,220,000
Value	\$1,709,000	\$313,000	\$2,518,000	\$1,363,000
Oatmeal, pounds	4,849,000	6,194,000	19,929,000	22,493,000
Rice, pounds	20,624,000	30,949,000	155,299,000	138,427,000
Value	\$897,000	\$1,229,000	\$6,375,000	\$5,176,000
Rice, broken, pounds	5,036,000	7,123,000	37,719,000	46,965,000
Value	\$171,000	\$185,000	\$1,115,000	\$1,221,000
Rye, bushels	5,857,000	3,324,000	12,521,000	4,902,000
Value	\$7,005,000	\$4,841,000	\$14,697,000	\$6,780,000
Wheat, bushels	8,960,000	4,823,000	38,274,000	15,518,000
Value	\$13,571,000	\$7,193,000	\$56,311,000	\$25,941,000
Wheat flour, barrels	1,099,000	845,000	4,870,000	5,145,000
Value	\$7,157,000	\$5,513,000	\$32,370,000	\$32,159,000
Biscuits, unsweetened, pounds	428,000	495,000	3,646,000	4,909,000
Biscuits, sweetened, pounds	452,000	392,000	2,349,000	1,630,000
Macaroni, pounds	644,000	710,000	3,653,000	3,837,000
Total value	\$34,412,000	\$22,998,000	\$132,096,000	\$97,965,000

Thirty-one Cotton Warehouses Added to List of Licensed Warehouses Under Federal Act.

Thirty-one large cotton warehouses in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas were licensed during the past month under the Federal Warehouse Act, the United States Department of Agriculture announced on June 20. These warehouses have a combined storage capacity of 854,000 bales. The licenses, effective June 1, were issued to the Federal Compress and Warehouse Co. of Memphis and two other companies controlled by the same management. Prior to the issuance of these licenses the three companies had 29 warehouses, with a combined capacity of 627,700 bales of cotton, operating under the Warehouse Act. The combined capacities of the 60 warehouses now operated under Federal supervision total 1,481,700 bales.

Among the larger houses licensed June 1 is one at Blytheville, Ark, having 95,000 bales capacity; another at Little

Rock, Ark., with 80,000 bales; one at Ft. Smith, Ark., with 25,000 bales; another at West Memphis, Ark., with 60,000 bales; one at Dyersburg, Tenn., with 33,000 bales, and three plants at Memphis with an aggregate capacity of 280,000 bales. One of the plants at Memphis alone has 200,000 bales capacity, perhaps the largest cotton warehouse in the country. The Federal Compress and Warehouse Co. and its predecessor companies had a number of their warehouses licensed since 1921, but not all. The placing of all their plants under Federal supervision at this time, says the Department of Agriculture, appears to indicate they have found operating under the law to be of business value to them.

Millimeter Descriptions as Now Used in Purchase and Sale of Cotton Violate Cotton Standards Act.

Millimeter descriptions as now used in inter-State and foreign commerce in cotton, if the staple length of the cotton referred to by millimeter description is "of or within" the range of lengths included in the official cotton standards of the United States, are prima facie a violation of the Cotton Standards Act, in the opinion of R. W. Williams, Solicitor of the United States Department of Agriculture. According to a statement issued by the Department June 15 the opinion was rendered in response to a request of the American Cotton Shippers' Association for an interpretation of the provisions of the Cotton Standards Act which would apply to the present day use of millimeter descriptions in purchases and sales of cotton in inter-State and foreign commerce. The Solicitor had before him a statement from the shippers explaining the methods and practices which have grown up in recent years in the use of millimeter descriptions, which included the following:

"In a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of this association, held in Memphis on June 3, the fact was emphasized that doubts have arisen among members of the American cotton trade as to the proper interpretation of the United States Cotton Standards Act in its application to the purchase and sale of cotton on millimeter descriptions, as now understood and used in the trade. The resolution states that these doubts have been intensified by recent comparisons of Government inch standards with millimeter descriptions, and contains the suggestion that the Department of Agriculture be requested to furnish the association with an interpretation of the provisions of the Cotton Standards Act which would apply to the present day use of these descriptions in purchases and sales of cotton in inter-State and foreign commerce."

The opinion of Mr. Williams, Department of Agriculture Solicitor, which was addressed to the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, follows:

"The Act provides that if the cotton which is the subject of a transaction or shipment in inter-State or foreign commerce 'is of or within the official cotton standards of the United States,' it shall be unlawful for any person to refer to it by a name, description or designation not used in the standards, whether this be in connection with a particular transaction or shipment or in a quotation of prices based on several transactions or shipments or in the classification of the cotton. The official standards include standards for the length of cotton in terms of inches; for example, 7/8 inch, 15/16 inch, 1 1/8 inches, &c. Hence, if the staple length of the cotton referred to by millimeter description is 'of or within' the range of lengths included in the standards, the use of the millimeter description is prima facie a violation of the Act.

"In my opinion of April 30 1923 I advised you that the use of the millimeter description as then understood and applied was not a violation of the Act. It was then represented to and understood by the Department that the millimeter description did not refer to length alone, but embraced other qualities not covered by the standards, such as the character of the cotton. The Department's information now is that millimeter descriptions have come to relate to length, various translations in terms of the official cotton standards of the United States having been circulated both abroad and in this country by different individuals and organizations in the trade. This is established by ample evidence in your possession. It seems clear, therefore, that under present usage millimeter descriptions, as applied to cotton which is of or within the lengths embraced in the official standards, are contrary to the United States Cotton Standards Act.

"In view of my previous opinion and the Department's application of it. It cannot be said, of course, that persons who have heretofore entered into contracts of purchase and sale based upon millimeter descriptions have 'knowingly' violated the Act within the meaning of Section 9. I think it proper, therefore, that interested parties be permitted to carry out in accordance with their original terms any such contracts which are outstanding at the present time."

Co-operative Marketing Problems Discussed Before New England Institute of Co-operation.

Emphasizing the development of large-scale co-operative marketing and purchasing associations in the United States in recent years, Chris L. Christensen, Chief, Division of Co-operative Marketing, United States Department of Agriculture, told members of the New England Institute of Co-operation at Amherst, Mass., on June 27, that there are now approximately 150 co-operative associations, each of which does an annual business of upward of \$1,000,000. "From small beginnings, but with constant progress," he said, "the last quarter of a century has seen co-operative marketing methods applied to all kinds of farm products. From a concept of co-operation which was little more than a realization of the economic need for changes in our sys-

tem of marketing, we have built up thousands of small local associations and hundreds of large co-operative marketing and purchasing associations owned and controlled by farmers."

Mr. Christensen discussed in detail some of the problems which affect co-operative organizations, including those dealing with membership relations, management, contracts, competition among co-operatives, and market outlets. There has been, he said, a tendency away from the "iron-clad" contract between organizations and members in recent years. He declared that at one time, contracts with more than 650,000 farmers were involved, but that some of these associations have ceased to function and others have modified their plans and philosophy in keeping with accumulated experience. "The hope of co-operation for the future," Mr. Christensen said, "depends on how well we train our people in its principles and practices. Many farmers who have passed the prime of life will find it difficult to accept this new philosophy of living, and this unfamiliar method of doing business. Our greatest progress will perhaps come from educating the younger generation in the principles and practices of co-operation, and it is to this task that our farm leaders and our educators should bend their united efforts at this time."

Montreal Rubber Men Strike.

Montreal (Que.) advices July 1 in the New York "Times" stated:

A strike involving between 800 and 900 employes in the Papineau factory of the Dominion Rubber Co. here is at present in effect. It is understood that nine departments are affected, involving the cutting room, shoe room, quarter room, lathe room, bootmakers, packing room, carton room, shipping room and several from the mill room. Officials of the company are silent regarding the strike.

June Figures of Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, Etc. — 46,090 Bales Imported During Month — Stocks Lower.

Imports of raw silk during the month of June amounted to 45,090 bales, a decrease of 7,882 bales as compared with the preceding month and an increase of 2,281 bales as compared with figures for the month of June 1927, according to the Silk Association of America, Inc. Approximate deliveries to American mills in June, 1928, totaled 46,051 bales, a decrease of 316 bales as compared with the previous month and an increase of 4,739 bales as compared with the month of June last year. Stocks of raw silk on July 1 amounted to 41,127 bales as against 42,088 bales on June 1, and 37,024 bales in July 1 1927. The following figures have been released by the Silk Association:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE JULY 1 1928.
(As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City.—Figures in bales.)

	Euro-pean.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
Stocks June 1 1928	977	34,821	6,290	42,088
Imports month of June 1928x	149	39,845	5,096	45,090
Total amount available during June	1,126	74,666	11,386	87,178
Stocks July 1 1928z	901	33,734	6,492	41,127
Approx. deliv. to American Mills during June	225	40,932	4,894	46,051

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month. x			Storage at End of Monthz.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	46,408	48,456	43,650	47,528	52,627	47,326
February	44,828	33,981	38,568	41,677	43,753	43,418
March	50,520	38,606	31,930	40,186	33,116	35,948
April	36,555	46,486	31,450	35,483	31,749	30,122
May	52,972	49,264	35,120	42,088	35,527	31,143
June	45,090	42,809	35,612	41,127	37,024	29,111
July	---	47,856	37,842	---	43,841	27,528
August	---	59,819	46,421	---	56,618	25,006
September	---	52,475	50,415	---	58,986	34,459
October	---	51,207	48,403	---	62,366	35,094
November	---	36,650	59,670	---	52,069	47,130
December	---	44,828	45,119	---	53,540	52,478
Total	276,373	552,441	504,200	---	---	---
Ave. monthly	46,062	46,037	42,017	41,348	46,768	36,814

Approximate Deliveries To American Mills, and Approximate Amount in Transit Between Japan & New York, End of Month.

	Approximate Deliveries To American Mills.			Approximate Amount in Transit Between Japan & New York, End of Month.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	52,420	48,307	46,148	25,000	17,700	14,800
February	50,679	42,860	42,476	23,500	19,000	14,400
March	52,011	49,242	39,400	19,200	21,700	18,400
April	41,258	47,853	37,276	28,500	25,000	18,700
May	46,367	45,486	34,099	24,000	22,900	18,000
June	46,051	41,312	37,644	17,600	26,600	18,300
July	---	41,039	39,425	---	29,000	23,000
August	---	47,042	45,943	---	28,400	24,000
September	---	50,107	43,962	---	21,500	23,900
October	---	47,827	47,768	---	18,500	22,400
November	---	46,947	47,634	---	26,900	19,700
December	---	43,357	39,771	---	33,500	26,500
Total	288,786	551,379	501,546	---	---	---
Average monthly	48,131	45,948	41,796	22,966	24,225	21,008

x Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the Continent (covered by manifests 107A to 132. Excludes 108 and 111). y Includes re-exports. z 5,583 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month.

Review of Meat Packing Industry by Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago—Increase in Production and Number Employed.

In its summary of conditions in the meat packing industry, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has the following to say in its Monthly Business Conditions report issued July 1.

Slaughtering establishments in the United States produced a larger quantity of edible products during May than in the preceding month, although the volume continued less than a year ago. Employment for the last payroll of the period increased 2.3% in number of employees, and decreased 5.7% in hours worked and 2.8% in total value compared with corresponding figures for April. Domestic demand for dry salt pork, smoked meat, boiled ham, and cooked specialties showed a seasonal improvement during the month. Fresh pork and lamb moved fairly well, and inquiry for lard averaged slightly better than in April; the beef trade was a little slower after the first week of May. Sales billed to domestic and foreign customers by fifty-six meat packing companies in the United States totaled 2.3% larger for May than in the preceding month, and were 0.1% in excess of a year ago. Domestic demand averaged fair to good at the beginning of June.

Inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States were reported slightly smaller for June 1 than at the beginning of the preceding month, but remained considerably in excess of last year and the 1923-27 June 1 average. Lard holdings increased over May 1, those of lamb fell below the five-year average, and beef stocks decreased in all three comparisons. Chicago quotations for the majority of pork products showed additional strength in May over the preceding month; prices firmed slightly for lamb and declined for pork loins and mutton. Quotations for beef averaged about the same as in April; veal prices trended slightly upward toward the close of the period.

Shipments for export totaled a little in excess of those in April. British inquiry for hams and picnics improved during May, and the Continent continued to take a fair tonnage of fat backs; demand for lard decreased somewhat. Quotations paralleled those of the United States with the exception of lard prices in the United Kingdom, which remained under Chicago parity. Consignment inventories already landed and in transit to European countries were reported near the May 1 level.

Increased Wages Awarded Stereotypers—Six-Hour Night Retained.

A wage increase of \$5.50 per week for union stereotypers in New York City, an eight-hour working day and a six-hour night are granted in a decision reached by the Board of Arbitration, which for more than four years has had under consideration demands as to wages and hours of work made by the union stereotypers of New York City upon the allied newspaper publishers. An account of the decision appeared in the New York "Times" of July 1, which states that its purport was announced in Newark on June 3 by George Garrison, President of New York Stereotypers Union No. 1. It is stated that Leon A. Godley, a member of the Arbitration Committee, confirmed the terms as announced by Mr. Garrison. All that remained to be settled, said Mr. Godley, was certain verbiage in parts of the decision. It was also said that because of certain language used in the decision a final hearing on adjustment of objections of the union would be held on July 5, in Part 17 of the New York Supreme Court, at which time it was expected the decision would be signed. The "Times" also stated:

The schedule would become effective seventy-two hours after signing. Under the new schedule, Mr. Garrison said, stereotypers would receive \$55.50 per week for straight time, time and a half for overtime in straight work and extra bonuses for double shifts. Saturday night workers would receive an extra bonus of \$2 and those employees of newspapers which publish daily afternoon editions and Sunday morning editions would receive an added bonus of \$2, or a total of \$4.

Of the fourteen points submitted to the board for arbitration, Mr. Garrison said, the union won twelve. Whereas employees were allowed one-half hour for lunch on their own time previously, they would now draw pay for the half-hour lunch period.

Double bonuses of \$4 are also awarded in the new schedule, according to Mr. Garrison, for seven holidays during the year. These are New Year's Day, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The double bonus also applies to Sunday work.

Mr. Garrison would not comment on the decision until he has been able to submit the new schedule to the Scale Committee of the New York local. A meeting of this committee has been called for Monday afternoon in Room 924 in the Pulitzer Building.

The Arbitration Committee was appointed by Mayor James J. Walker. It is composed of Judge Joseph A. Kellogg, Supreme Court Justice Salvatore Cotillo and Leon A. Godley, Commissioner of Transportation in New York City. None of these could be reached last night.

Results of the June 1928 Pig Survey.

The United States Department of Agriculture at Washington on June 26 made public its results of the June 1928 pig survey. Below is the report in full.

A decrease of about 7% in the spring pig crop of 1928 from that of 1927 for the United States as a whole and also for the Corn Belt States is shown by the June pig survey of the Department of Agriculture. This decrease is equivalent to about 4,000,000 head of pigs for the United States, of which over 3,000,000 represents the decrease for the Corn Belt States. A decrease in the fall pig crop of this year from that of last year is also indicated. The survey was made in co-operation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

The number of sows farrowed in the spring of 1928 was 7.7% smaller than in the spring of 1927 for the United States and 9% smaller for the

Corn Belt States. While the reported average number of spring pigs saved per litter for the United States was about the same as last year the average in the Corn Belt was somewhat larger than last year.

The reports of the number of sows bred or to be bred for farrowing in the fall of 1928 point to a decrease from last year in the fall pig crop, assuming a similar relationship between breeding intentions and actual farrowings that has prevailed in other years. While the reports from farmers this year show increases of sows bred or to be bred of 12% for the United States and 9% for the Corn Belt over the number of sows actually farrowed last fall, in other years the number of sows farrowed in the fall as reported in December has always been much below breeding intentions reported in June.

Assuming the average spread of past years between June breeding intentions and December farrowings, the decrease in fall farrowings this year would be 15% for the United States and 9% for the Corn Belt; assuming the smallest spread, the decreases would be 7% for the United States and 3% for the Corn Belt.

The decrease in the number of sows farrowed this spring both for the United States and the Corn Belt States are about as indicated by the breeding intentions report made in December 1927, when allowance is made for the decreases between intentions and farrowings shown in other years where there has been an unfavorable winter feeding relationship between corn and hog prices.

The accompanying table shows the percentage changes from last year for the various items and the average number of pigs saved per litter by States and grand divisions.

State and Division.	Pigs saved			Sows farrowed		Sows bred (or to be bred) for fall farrowing 1928.		Gilt farrowed spring 1928 compared with spring 1927	Sow over six mths. compared with same mths. (incl. farrowed June 1 1928)	Average number of pigs saved per litter.		
	Spring 1928 compared with spring 1927	Spring 1928 compared with spring 1927	Spring 1928 compared with spring 1927	Spring 1928 compared with fall farrowed 1927	Spring 1928 compared with fall farrowed 1927	Spring 1928	Spring 1927			Fall 1927		
Ohio.....	97.0	95.2	117.7	106.8	29.7	27.2	34.0	6.1	6.0	5.6		
Indiana.....	91.1	91.7	127.6	109.7	27.7	30.2	34.2	6.0	6.0	5.6		
Illinois.....	90.0	90.6	191.4	105.1	20.9	55.0	31.4	5.8	5.8	5.9		
Michigan.....	77.6	77.9	122.7	97.8	30.0	35.6	29.7	6.6	6.6	6.6		
Wisconsin.....	81.7	82.1	222.8	86.7	20.0	65.1	24.5	6.3	6.3	6.3		
E. N. Cent.	89.5	89.6	156.5	104.1	24.7	45.7	31.5	6.00	6.00	5.98		
Minnesota.....	81.2	80.7	392.4	103.3	16.7	83.6	22.0	5.6	5.6	5.6		
Iowa.....	92.1	88.8	430.9	112.4	13.3	77.7	26.2	5.5	5.3	5.5		
Missouri.....	107.4	100.7	128.0	112.1	24.8	33.4	36.2	6.2	5.8	6.1		
No. Dakota.....	90.0	90.6	764.0	147.0	11.3	87.3	23.2	5.8	5.8	5.5		
So. Dakota.....	95.5	92.5	784.7	116.5	9.1	88.1	23.6	5.3	5.1	5.4		
Nebraska.....	100.6	98.8	356.7	110.9	16.2	77.4	27.8	5.0	4.9	5.3		
Kansas.....	96.9	97.4	149.0	123.9	31.1	54.1	31.9	5.8	5.8	5.8		
W. N. Cent.	94.3	91.6	341.0	113.5	17.0	72.9	27.6	5.53	5.38	5.66		
Corn Belt...	93.0	91.0	257.7	109.1	19.6	64.5	28.9	5.65	5.55	5.80		
Maine.....	69.3	75.3	108.3	94.6	33.0	48.8	42.2	6.2	6.7	7.1		
New Hamp.....	75.7	78.9	107.1	84.9	33.0	34.5	40.6	6.5	6.8	7.8		
Vermont.....	80.2	84.5	109.6	93.6	31.3	49.0	40.2	7.1	7.5	7.0		
Mass.....	138.8	133.6	124.0	70.3	19.3	41.3	46.8	5.8	5.6	5.9		
Rhode Isl'd.....	130.2	133.3	133.3	244.4	31.0	50.0	51.8	6.3	6.1	4.8		
Connecticut.....	119.2	118.3	116.7	112.5	49.1	36.4	38.8	6.4	6.4	4.7		
New York.....	74.9	82.2	99.3	86.9	33.4	36.2	38.9	6.5	7.1	7.1		
New Jersey.....	90.1	89.1	90.3	100.4	33.8	43.3	39.8	5.8	5.7	5.8		
Penn'a.....	77.8	85.4	88.5	103.6	30.6	28.3	44.0	6.0	6.6	6.4		
N. Atlantic	78.0	85.0	95.6	95.2	31.5	28.0	42.3	6.00	6.60	6.57		
Delaware.....	81.7	86.1	117.9	117.3	30.7	26.3	41.0	6.5	6.9	6.2		
Maryland.....	98.4	98.5	101.6	106.6	25.7	29.2	46.3	6.3	6.3	6.5		
Virginia.....	95.3	96.6	95.0	102.3	28.7	34.5	43.7	6.2	6.3	6.6		
N. Virginia.....	81.4	78.3	99.7	98.7	26.1	28.6	42.9	6.9	6.6	6.8		
W. Carolina.....	95.2	100.0	114.9	115.8	31.9	38.1	40.0	5.8	6.1	6.1		
S. Carolina.....	86.9	97.8	116.5	127.3	27.4	36.4	46.3	5.2	5.9	5.3		
Georgia.....	99.0	109.0	128.7	133.7	25.0	39.4	45.0	5.4	5.9	5.6		
Florida.....	92.7	92.1	105.5	119.6	19.5	35.9	53.6	5.2	5.2	5.3		
S. Atlantic	94.7	100.7	113.4	118.7	26.7	37.3	45.0	5.57	5.91	5.95		
Kentucky.....	85.4	82.2	100.6	96.9	21.4	32.7	42.6	6.2	6.0	6.2		
Tennessee.....	86.6	89.5	104.5	103.6	21.6	33.4	46.7	5.9	6.1	6.1		
Alabama.....	102.8	108.9	143.3	125.7	20.1	44.3	49.3	5.1	5.4	4.8		
Miss.....	87.3	91.5	124.4	127.8	22.6	44.0	47.5	5.4	5.6	5.7		
Arkansas.....	78.6	84.5	113.8	113.4	23.7	44.2	48.2	4.8	5.8	5.4		
Louisiana.....	83.3	84.4	132.7	138.9	21.7	40.6	49.7	5.0	5.1	5.3		
Oklahoma.....	90.5	93.6	128.9	129.0	31.2	47.4	38.1	5.4	5.6	5.8		
Texas.....	94.3	99.5	120.9	138.1	30.3	48.9	43.9	5.4	5.7	5.5		
S. Central	89.1	92.3	118.1	119.0	24.7	41.9	45.1	5.43	5.74	5.67		
Montana.....	106.6	107.6	299.1	151.0	24.6	63.1	27.0	5.7	5.8	5.1		
Idaho.....	83.6	85.2	115.8	88.4	29.3	45.7	32.1	5.8	5.9	5.8		
Wyoming.....	110.2	106.5	304.2	91.5	23.8	62.2	31.7	5.9	5.7	5.4		
Colorado.....	109.8	109.8	166.4	41.8	34.0	66.8	31.7	5.6	5.6	5.5		
New Mex.....	97.2	114.7	128.9	78.5	35.9	36.9	46.2	4.4	5.2	6.3		
Arizona.....	172.3	142.0	131.5	127.8	20.2	31.0	40.4	7.3	6.0	5.4		
Utah.....	113.4	112.4	132.5	174.3	33.2	34.7	35.0	6.1	6.0	6.0		
Nevada.....	143.1	116.3	143.4	150.0	39.3	38.8	37.1	7.0	5.7	5.4		
Washington.....	127.2	117.6	146.6	124.0	30.2	38.4	33.7	6.5	6.0	6.5		
Oregon.....	109.1	111.0	151.9	130.6	29.5	29.5	32.7	6.3	6.4	6.5		
California.....	124.4	119.5	138.6	120.2	21.6	30.1	42.0	5.8	5.6	5.8		
Far West'n	106.2	105.8	175.0	112.6	28.3	51.5	34.5	6.00	5.70	5.64		
U. S. total.....	92.9	92.3	215.5	111.7	21.3	59.3	32.8	5.64	5.62	5.81		

a Defined as sows farrowed for the first time. b As shown by survey of June 1927. c As shown by survey of December 1927.

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Crude Oil Price Situation Unchanged—Gasoline Prices Practically Stable.

No changes in the price situation of crude oil were noted during the week just ended. Gasoline prices, also, remained stable, with just one change noted. This occurred in Norfolk, Va. on June 30 when one of the large oil distributors there reduced the retail price 1c to 20c per gallon, including the 5 cent State tax.

In Chicago on July 6, wholesale prices were reported as follows: Motor grade gasoline 8c; kerosene 41-43 water white 4½c to 4¾c, fuel oil 24-26 gravity, 67½c to 70c.

Crude Oil Production Shows Further Increase.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended June 30 1928 was 2,384,150 barrels as compared with 2,375,550 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 8,600 barrels. Compared with the output of 2,535,550 barrels in the corresponding week of 1927, the current output shows a decrease of 151,400 barrels per day. The daily average production east of California was 1,742,150 barrels, as compared with 1,730,050 barrels, an increase of 12,100 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels.)	June 30 '28.	June 23 '28.	June 16 '28.	July 2 '27.
Oklahoma.....	590,250	592,200	595,950	802,600
Kansas.....	103,850	104,200	105,450	110,550
Panhandle Texas.....	64,700	66,350	65,150	121,050
North Texas.....	82,250	79,400	77,700	87,200
West Central Texas.....	57,700	57,800	55,650	73,150
West Texas.....	337,350	315,800	293,250	134,600
East Central Texas.....	22,350	22,500	21,850	34,800
Southwest Texas.....	23,550	23,500	23,150	31,750
North Louisiana.....	41,600	41,950	42,500	50,200
Arkansas.....	95,550	101,800	106,150	111,950
Coastal Texas.....	104,800	105,850	107,500	135,050
Coastal Louisiana.....	27,400	29,750	28,150	15,850
Eastern.....	109,500	107,500	109,000	111,500
Wyoming.....	61,350	62,200	61,450	62,300
Montana.....	40,500	9,900	10,700	15,400
Colorado.....	7,400	7,200	7,400	7,200
New Mexico.....	2,050	2,150	2,450	3,000
California.....	642,000	645,500	642,000	627,400
Total.....	2,384,150	2,375,550	2,358,450	2,535,550

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended June 30 was 1,419,150 barrels, as compared with 1,405,500 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 13,650 barrels. The Mid-Continent production excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil was 1,360,250 barrels as compared with 1,347,150 barrels, an increase of 13,100 barrels.

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

	—Week Ended—		—Week Ended—	
	June 30	June 23	June 30	June 23
Oklahoma—				
North Braman.....	1,900	1,400		
South Braman.....	1,450	1,400		
Tonkawa.....	13,850	13,900		
Garber.....	8,750	8,600		
Burbank.....	31,500	31,650		
Bristow Silk.....	21,950	22,200		
Cromwell.....	9,650	9,700		
Wewoka.....	6,450	6,550		
Seminole.....	51,450	51,350		
Bowlegs.....	59,000	59,600		
Searight.....	13,050	13,100		
Little River.....	42,950	43,000		
Earlsboro.....	83,500	85,150		
Panhandle Texas—				
Hutchinson County.....	36,450	37,200		
Carson County.....	6,500	6,700		
Gray County.....	20,550	21,200		
Wheeler County.....	1,000	1,000		
West Central Texas—				
Brown County.....	13,650	13,250		
Shackelford Co.....	10,300	10,750		
West Texas—				
Reagan County.....	17,950	18,000		
Pecos County.....	63,950	50,200		
Crane and Upton Cos.....	68,050	69,100		
Winkler.....	173,700	165,200		
East Central Texas—				
Corsicana Powell.....	11,100	11,150		
Nigger Creek.....	1,150	1,200		
Southwest Texas—				
Luling.....	13,700	13,800		
Laredo District.....	6,350	6,200		
North Louisiana—				
Haynesville.....	6,250	6,250		
Urania.....	6,900	7,050		
Arkansas—				
Smackover, light.....	7,700	7,750		
Smackover, heavy.....	58,900	58,350		
Champagnolle.....	18,900	25,650		
Coastal Texas—				
West Columbia.....	8,200	8,300		
Blue Ridge.....	5,000	5,850		
Pleere Junction.....	10,800	10,500		
Hull.....	11,000	11,100		
Spindletop.....	38,600	39,900		
Orange Co.....	4,200	4,100		
Wyoming—				
Salt Creek.....	40,650	42,700		
Montana—				
Sunburst.....	8,600	8,000		
California—				
Santa Fe Springs.....	36,000	36,000		
Long Beach.....	197,000	199,000		
Huntington Beach.....	50,000	55,000		
Torrance.....	17,500	17,500		
Dominguez.....	11,500	11,500		
Rosecrans.....	6,000	6,000		
Inglewood.....	29,000	29,000		
Mitway-Sunset.....	71,500	70,500		
Ventura Ave.....	49,500	51,500		
Seal Beach.....	37,000	37,500		

Production of Natural-Gas Gasoline in May Higher than in Same Month Last Year—Stocks Lower.

The production of natural-gas gasoline in the United States during May amounted to 145,900,000 gallons, a daily average of 4,710,000 gallons, according to the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. This represents a decrease from the record figures of the previous month of 150,000 gallons per day, but is 350,000 gallons, or 8%, above the daily average of May 1927. Production in the majority of the districts east of California fell off, particularly in the Appalachian district, where the demand for natural gas for heating purposes experienced the usual seasonal decline. Total production in California in May reached a new high level of 45,200,000 gallons. Blending both at the plants and at refineries declined in May as compared with April. A very material decline was also noted in amounts of natural-gas gasoline run to refineries in California via pipe lines. The Bureau further shows:

OUTPUT OF NATURAL-GAS GASOLINE (IN GALLONS).

	Production.			Stocks End of Month.	
	May 1928.	April 1928.	May 1927.	May 1928.	April 1928.
Appalachian.....	7,400,000	9,300,000	7,200,000	4,123,000	5,019,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.....	1,200,000	1,300,000	1,200,000	473,000	550,000
Okl., Kansas, &c.....	52,900,000	53,800,000	47,700,000	17,390,000	17,007,000
Texas.....	27,400,000	27,400,000	26,700,000	8,348,000	5,300,000
Louisiana & Arkansas.....	7,700,000	7,200,000	7,300,000	1,572,000	1,525,000
Rocky Mountain.....	4,100,000	3,700,000	4,100,000	623,000	607,000
California.....	45,200,000	43,000,000	41,000,000	1,436,000	1,932,000
United States total.....	145,900,000	145,700,000	135,200,000	33,965,000	34,940,000
Daily average.....	4,710,000	4,860,000	4,360,000		

Crude Petroleum Production Higher—Increased Activity in California and Arkansas—Stocks Show Slight Decrease East of California.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, from companies which operate gathering or lead lines, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during May, 1928, amounted to 75,218,000 barrels. This represents a daily average of 2,426,000 barrels, an increase over April of 22,000 barrels. Although production in the outstanding area of the country—West Texas—declined materially as the result of various proration agreements, increased activity in districts like California and Arkansas was sufficient to cause a gain in the national total. Daily average production in California increased by over 14,000 barrels due primarily to the completion of a number of large wells at Long Beach. Arkansas registered its first material increase in output since the peak at Smackover as the result of the proving of a major pool, called the Rainbow field, near Champagnolle. The daily output of Oklahoma was up nearly 10,000 barrels in spite of the decline in daily average at Seminole of 9,000 barrels. This probably resulted from a more or less general increase in activity in the older fields of the State to meet refinery demands without having to draw on high-priced storage.

Although a slight decrease was recorded in total stocks of crude petroleum east of California—the first since 1926, this was insufficient to counterbalance increases in crude stocks in California and in total refined products, with the result that total stocks of all oils continued to rise. However, the increase—712,000 barrels—was much less than the increase of April, 2,468,000 barrels, or that of May, 1927, 6,760,000 barrels.

The rapid rise in output of the West Texas fields was checked in May, when these fields yielded 10,893,000 barrels of crude petroleum, a daily average of 351,000 barrels. This represents a decline of 31,000 barrels from the peak of the previous month. The total initial production of the 67 wells completed in West Texas during May amounted to 355,800 barrels, representing the unprecedented average initial production of 5,300 barrels. That a further increase in output did not follow the drilling in of these wells was due to the success attending proration agreements.

Seminole again showed a slight decline in average daily production. The number of completions and the average initial production in this field showed a material increase over April, otherwise the drop in output would have been greater. Stocks in the field showed a slight increase.

Both Seal Beach and the Panhandle fell off but the "comeback" at Long Beach was continued and the field registered an increase in daily average production of 27,000 barrels.

PRODUCTION (BARRELS OF 42 U. S. GALLONS).

	May, 1928.		April, 1928.		May, 1927.	
	Total.	Daily Average.	Total.	Daily Average.	Total.	Daily Average.
Seminole.....	8,987,000	296,000	8,960,000	299,000	10,809,000	349,000
Panhandle.....	2,061,000	66,000	2,127,000	71,000	4,174,000	135,000
West Texas.....	10,893,000	351,000	11,451,000	382,000	3,456,000	111,000
Seal Beach.....	1,121,000	36,000	1,166,000	39,000	1,531,000	49,000
Long Beach.....	5,619,000	181,000	4,611,000	154,000	2,855,000	92,000

STOCKS AT SEMINOLE (BARRELS OF 42 U. S. GALLONS).

	May, 1928.	April, 1928.	May, 1927.
	Producers' stocks.....	389,000	411,000
Tank-farm stocks.....	18,404,000	18,155,000	5,386,000
Total stocks.....	18,793,000	18,566,000	5,721,000

RECORD OF WELLS MAY, 1928.

	Completion.			Total Initial Production.	Average Initial Production. (bbls.)	Drilling April 30.
	Oil.	Gas.	Dry.			
Seminole.....	39	2	8	66,400	1,700	96
Panhandle.....	14	8	5	1,800	100	126
West Texas.....	67	1	26	355,800	5,300	351
Seal Beach.....	1	--	1	100	100	5
Long Beach.....	29	--	--	47,900	1,700	165

Runs to stills were again raised to a new high level in May, when the daily average crude output was 2,494,000 barrels. Daily average runs to stills of foreign crude petroleum exceeded 200,000 barrels for the first time since Sept., 1922, according to the Bureau, which adds:

As might be surmised from the foregoing, the output of gasoline reached a new high level of 994,000 barrels per day, an increase over the previous month of 16,000 barrels per day. Daily average domestic demand was 882,000 barrels, an increase over April, 1928, of 25,000 barrels, and over May, 1927, of the same amount, representing an increase during the year of 3%. Daily average exports of gasoline exceeded the 200,000 barrel mark for the first time in history. This compensated for the small gain in domestic consumption so that stocks of gasoline were materially reduced, declining from 40,210,000 barrels on May 1, to 37,336,000 barrels at the end of the month. At the current rate of total demand, the latter represent 34 days' supply, as compared with 40 days' supply on hand a month ago and 49 days' supply on hand a year ago.

Little change was recorded in the statistics of both kerosene and lubricants. The increased use of Venezuelan and West Texas crudes at refineries was instrumental in another gain in the output of fuel oil, which with declining consumption resulted in an increase in stocks held at refineries east of California of over 3,000,000 barrels. This was the chief cause of the increase in total stocks of refined products, and in total stocks of all oils. A further strengthening in the market for wax was presaged by a decrease in output and a further decline in stocks.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 321 refineries with an aggregate daily crude oil capacity of 3,103,000 barrels. These refineries operated during May at 80% of their recorded capacity as compared with 318 refineries operating at 79% of their capacity in April.

ANALYSIS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS (ALL DATA PRELIMINARY) (INCLUDING WAX, COKE, AND ASPHALT IN THOUSANDS OF BARRELS OF 42 U. S. GALLONS).

Table showing supply and demand of all oils. Includes sub-sections for Domestic Production, Excess of daily average domestic production, Imports, Stocks (End of Month), and Demand.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY FIELDS AND STATES WITH CLASSIFICATION BY GRAVITY (BARRELS OF 42 U. S. GALLONS).

Table showing production of crude petroleum by fields and states. Categorized by field (Appalachian, Lima-Indiana, Michigan, etc.) and state (Arkansas, California, Colorado, etc.).

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM (BARRELS). (From Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce.)

Table showing imports and exports of crude petroleum. Categorized by source (From Mexico, From Venezuela, From Colombia) and destination (Exports to Canada, to other countries, Foreign crude oil).

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

Table showing indicated deliveries of crude petroleum. Categorized by field of origin (Appalachian, Lima-Indiana, Michigan, etc.) and type of delivery (Deliveries & exports, For petroleum).

NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS COMPLETED

Small table showing number of producing oil wells completed in May 1928, April 1928, Jan.-May 1928, and Jan.-May 1927.

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

SHIPMENTS OF CALIFORNIA OIL THROUGH PANAMA CANAL TO EASTERN PORTS IN UNITED STATES (BARRELS)

Table showing shipments of California oil through Panama Canal. Categorized by product (Crude oil, Refined products: Gasoline, Asphalt, etc.) and time periods.

STOCKS HELD BY THE REFINING COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES MAY 31 1928.

Table showing stocks held by refining companies. Categorized by product (Gasoline, Kerosene, Gas & Fuel Oils, Lubricants) and region (East coast, Appalachian, Indiana, etc.).

Table showing stocks held by refining companies, including specific data for Total Mar. 31 1928 and Texas Gulf coast.

STOCKS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM HELD IN UNITED STATES (BARRELS)

Table showing stocks of crude petroleum held in United States. Categorized by refinery type (At refineries, Elsewhere than at refineries) and location (East coast, Appalachian, etc.).

Table showing stocks of crude petroleum held in United States, including Total pipe-line and tank-farm stocks east of California.

Standard and Shell End Soviet Oil War—H. L. Pratt Home from Europe with Peace Achieved—Indian Price-Cutting Ends—Royal Dutch View Upheld.

From the New York "Times" of July 3 we take the following:

Hostilities between the Standard Oil Company of New York and the Royal Dutch Shell Company of Europe have ceased, a basis having been found for an amicable settlement of the quarrel that grew out of the purchase of Russian oil products by the Standard of New York.

It became known definitely here yesterday that the conflict between the two companies, which flared up suddenly about nine months ago and threatened for a time to develop into a world-wide struggle, has ended in a draw. Both companies have called off the price-cutting war in India, which was the seat of the first trouble, and will avoid any further move that may irritate each other there or in other markets where they compete.

The Standard of New York reserves the right to buy Russian oil and will, it is understood, carry out its present contracts with the Soviet Government's representatives. It has been hinted in well-informed quarters that the company may reduce its purchases of Russian oil after the expiration of the present contracts, but this was not confirmed yesterday. The peace agreement with the Royal Dutch interests carries no such condition.

Royal Dutch Stand Sustained.

It is reported here that the Royal Dutch is sustained in its contention that the right of former owners of oil properties in Russia to compensation should be recognized. It is expected that negotiations looking to an agreement as to the amount of that compensation and the terms of payment will be started soon. The Royal Dutch, throughout all of the controversy with the Standard of New York, maintained that former owners should be compensated for properties confiscated by the Soviet Government under its "nationalization of industry" program. At one time the Royal Dutch accused the Standard of New York of buying "stolen property," holding that the properties from which the oil was produced were seized without warrant by the Soviets. The Standard of New York insisted it was privileged to have trade relations with the Soviet Government and imputed bad faith to the Royal Dutch, charging that it had participated in making purchases of Russian oil.

Officials of the Standard of New York have declined to comment on the reports that a settlement has been reached with its old adversary, the Royal Dutch, and the terms of that settlement could not be learned officially yesterday. It was established, however, that the two companies have come to an understanding and that each exhibited a spirit of give-and-take in the conversations that led up to the preliminary understanding. The negotiations have not been completed and the reason that officials decline to discuss the subject, it was found, is that they fear any premature comment may cause a rupture and prevent the final understanding which is now being sought.

Friendly Concerns Aided Peace.

Herbert L. Pratt, Chairman of the Board of the Standard of New York, is given credit in financial circles for having made peace with Sir Henri Derterding, Managing Director of the Royal Dutch. Mr. Pratt returned recently from Europe, where he spent some time. Impartial interests, including executives of companies with which the Royal Dutch and Standard of New York have friendly dealings, are said to have laid the groundwork for the peace discussions which ensued. Mr. Pratt returned to this country, it is understood, with every reason to believe that the warfare with the Royal Dutch had ended. Later developments are said to have confirmed that view.

Sir Henri some weeks ago indicated that he had lost some of his bitterness toward the Standard of New York when he suggested that it would be unwise for his stockholders to continue to discuss the subject of the differences with the Standard of New York. Only a short time prior to that, in his annual report to Royal Dutch stockholders, he reviewed the history of the quarrel with the Standard of New York, vigorously assailing the latter company and defending the Royal Dutch's position.

Both companies have found the price-cutting war in India costly and were quite willing to talk peace, it is understood, when friendly intermediaries sought to bring the two together. On Jan. 15 the Standard of New York, in an elaborate statement setting forth its side of the controversy, said of this competitive situation in India: "The significance of this price cutting will be realized when it is stated that this form of competition, if continued, will cost the Royal Dutch Shell and Burmah Oil companies approximately \$12,750,000 a year and the Standard Oil Company of New York approximately \$4,000,000 a year."

Price War Hit as Destructive.

"This price cutting," the statement continued, "was conceived and organized and initiated by the Royal Dutch-Shell interests. The Standard Oil Company of New York has followed it only in so far as seemed absolutely necessary to protect its market position. At no time has this company deliberately undercut the prices of its competitors or offered secret or other rebates or undermined the position of its competitors.

"The Standard Oil Company of New York will continue to supply its markets effectively; it will carry out all contracts into which it has entered, and it will not be swerved in any manner from its clearly conceived policy by such desperate and destructive measures as are being followed in India and threatened in other parts of the world."

Later the Royal Dutch, in a statement through its New York representative, Richard Airey, announced it would fight the Standard of New York in any market where it attempted to market Russian oil. The fight, however, never got beyond India in a serious way. Until a few weeks ago the two companies continued to slash away at each other in India, with the result that the consumer was able to buy gasoline and kerosene at bargain prices. Recently the price cutting suddenly ended in India and yesterday it was learned that the situation there has become "stabilized."

Vacuum Oil Co. Unaffected.

Neither the Standard of New York nor the Royal Dutch, it is understood, will make any announcement of the settlement of their dispute. The plan apparently has been to let the trouble blow over with as little public discussion as possible.

The Vacuum Oil Company, which also is a large buyer of Russian oil, is not affected directly by the understanding which the Royal Dutch and Standard of New York have reached. The Vacuum, like the Standard of New York, will carry out its present contracts with the Russian oil syndicate. It is likely, however, according to information reaching Wall Street, that the Vacuum may abandon plans it is said to have made for

intensifying its competition against the Royal Dutch in certain markets of Europe.

Walter C. Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who took sides with the Royal Dutch interests when the Russian oil controversy first opened here, did not figure in the actual discussions leading up to the establishment of peace between the Royal Dutch and the Standard of New York. When the conflict first began Mr. Teagle, who is friendly with Sir Henri, was represented here as the possible peace-maker.

Estimated June Pig Iron Output Declines.

According to data gathered by wire by the "Iron Age" on July 2 from producers estimating their output in most cases, the June production showed a decline from that of May of about 3%. The estimated total for last month was 3,081,300 gross tons, or 102,710 tons per day. This compares with an actual production in May of 3,283,856 tons, or 105,931 tons per day. The decline in June was therefore 3,221 tons per day, or about 3%. In May there was a decrease from April of about 1/4 of 1%.

These preliminary returns indicate that there were six furnaces blown in and 14 shut down in June—a net loss for the month of eight furnaces. The number operating on July 1 was apparently 190 furnaces, against 198 on June 1 and 195 on May 1. The principal loss was in steel-making furnaces.

Actual data for the June pig iron production will be published next week.

Steel Orders Hold Up Despite Holiday—Pig Iron Price Stronger.

The danger of preconceptions regarding the course of steel business has been given fresh emphasis. Independence Day week, as is customary, will see a reduction of activity, but it will be reflected in plant operations rather than in demand says the "Iron Age" of July 5 in reviewing events in the iron and steel markets throughout the week. Mills have less contract tonnage than at the opening of the second quarter, but the volume of shipping orders in both releases against past commitments and short-term purchases is holding up well. At Chicago, bookings for the week were the fourth largest of the year and backlogs increased in virtually all lines except rails and sheets. Present demand there, it is believed, will sustain ingot output at 80% of capacity, following recent declines largely attributed to diminishing rail specifications, the "Iron Age" states, adding:

In other districts, buying is more cautious, but without materially reducing the total tonnage reaching the mills for rolling. Releases against expiring contracts for plates, shapes and bars at 1.85c. Pittsburgh, will cover the needs of many consumers through July. On the other hand, some contract buyers did not fully exercise their second quarter options, while those who have placed third quarter contracts at the advanced quotation of 1.90c. evidently expect a downward adjustment of invoice prices in case the market again recedes.

Mill operations are less dependent than formerly on large individual orders, but the maturing of several pipe lines after months of negotiation has added a substantial tonnage to the large volume of business coming from miscellaneous sources, and from the automotive, implement, canning and building industries. For four pipe lines a total of 175,000 tons of steel was ordered during the week, following the placing of 50,000 tons 2 weeks ago.

The automotive industry continues to take a large tonnage of steel and, as yet, shows no signs of a sharp summer slump. June specifications from motor car builders were only slightly smaller than in May and, while some automobile companies are reducing operations, others are maintaining output without change. The Chevrolet Motor Co. has announced a minimum production schedule of 100,000 cars monthly for the current quarter.

Farm equipment makers, having completed inventories, have resumed full production, with sizable schedules arranged for many weeks to come.

Sustained building activity is indicated by the addition of nearly 30,000 tons to the large amount of structural steel work pending, and by awards during the week of 42,000 tons.

The tin plate mills are well supplied with specifications, but will not be embarrassed by the holiday interruption in operations, since rainy weather has been holding back canning.

Pig iron production in June, estimated from telegraphic reports, averaged 102,710 tons a day, a decline of 3% from the May rate. There was a net loss of 8 active blast furnaces during the month. Output for the first half of the year, estimated at 18,520,200 tons, was the smallest since 1924, in sharp contrast with steel ingot production, which will undoubtedly prove a half-year record.

Pig iron prices show no signs of strength except in the Valleys, where there has been another recovery in basic iron to \$16, furnace, or an advance of 65c. over the recent minimum. Foundry melt, on the average, is holding its own, although shipments of pig iron to the automotive industry are expected to decline this month, possibly as much as 20% compared with June.

Scrap markets continue to weaken. Heavy melting steel at Pittsburgh has declined 25c. a ton for the third time in 3 weeks. The same grade has dropped 25c. a ton at Chicago and St. Louis.

The Pennsylvania RR. has ordered 12,000 tons of track supplies. Leading makers of track spikes have announced an extra of 25c. per 100 lb. for less-than-carload lots in both large and small sizes.

The growth of steel consumption for building purposes is shown by shipments of concrete bars in the first 5 months of this year, as reported by the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute. The total was 12% larger than in the corresponding period last year and 4% greater than in 1926.

The larger domestic producers of gravel fluorspar have advanced an advance of \$1 a ton to \$17 a net ton, mines.

Recovering slightly from its low point, the "Iron Age" composite pig iron price is now \$17.25, against \$17.21 last week. The finished steel com-

posite remains at 2.34c. a lb. for the fifth week, as the following tables show:

Finished Steel.				Pig Iron.			
July 1 1928, 2.34c. a lb.				July 1 1928, \$17.25 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	2.34c.	2.34c.	2.34c.	One week ago	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$17.25
One month ago	2.34c.	2.34c.	2.34c.	One month ago	17.23	17.23	17.23
One year ago	2.367c.	2.367c.	2.367c.	One year ago	18.71	18.71	18.71
10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	1.689c.	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	15.72	15.72	15.72

Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 87% of the United States output.

High.	Low.	High.	Low.
1928..2.364c. Feb. 14	2.314c. Jan. 3	1928..\$17.75 Feb. 14	\$17.21 June 26
1927..2.453c. Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25	1927.. 19.71 Jan. 4	17.54 Nov. 1
1926..2.453c. Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18	1926.. 21.54 Jan. 5	19.46 July 13
1925..2.560c. Jan. 6	2.396c. Aug. 18	1925.. 22.50 Jan. 13	18.96 July 7
1924..2.789c. Jan. 15	2.460c. Oct. 14	1924.. 22.88 Feb. 26	19.21 Nov. 3
1923..2.824c. Apr. 24	2.446c. Jan. 2	1923.. 30.86 Mar. 20	20.77 Nov. 20

With the Texas Co. awarding 65,000 tons of pipe to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. and the Atlantic Refining Co. 50,000 tons to the National Tube Co., the long dormant oil industry is providing real tonnage for the pipe mills. A 25,000-ton gas line in Kentucky is active, while the 150,000-ton project of the Standard Oil Co. from Monroe, La., to St. Louis is slowly shaping up. Only 10 days ago the National Tube Co. and Spang, Chalfant & Co. divided 50,000 tons for the Empire Gas & Fuel Co., observes the "Iron Trade Review" of July 5 in summarizing conditions in the industry. It further states:

This activity in pipe inspires a steel market already vigorous, from the standpoint of consumption, for early July. Automotive requirements continue substantial; in fact, in some lines they are pressing enough to restrict the July 4 holiday. Some departments of the farm implement industry—notably tractors—are at capacity. The railroads have been a shade more liberal with track accessory orders, and the rumor is again current that heavy buying of cars and track material is slated for this quarter. Building steel awards again narrowly top the seasonal average.

Order books of finished steel producers, especially of the heavier lines, still fail to mirror this satisfactory consuming situation. On bars, plates and shapes the impasse between producers and consumers on the 1.90c. Pittsburgh, price continues, but with indications producers will press for contracts. Consumers in most districts have been satisfying their requirements by spot purchases, usually at the prices they latterly have been paying. Contracting in the lighter steel lines has been at prevailing low prices. Recent efforts of steel producers to strengthen export quotations having been successful, they may look next to the domestic price situation.

Although pig iron production declined 3% in June, to a daily rate of 102,963 tons, it paralleled the rate of 102,991 tons of June, 1927. The month's total of 3,088,882 tons compares with 3,292,790 tons in May and 3,089,726 tons last June. The 6-month total stands at 18,517,005 tons, against 19,429,227 tons in the like period of 1927 and 19,850,913 in the record pig iron year of 1926. At the close of June 1928 stacks, or 8 fewer than at the beginning, were in blast, the entire loss being sustained in steel works production. Pig iron sales the past week have been only moderate, with about 60% of the third quarter's needs covered.

Plate and skelp mills, especially in the Pittsburgh district, have received a new lease on life with prospective participation in recent heavy pipe business. New inquiry at Chicago for riveted pipe calls for 14,000 tons of plates, with the 12,000-ton water line for Denver nearing placement. Bar demand is sufficient for 80% mill operations at Chicago and 65 to 70% at Pittsburgh. One producer at Chicago has taken some 2-cent third quarter business, but this level hinges upon the fate of the proposed 1.90c. Pittsburgh, price. Some bar contracts have been written at this price in Cleveland.

Save for full-finished sheets for the automobile trade, demand for sheets has been light in all districts. Holiday interruptions will be more pronounced in sheets than in other finished lines. Contracting for cold finished bars for third quarter has been brisk at the reduced 2.10c. Pittsburgh-Chicago, price. Hoop and band prices continue demoralized. In the East, wide hot strip has sold down to 1.75c. Pittsburgh.

Preliminary estimates place June freight car awards at 2,063 which would give the first half year a total of only 26,700, contrasted with 42,165 in the first half of 1927. Last June, the railroads ordered 7,440 cars. The Norfolk & Western will rebuild 500 steel gondolas in its own shops, in addition to 250 recently so designated, and is inquiring for 40,000 tons of rails.

The first revision since 1922 in the wage scales of the H. C. Frick Coke Co. is a reduction averaging 11%, effective July 1. Other coke producers have not acted. The beehive coke market shows little change, one furnace renewing for the third quarter at \$2.75. Iron and steel scrap prices continue easy. Semi-finished steel prices are not clearly defined, but easy.

Once the Federal Trade Commission has formally approved the Steel Export Association of America, for which the United States Steel Corp. and Bethlehem Steel Co. are sponsors, adherence of leading independent producers doing an export business is expected. Close co-operation with similar European groups seems probable. American prices on sheets, tin plate and wire rods for export already have been advanced.

Holiday shutdowns this week vary according to the state of demand. Many sheet mills are suspended virtually all week for usual midsummer repairs, while cold finished bar mills are off only one day. Steel-making operations for the entire industry continue at about 72%. Chicago is off two points this week, to 78%, while Pittsburgh is at about 70 and Buffalo 85.

A further recession of 12c. in the "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products brings this barometer down to \$34.93, the lowest point since early 1922. A month ago the composite stood at \$35.46 and a year ago at \$36.49.

The steel operating rate fell off slightly during the week just ended, reports the "Wall Street Journal" of July 3. Recent business gain, however, surprises the trade, and a possibility of operations holding steady now occurs, declares the "Journal" in its report which we quote as follows:

Steel ingot production has been moderately reduced during the past week. The United States Steel Corp. is running 75% of capacity, compared with 76% in the 2 preceding weeks.

Independents are down 1/4 of 1% to 69%, contrasted with 69 1/4% in the previous week and 70 1/2% two weeks ago. Average for the industry was about 72%, against better than 72 1/4% in the preceding week and 73% two weeks ago.

Steel industry entered July last year with the Steel Corp. running at 74%, independents at 68% and the average was around 71%. Thus, the current rate of production, is just about 1% ahead of a year ago.

Although it has been the general impression that there would be sharp curtailment in the coming weeks, business has increased so sharply in the past two weeks that there is a possibility of operations holding steady or even showing an increase in the near future.

Plans call for no particular change in the rates for current week, but the fact that there will be a holiday will reduce the actual production by approximately 10% compared with the output in the past week. The slackening down will be due to observance of the holiday in some plants, while others are shutting down to take inventory. However, the closings will not be as protracted as they have been in previous years.

On July 3, the American Metal Market made the following report:

The seasonal decrease in steel demand has been unusually mild, the industry entering July with such momentum that little decrease in output is to be expected for the month. After 3 or 4 months of substantially unchanged volume an improvement is expected for the last months of the year. Ingot production is likely to hover around 70%, which means more tonnage than a similar percentage in previous years, on account of increased capacity.

Demand is widely variegated and is heavy for the time of year except in railroad steel, which was poor in 1926 and still poorer last year, and in oil country tubular goods, which had their good year in 1926. However, fully 100,000 tons of line pipe, for oil and gas lines, have been placed in the past fortnight, and there is other such business on the way, depending probably on money growing easier.

Bituminous Coal Output Remains Nearly Stationary—Anthracite Declines.

The production of bituminous coal in the week ended June 23, according to estimates furnished by the United States Bureau of Mines, remained at about the level of the preceding week. Output amounted to 8,390,000 net tons against 8,342,000 net tons in the week of June 16. Compared with the output in the corresponding week one year ago, the tonnage showed a decline of around 89,000 net tons. Anthracite output in the week of June 23 again fell off being only 1,083,000 net tons against 1,218,000 net tons in the week ended June 16. In the corresponding week of last year in coke production was 1,585,000 tons, according to the Bureau of Mines from which we quote:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended June 23, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 8,390,000 net tons. Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this shows an increase of 48,000 tons, or 0.6%. Production in the week of 1927 corresponding with that of June 23 amounted to 8,479,000 tons.

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

	1928		1927	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
June 9	8,412,000	209,112,000	8,524,000	251,866,000
Daily average	1,402,000	1,535,000	1,421,000	1,846,000
June 16	8,342,000	217,454,000	8,284,000	259,950,000
Daily average	1,390,000	1,527,000	1,381,000	1,827,000
June 23	8,390,000	225,844,000	8,479,000	268,429,000
Daily average	1,398,000	1,522,000	1,413,000	1,810,000

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

The total production of bituminous coal during the present calendar year to June 23 (approximately 148 working days) amounted to 225,844,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1927	268,429,000 net tons 1924	227,856,000 net tons
1926	256,057,000 net tons 1923	272,050,000 net tons
1925	224,275,000 net tons 1922	189,054,000 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 June 16 amounted to 8,342,000 net tons. This is a decrease of 70,000 tons, or 0.8% from the output in the preceding week.

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

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

State	Week Ended				June Average 1923 a
	June 16 1928	June 9 1928	June 18 1927	June 19 1926	
Alabama	294,000	304,000	285,000	344,000	387,000
Arkansas	23,000	21,000	25,000	18,000	22,000
Colorado	124,000	119,000	146,000	133,000	175,000
Illinois	681,000	620,000	80,000	946,000	1,243,000
Indiana	215,000	214,000	170,000	302,000	416,000
Iowa	48,000	45,000	6,000	68,000	88,000
Kansas	25,000	22,000	19,000	57,000	73,000
Kentucky—Eastern	921,000	918,000	977,000	893,000	661,000
Western	222,000	207,000	439,000	238,000	183,000
Maryland	47,000	47,000	49,000	55,000	47,000
Michigan	10,000	11,000	12,000	5,000	12,000
Missouri	43,000	44,000	23,000	39,000	55,000
Montana	33,000	39,000	40,000	34,000	38,000
New Mexico	53,000	51,000	45,000	45,000	51,000
North Dakota	8,000	8,000	10,000	15,000	14,000
Ohio	247,000	233,000	132,000	394,000	888,000
Oklahoma	35,000	40,000	39,000	39,000	48,000
Pennsylvania	2,190,000	2,215,000	2,209,000	2,484,000	3,613,000
Tennessee	97,000	99,000	92,000	94,000	113,000
Texas	14,000	14,000	18,000	15,000	21,000
Utah	52,000	60,000	68,000	87,000	89,000
Virginia	208,000	216,000	270,000	256,000	240,000
Washington	31,000	33,000	33,000	40,000	44,000
West Va.—Southern b	1,897,000	1,995,000	2,137,000	2,030,000	1,417,000
Northern c	730,000	750,000	863,000	696,000	819,000
Wyoming	93,000	86,000	89,000	80,000	104,000
Other States d	1,000	1,000	3,000	5,000	5,000
Total bituminous	8,342,000	8,412,000	8,284,000	9,422,000	10,866,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	1,218,000	1,386,000	1,668,000	2,019,000	1,956,000

Total all coal..... 9,560,000 9,798,000 9,952,000 11,441,000 12,822,000
 a Average rate maintained during the entire month. b Includes operations on the N. & W.; C. & O.; Virginian, K. & M., and Charleston division of the B. & O. c Rest of State, including Panhandle. d This group is not strictly comparable in the several years.

ANTHRACITE.

The production of anthracite again declined sharply during the week ended June 23. The total output, including dredge and washery coal, is estimated at 1,083,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this is a decrease of 135,000 tons, or 11.1%. Production

during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of June 23 amounted to 1,585,000 tons. The cumulative output for the year 1928 now stands at 35,978,000 tons, a decrease of 3,651,000 tons in comparison with the same period last year.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

1928		1927		
Week Ended—	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
June 9	1,386,000	33,677,000	1,732,000	36,376,000
June 16	1,218,000	34,895,000	1,668,000	38,044,000
June 23	1,083,000	35,978,000	1,585,000	39,629,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country as a whole during the week ended June 23 is estimated at 68,000 tons, the same as in the preceding week as the following table shows:

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	1928		1927	
	Week Ended June 23	Week Ended June 16	Week Ended June 25	Week Ended June 18
Pennsylvania and Ohio	48,000	46,000	100,000	1,580,000
West Virginia	10,000	12,000	15,000	297,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	2,000	1,000	4,000	98,000
Virginia	4,000	5,000	6,000	118,000
Colo., Utah & Washington	4,000	4,000	6,000	108,000
United States total	68,000	68,000	131,000	2,201,000
Daily average	11,300	11,300	21,800	14,600

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

The total quantity of bituminous coal mined in the United States during the week ended June 30 1928, according to the estimate of the National Coal Association, was about 8,350,000 net tons.

Frick Coke Co. Reduces Pay—Wage Cut Averages 11%.

The following is from the Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" of July 2:

Company officials yesterday confirmed a report from Uniontown that H. C. Frick Coke Co. had cut wages 11%, effective yesterday. The cut affects about 30,000 workers, principally in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. The new Frick wage scale was said to be slightly higher than the rates paid by many non-union operators, in the Pittsburgh district.

Notices posted at the company's mines stated: "The H. C. Frick Coke Co. always has and will continue to maintain their policy of paying the highest prevailing rate in the district in which they operate." Company officials refused to amplify this statement.

Mine laborers were cut to \$5.05 a day and pick miners will receive from \$1.30 to \$2.32 a wagon, the Uniontown report stated.

The reduction is the first since 1922, according to reports from Connelville. The new rate for inside day men is \$6.05 for shafts and slopes as compared with \$7.50 under the old scale. Fire bosses were reduced from \$8.80 to \$7.30, it was said.

Wage Cut Announced by Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co.

The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. announced a wage cut, July 3 effective as of July 1 according to a Pittsburgh dispatch to the New York "Times." The dispatch added:

President Horace F. Baker said the company had established the same wage scale paid by the Pittsburgh Coal Co. and other companies. Loaders' pay is reduced from 65 to 58 cents a ton and machine cutters' from 12 to 11 cents.

In making the cut Pittsburgh Terminal was not influenced by the H. C. Frick Company's reduction of 11%, Mr. Baker said:

"Phillip Murray, International Vice-President of the United Mine Workers, said this was the fourth cut Pittsburgh Terminal has put into effect since it broke with the union on April 1 1927, and its second cut this year. Mr. Murray declared that when it reduced wages last April it promised there would be no further reductions.

Preliminary Estimates of Production of Coal and Beehive Coke for the Month of June 1928.

The following preliminary estimates for the month of June, as given in the United States Bureau of Mines report, are subject to slight revisions, which will be issued in the weekly coal report about the 15th inst. All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the results of the complete canvass of production made at the end of the calendar year. The figures as now reported show that the production of 35,880,000 net tons of bituminous coal during June 1928 fell 774,000 net tons under the output in the preceding month of May 1928 and 747,000 net tons under the output in June 1927. Anthracite production during June 1928 showed a loss of 2,824,000 net tons under the output in the preceding month of May 1928 and of 1,957,000 net tons under the output of June 1927. The statistical tables as given by the Bureau of Mines are appended:

	Total for Month (Net Tons).	Number of Working Days.	Average per Working Day (Net Tons).
June 1928 (preliminary) (a)—			
Bituminous coal	35,880,000	26	1,380,000
Anthracite	5,300,000	26	204,000
Beehive coke	299,000	26	11,500
May 1928 (revised):			
Bituminous coal	36,624,000	26.4	1,387,000
Anthracite	8,124,000	26	312,000
Beehive coke	376,000	27	13,926
June 1927 (final)—			
Bituminous coal	36,627,000	26	1,409,000
Anthracite	7,257,000	26	279,000
Beehive coke	579,000	26	22,269

a Slight revisions of these estimates will be issued in the weekly coal report about the middle of the month.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on July 3, made public by the Federal Reserve Board and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows increases for the week of \$159,100,000 in holdings of discounted bills, of \$7,600,000 in Government securities, of \$58,200,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and of \$55,500,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and decreases of \$45,700,000 in cash reserves and of \$13,800,000 in bills bought in open market. Total bills and securities were \$153,000,000 above the amount held on June 27. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

All of the Federal Reserve banks except Boston and Richmond report larger holdings of discounted bills than the week before, the principal increases being \$63,500,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$25,400,000 at San Francisco, \$24,500,000 at Chicago, and \$23,700,000 at Cleveland. The Systems' holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$13,800,000 and of United States bonds \$2,300,000, while holdings of certificates of indebtedness were \$6,800,000 and of Treasury notes \$3,100,000 above the preceding week's totals.

All of the Federal Reserve banks show a larger volume of Federal Reserve note circulation, the principal increase for the week being \$15,100,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$12,900,000 at Chicago, and \$12,500,000 at San Francisco.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 75 to 76. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending July 3 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	-\$45,700,000	-\$448,400,000
Gold reserves	-36,800,000	-44,000,000
Total bills and securities	+153,000,000	+539,200,000
Bills discounted, total	+159,100,000	+634,200,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations	+75,900,000	+476,400,000
Other bills discounted	+83,300,000	+207,800,000
Bills bought in open market	-13,800,000	+10,600,000
U. S. Government securities, total	+7,600,000	-154,900,000
Bonds	-2,300,000	-108,800,000
Treasury notes	+3,100,000	+7,200,000
Certificates of indebtedness	+6,800,000	-53,300,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	+55,500,000	-90,900,000
Total deposits	+77,500,000	+118,400,000
Members' reserve deposits	+58,200,000	+105,500,000
Government deposits	+19,300,000	+12,900,000

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

Beginning with the returns for June 29 last, the Federal Reserve Board also began to give out the figures of the member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District, as well as those in the Chicago Reserve District, on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and for the same week, instead of waiting until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks—now 641—cannot be got ready.

The following is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks, which have decreased more than \$400,000,000 since the first week of June, but reversed their trend this week, an increase of \$147,812,000 being reported. The grand aggregate of these loans on July 3 was \$4,307,076,000, this total being only \$256,164,000 under the record total of \$4,563,240,000 which was reported on June 6.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York—45 Banks.		
	July 3 1928.	June 27 1928.	July 6 1927.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 7,642,841,000	\$ 7,338,261,000	\$ 6,746,714,000
Loans and discounts—total	5,623,891,000	5,295,360,000	4,843,061,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	58,117,000	45,236,000	33,693,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	2,705,021,000	2,466,268,000	2,347,884,000
All other loans and discounts	2,860,753,000	2,783,856,000	2,461,484,000
Investments—total	2,018,950,000	2,042,901,000	1,903,653,000
U. S. Government securities	1,115,461,000	1,116,317,000	895,894,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	903,489,000	926,584,000	1,007,759,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	751,671,000	751,888,000	715,975,000
Cash in vault	57,476,000	53,809,000	60,964,000
Net demand deposits	5,512,654,000	5,270,751,000	5,347,713,000
Time deposits	1,185,277,000	1,224,766,000	1,006,139,000
Government deposits	46,940,000	58,415,000	14,632,000
Due from banks	121,708,000	99,778,000	110,371,000
Due to banks	1,305,176,000	1,157,845,000	1,234,100,000

	July 3 1928.	June 27 1928.	July 6 1927.
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total..	\$ 315,633,000	\$ 255,813,000	\$ 85,492,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations..	236,210,000	199,510,000	81,450,000
All other.....	79,423,000	56,303,000	4,042,000
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds)			
For own account.....	1,131,568,000	941,346,000	1,105,949,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,511,506,000	1,488,890,000	1,155,799,000
For account of others.....	1,664,002,000	1,729,028,000	864,579,000
Total.....	4,307,076,000	4,159,264,000	3,126,327,000
On demand.....	3,260,667,000	3,142,453,000	2,377,777,000
On time.....	1,046,409,000	1,016,811,000	748,550,000
Chicago—43 Banks.			
Loans and investments—total.....	2,060,116,000	2,067,229,000	1,928,829,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	1,557,619,000	1,562,701,000	1,463,308,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	16,023,000	15,252,000	13,740,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	805,858,000	808,567,000	757,873,000
All other loans and discounts.....	735,738,000	738,882,000	691,695,000
Investments—total.....	502,497,000	504,528,000	465,521,000
U. S. Government securities.....	225,780,000	220,343,000	193,149,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	276,717,000	284,185,000	272,372,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	213,296,000	179,580,000	174,790,000
Cash in vault.....	18,784,000	16,719,000	22,171,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,262,700,000	1,242,141,000	1,266,623,000
Time deposits.....	701,900,000	717,836,000	603,316,000
Government deposits.....	3,224,000	4,014,000	9,847,000
Due from banks.....	180,299,000	165,307,000	147,843,000
Due to banks.....	378,100,000	355,344,000	381,898,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total..	95,653,000	73,608,000	26,149,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations..	84,963,000	61,940,000	23,125,000
All other.....	10,690,000	11,668,000	3,024,000

Complete Returns of the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System for the Preceding Week.

As explained above, the statements for the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks, now 640, 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 ended with the close of business June 27.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 640 reporting member banks in leading cities as of June 27 shows decreases for the week of \$35,000,000 in loans and discounts, of \$13,000,000 in investments, and of \$88,000,000 in net demand deposits, and increases of \$14,000,000 in time deposits and of \$29,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government obligations, were \$24,000,000 below the June 20 total, declines of \$53,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district and of \$7,000,000 in the Minneapolis district being partly offset by increases of \$10,000,000 in the Chicago district, of \$7,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and Cleveland districts, and smaller increases in other districts. "All other" loans and discounts declined \$12,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$9,000,000 in the New York district, and \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district, and increased \$6,000,000 in the Boston district.

Holdings of United States Government securities were smaller than a week ago in nearly all districts, the principal decrease being \$12,000,000 in the New York district, and the total decline for all district being \$31,000,000. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities increased \$12,000,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively at reporting member banks in the New York and Chicago districts, and \$19,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$88,000,000 less than a week ago, declined \$42,000,000 in the New York districts \$31,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$15,000,000 in the Chicago district, and \$12,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and increased \$11,000,000 in the Kansas City district. Time deposits increased \$12,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$8,000,000 in the New York district, and \$14,000,000 at all reporting banks, and declined \$11,000,000 in the Chicago district.

Borrowings from Federal Reserve banks declined \$10,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district, \$6,000,000 in the Kansas City district and \$5,000,000 each in the St. Louis and Boston districts, and increased \$28,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$13,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$11,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$29,000,000 at all reporting banks.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 640 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended June 27 1928, follows:

	June 27 1928.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
		Week.	Year.
Loans and investments—total.....	\$ 22,428,794,000	\$ -47,713, 00	\$ +1,560,080,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	15,749,696,000	-35,117,000	+979,770,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	128,434,000	+10,819,000	+9,313,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	6,670,154,000	-34,430,000	+585,112,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,951,108,000	-11,506,000	+385,345,000
Investments—total.....	6,679,098,000	-12,596,000	+580,310,000
U. S. Government securities.....	3,016,624,000	+31,317,000	+442,930,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,662,474,000	+18,721,000	+137,380,000
Reserve with Fed. Reserve banks ..	1,739,306,000	+17,917,000	-11,953,000
Cash in vault.....	250,590,000	+5,903,000	-20,134,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,243,626,000	-88,496,000	-159,944,000
Time deposits.....	7,003,606,000	+14,213,000	+736,519,000
Government deposits.....	202,683,000	-8,252,000	+40,662,000
Due from banks.....	1,084,720,000	-53,794,000	-7,363,000
Due to banks.....	3,090,516,000	-35,489,000	-108,816,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks—total..	802,818,000	+29,042,000	-494,253,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	583,980,000	+48,713,000	+380,686,000
All other.....	218,838,000	-19,671,000	-113,567,000

* June 20 figures revised.

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that beginning with the statement of Dec. 31 1927 several very important changes have been made. They are as follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time are for May 31 1928. They show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was \$4,744,074,316, as against \$4,748,458,057 Apr. 30 1928 and \$4,892,667,428 May 31 1927, and comparing with \$5,760,953,653 on Oct. 31 1920. Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is on June 30 1914, the total was only \$3,458,059,755. The following is the statement:

KIND OF MONEY	Total Amounts. a	MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY		MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY		Total	Population of United States (Estimated)	Per Capita
		Am't Held in Trust against Gold & Silver Certificates (of 1890)	Am't Held in Reserve against United States Notes (and Treasury Notes of 1890)	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents	All Other Money			
Gold coin and bullion.....	\$ 84,160,188,365							
Gold certificates.....	1,539,506,449	1,539,506,449						
Standard silver dollars.....	539,962,807	469,191,814						
Silver certificates.....	467,886,964							
Treasury notes of 1890.....	1,304,850							
Subsidy silver.....	299,261,748							
Minor coin.....	116,478,611							
U. S. notes.....	346,681,016							
F. R. notes.....	1,955,839,180							
F. R. bank notes.....	4,164,618							
Net. bank notes.....	701,280,442							
Total May 31 '28	\$ 8,123,846,787	\$ 2,008,698,263	\$ 1,560,039,088	\$ 1,441,624,734	\$ 6,302,847,990	\$ 4,744,074,316	118,246,000	40.12
Comparative Totals:								
April 30 1928.....	8,225,271,179	2,025,993,344	1,528,771,837	1,528,771,837	6,329,824,080	4,748,458,057	118,127,000	40.20
May 31 1927.....	8,719,497,881	2,082,312,486	1,554,420,721	1,722,940,574	6,640,308,604	4,892,667,428	116,824,000	41.88
Oct. 31 1920.....	8,476,904,551	696,854,226	182,979,028	1,206,341,990	351,566,077	6,766,017,458	107,491,000	53.60
Mar. 31 1917.....	5,895,314,227	684,800,085	152,979,026		106,796,579	5,135,588,622	93,321,522	40.32
June 30 1914.....	3,796,456,764	2,507,178,879	150,006,000		188,397,069	3,458,059,755	103,716,000	34.92
Jan. 1 1879.....	1,007,084,483	212,420,402	100,000,000		90,817,762	816,266,721	16,92	48.231

a Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban agencies of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
 b Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin other than that held by the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks, and Federal Reserve agents. Gold held by Federal Reserve banks under ear-mark for foreign account is excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is included.
 c These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.
 d The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.
 e This total includes \$18,555,517 of notes in process of redemption, \$164,937,318 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$9,526,062 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$2,430 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$6,442,671 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits.

Includes money held by the Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Figures revised to conform to changes effective Dec. 31 1927.

Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$154,039,088 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured, dollar for dollar, by standard silver dollars, held in the Treasury. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A 5% fund is also maintained in lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of national bank notes secured by Government bonds.

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication July 7 the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

Business throughout the week was normal. Congress opened, and that part of the Presidential message relating to commerce reflects the well-being of the country. Imports during the first five months amounted to nearly 370,000,000 gold pesos, an increase of 13.7% over the corresponding period of the previous year. Bullion imports accounted for 93,787,000 gold pesos additional. Although it is a dull season, automobile sales, and especially of closed cars which amount to about 25% of the total, are better than during the same period of last year and the outlook is good.

AUSTRALIA.

Business continued depressed in Australia during the past week. The wool clip of 1928-29 will reach 815,000,000 pounds according to unofficial Australian estimates.

BRAZIL.

General business continues quiet, but the tone is fairly satisfactory. Exchange has weakened a little resulting in some uncertainty. The coffee market has been firm. Pernambuco reports sugar stocks at the end of May to be 127,208 bags of 60 kilos each. A new sugar co-operative association has been formed. The market in Pernambuco also remains quiet, but satisfactory in tone.

BRITISH INDIA.

Imports of merchandise into India during May reached the value of 204,100,000 rupees, compared with 203,800,000 rupees for May a year ago, while exports increased from 242,400,000 to 297,700,000 rupees.

CANADA.

Canadian imports during May were 44% above the April total and 20% larger than in May of last year. All commodity groups reflect the increase, iron and iron products having advanced 32% and chemicals and allied products, 30%. Exports increased 8% over May of last year. Shipments of pulp and paper were 19% higher, but fibers and textiles declined 38% and planks and boards 26%. Non-ferrous metals and animal products registered smaller increases. Business conditions in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces are improving. In Toronto, wholesale trade is improving and warm weather has had a stimulating influence on retail trade. In Winnipeg, inclement weather for the past two weeks has been responsible for a rather quiet situation in wholesale and retail business but prospects are excellent.

CUBA.

Business is slowing down appreciably with the initiation of the annual slack season, the seasonal trend accentuating the general adverse conditions, particularly in the sugar industry. Business leaders express confidence that Cuba will pass through the coming quarter without serious difficulty, although it is expected that a number of firms will be forced out of business in the dull season. Many of these, of recognized business integrity and ability, have been carrying on since the disorganization of 1920 hoping for a return of prosperity to rehabilitate their strength, but increasing contraction of Cuba's buying power, and continued low prices and uncertainty in the sugar market, have gradually sapped their resources, until now it is expected locally that many of these houses will be forced to retire. Offsetting the unfavorable conditions, on the Island as a whole, is the fact that the extreme ends of the Island are prosperous. Reports from the Province of Oriente indicate an increased distribution of all kinds of merchandise, including many luxury items. Oriente is a heavy sugar producer, and some of the best managed centrals on the island are in that province. However, there is more diversification of production there than elsewhere, and the large American fruit plantations rapidly increasing coffee production, cattle raising and dairying, and the production of tobacco, iron ore, copper and lumber, serve to support the economic life of Oriente. In Pinar del Rio and in parts of the Province of Habana, the year has been a fairly good one for tobacco and vegetables, sugar being of less importance than in the more eastern regions. Well-informed bankers in Habana are uneasy with regard to the scarcity of money in circulation which, on June 1 1928 was \$15,000,000 below the stock of a year ago and \$30,000,000 below 1926. It is stated that total deposits in banks all over Cuba on June 30 1928 were considerably below the level of a year ago. The annual feature of money movements in Cuba is the flow of cash from Habana to the interior at the beginning of each year and its return as the sugar season draws to a close and the slack season commences. It is thought that this year the movement to the interior was much slower and that the returning flow to Habana is coming in very slowly. This is attributed to the fact that the merchants in the interior of the country, and the people in general, are holding on to their cash, and there is some uneasiness as to the effect of this condition upon the exchange situation.

FRANCE.

The first statement of the Bank of France after the revaluation of its assets, which was issued on June 28 and described the situation on June 25, showed a gold reserve of 28,900,000,000 francs, equal to 40.44% of its sight obligations. Exchange holdings amounted to 26,500,000,000 francs, not including futures. The note circulation totaled 58,800,000,000 francs. The minimum amount of notes convertible into gold was fixed

at 200,000 francs. It is believed that the weakness of sterling exchange caused the intervention of the Bank of France in the exchange market to avoid the possibility of gold imports.

GREECE.

A practical adjustment of recent labor troubles has been reached. Business conditions, however, are somewhat depressed as a result of political developments. The commercial agreements with France and Poland have been denounced and negotiations authorized for new agreements. Official figures for 1927 show Greek imports valued at 12,600,000,000 drachmas, as compared with 10,000,000,000 drachmas in previous years, while exports were 6,037,000,000 and 5,430,000,000 drachmas, respectively. As in the previous year, the United States was again the leading country of origin and destination in Greece's foreign trade. (Drachma equals \$0.013.)

JAPAN.

The principle of restriction on production has been extended to Japan's woolen mills, while restriction in the Cotton Spinners Association is now 10%. A proposal that silk reelers contribute for stabilization purposes, a sum of 50 yen for each 1,000 kin of export production is being given consideration.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Disruption of the textile market as the result of the absence of Japanese goods, continues. Exports of rubber from all the Netherland East Indies in May totaled 20,680 long tons, of which 4,943 tons were shipped from Java, 5,355 from the Sumatra East Coast, and 10,382 from all other rubber districts.

NEW ZEALAND.

Retail sales in all lines showed large increases during the early part of June. Money was circulating more freely than it had been in months. The motor business was enjoying heavy sales, and used cars were being disposed of rapidly. The outlook for the pastoral industry in the coming year is excellent and with another year following the past six months' record production, imports should begin to show appreciable increase. New Zealand's economic trend usually runs in two-year cycles and all indications are that the coming season will be even better than the last which was unusually good.

PANAMA.

Engineers have left Panama City for State of Chiriqui, where they will inaugurate a survey of the Santiago-David Highway extension. An American company has planned to install vulcanizing equipment in Panama and other Central American countries. One of the fruit companies has signed contracts with 45 small Panama growers to purchase their crops for the next ten years.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Recent eruption of Mayon volcano in Albany province has caused some disturbance in southern Luzon, but only slight damage in abaca and coconut areas is anticipated, unless the eruption proves very severe. The abaca market of the past week was slightly firmer, as the result of better inquiry from New York and London and continued Japanese activity. Arrivals at Manila were somewhat lower, though still comparatively heavy and reports indicate that supplies will continue heavy for several weeks. During the past few months an increased percentage of lower grades of abaca, with a corresponding decrease in higher grades, has been noted on the market. This tendency is probably due to the low prices which have forced small producers to sell larger quantities. Grade F is now quoted at 24.30 pesos per picul of 139 pounds; I, 22.401 JUS, 22; JUK, 18.25, and L 14. (1 peso equals \$0.50.) The week's copra market was quiet and steady, with heavier arrivals than in the corresponding period last year, as was anticipated. Mill stocks, however, continue below normal. Two oil mills are now operating full time and two intermittently, with the probability that all will be producing full capacity by the middle of July. The provincial equivalent of resecado (dried copra) delivered at Manila is now 12.875 pesos per picul; with the Hondagua price 12.25 pesos, and the Cebu f.o.b. quotation, 12.875.

PORTO RICO.

Business continues dull in Porto Rico and collections are still slow. The credit situation is unsatisfactory and caution is recommended in the extension of credits to other than well established firms. Recent rains have relieved the drought in the fruit producing areas and the water famine in San Juan. Other than the reported sale of 300,000 pounds of tobacco from the new crop at approximately \$0.32 per pound, no important transactions were reported in the tobacco market during the past week. Thirty-one sugar centrals have completed their campaigns with a production of 386,000 long tons, as compared with 336,000 tons in 1926 and eleven mills are still grinding which expect to produce 275,000 tons as compared with 224,000 last year. Fruit shipments for the official year ending June 30 1928 amounted to 792,000 boxes of grapefruit, 546,000 boxes of oranges, and 548,000 boxes of pineapples. San Juan bank clearings for the month of June amounted to \$22,770,000 as compared with \$23,909,000 for June 1927.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Returns for May indicate a slight but definite recession in British trade and industry. Imports and exports and production of coal and steel showed slight increases over April but were unsatisfactory as compared with a year ago and there are no signs of immediate improvement. Unemployment in Great Britain on June 18 totaled 1,162,500 workpeople, an actual increase of about 150,000 as compared with the position at the middle of June 1927. Seasonal improvement in unemployment is recorded by the building and allied trades but there are declines in coal mining, shipbuilding, and in woolen, cotton and linen manufacturing as well as in the leather and pottery trades and in transportation services. An unsatisfactory feature of the present situation is the lack of new orders in heavy industries. The cotton trade is slightly unsettled by local labor disputes and other textile industries have been adversely affected by weather conditions. Iron and steel production has increased slightly but conditions are still dull and buyers are holding back hoping for price reductions. Pig iron producers are having difficulty in maintaining prices. Demand for semi-finished steel is slightly better but the finished steel business is slack partly because of reduced shipbuilding. Tinplate makers are busy and demand is active. Sheet business is fairly good. The coal situation during June showed little change but sentiment is somewhat better as the marketing schemes become more effective and show ability to maintain prices despite continued poor demand. Export inquiry is also improving and Continental conditions are more favorable for increased British shipments. The engineering industry shows signs of recession especially in shipbuilding and allied trades. Metal markets have been mostly quiet although steady.

Chemical markets have been less active with some sections reported very quiet and prices have therefore fallen somewhat. The general undertone, however, has remained steady. The leather trade has been quiet with buying slow although prices have been steady. The position of the cotton goods trade shows no substantial change since last month. Manufacturers' holidays are just beginning and are resulting in a falling off of demand for yarn, which slack will extend over the next two months. The automotive industry continued steady during June with sales slightly lower after the Whitsun holidays. The freight market continues dull and inactive, with demand for tonnage short of available supply and with business difficult. No improvement is noted in the River Plate section; Montreal trade is distinctly unfavorable and the Mediterranean and Eastern sections have not improved.

Prof. Gregory of University of London on "The British Capital Market Since the War."

Serious problems, involving not only London's status as the great financial center of the world, but Great Britain's entire economic position, are facing England, Prof. Theodor E. Gregory of the University of London said on June 25 at the Norman Wait Harris Foundation series of lectures of the University of Chicago. "The facts, so far as we can disentangle them, raise three questions as to Great Britain's economic future," Prof. Gregory said. "The first is whether or not it is sound policy for Great Britain to borrow short and lend long. The second is whether the rate at which British net investments is increasing is satisfactory or the reverse. And finally, whether London can continue as the great market for international securities if a considerable proportion of the securities taken up are not held by British nationals. "It seems quite evident" he said, "that the rate of increase of net investments is not as large as it was before the war. Since Great Britain is organized for export purposes and is unable either to supply its raw materials or even to feed itself, a decrease in the rate of investment is indeed a serious thing."

In the eight years between 1920 and 1927, a total volume of ten and a quarter billion dollars of foreign securities was floated in the London market, and though the excess of credit items over debit items in the balance of payment was only three and three-quarter billions, foreign capital issues amounted to four billions, Prof. Gregory said. He discussed the complicated factors involved in determining exactly what are the items of income and the difficulty in computing their value exactly. One considerable item of income is sinking fund payments, which in 1927 furnished something like one-third the total of 545 millions of dollars of foreign securities bought for British account, and therefore was not a new net investment, but simply a reinvestment. Prof. Gregory added:

If these figures for 1927 can be regarded as representative, then in the 5-year period between 1923 and 1927, the net new British subscription to foreign capital issues would be only 1425 millions against a nominal gross subscription of 2,175 millions. But since in the same period the excess of invisible earnings over the visible balance of trade amounted to 1,655 millions, there is some reason to suppose that in addition to a net subscription to public issues of 1,425 millions, there has been an increase in private investment abroad by British of at least 230 millions.

But these amounts compare very unfavorably with the pre-war volume of capital export, which in the single year 1912 amounted to 1,100 millions. In terms of pre-war prices, the net aggregate new investment for the last 5 years is only equal to that figure for the year 1912.

For 2 or 3 years, there has been a growing suspicion that it is impossible to understand the figure of the balance of payments and new investments without taking into account short term borrowing by London abroad. This short term money is quite likely to be invested in long term securities after a period of time has elapsed. And still a further element in the question is as to the amount of reinvesting coming from payment of foreign holdings in British securities.

Franc Revaluation Effected Quietly—Aspects of Cancellation of State's Debt to Bank—Exchange Market More Active.

In one of its Paris messages (June 29) the New York "Times" stated:

Official stabilization of the franc at the beginning of the week encountered no more opposition from Parliament than from the general public. It would probably, indeed, have gone unnoticed by the general public but for the numerous articles in the press discussing it. It has had no effect on prices, but the common remark has been that any effect produced could have been only psychological responding to the safe opportunity which permanent stabilization provides for merchants to deal at a narrower margin of profit.

This may quite conceivably produce a decline in quoted prices. The stock market was not stimulated by the stabilization news, which, however, had been fully discounted in advance. On the contrary, many previous buyers of stocks realized profits on the announcement and, although Bourse quotations were firm, business was rather inactive.

Money market supplies were visibly reduced by the recent Treasury payments on account of the new loan and by sales of foreign currency by the bank; the discount rate hardened with 3%. The exchange market was naturally more active than was possible when the rate on francs was established by the bank.

Cancellation of the Government's debt to the Bank of France, as an offset to the downward revaluation of the franc with the consequent nominal increase of franc holdings in gold, had been fully foreshadowed. These advances, which amounted to 17,900,000,000 francs in the last bank

statement under the old form, have in that way been completely repaid, except for the permanent interest-free advance of 200,000,000 dating from pre-war days.

By virtue of the latest convention the bank has granted the State a new permanent advance, interest-free, of 3,000,000,000. This sum total of 3,200,000,000, which figures in the present return for advances to the State, will remain unvariable and in future only the account of Treasury deposits will fluctuate. Comparisons show that the Treasury is not utilizing advances by the bank, but on the contrary is a creditor at the bank for nearly 2,000,000,000.

In the older form of the bank's return, besides the 17,900,000,000 advances to the State, there was an item of 5,930,000,000 representing advances granted by the bank to Russia during the war for account of the French Government and guaranteed by the State. The Caisse d'Amortissement has taken over this advance and will write it off from its own resources. In payment for that loan the bank has received 5,930,000,000 in defense bonds from the caisse, which are negotiable and part of which the bank can place on the market when it desires to make credit less abundant.

Bankers' View of New French Bank Return—Changes in Balance Sheet under Stabilization Which Interest Financial Market.

The following, from Paris June 29, appeared in the New York "Times":

There are numerous aspects to the new form of the Bank of France statement as published Thursday which have not yet been greatly emphasized but which bankers emphasize particularly. The gold reserve, for instance, formerly appeared in the bank's return under the three headings of "gold in vaults," "gold available abroad," and "gold unavailable abroad." The last item reported gold deposited with the Bank of England as guarantee of loans made to France by the British Government during the war which have not yet been paid off. That theoretical debt has, however, been completely redeemed along with the cancellation of the bank's advances to the State, and "gold unavailable abroad," therefore, disappears from the return. The heading "gold reserve" now includes only gold in vault or gold ear-marked abroad. These appear under one heading and foot up 28,934,000,000 francs.

The new currency law stipulates that gold reserves must amount to at least 35% of the total engagements of the bank—not only note circulation but also "creditor current accounts." Circulation amounts to 58,772,000,000 francs and current accounts to 12,757,000,000; thus total liabilities being 71,529,000,000. Proportion of gold reserves to engagements is therefore 40.45%, but the ratio of gold holdings to note circulation alone exceeds 49%.

The bank's reserves of foreign exchange figure in the return under the two headings "exchange available at sight abroad," amounting to 15,984,000,000; second, "negotiable bills purchased abroad," which aggregates 10,544,000,000. This total of 26,528,000,000 falls considerably short of the previous item of "sundries assets," which embodies foreign exchange holdings in the previous statements and which a week ago were reported as slightly exceeding 30,000,000,000. From this it appears that the bank's holdings of foreign exchange have been considerably reduced since all hope of upward revaluation of the franc has been denied to the speculators.

New Franc Will Fluctuate only Between "Gold Points."

With gold parity officially established the rate of the franc on the foreign exchange market can now oscillate only between the two gold points, said a wireless message from Paris, June 29, to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

The export point and the import point cannot yet be exactly established. In Paris banking circles it is estimated that the margin of fluctuation from the theoretical par will be in the neighborhood of four per thousand for sterling and six per thousand for the dollar. That margin may, however, be reduced by conditions which the Bank of France will fix for its purchases or sales of gold.

The bank did not intervene on the exchange market this week; the market's variations were caused purely by automatic supply and demand. It is taken for granted that the bank will on occasion intervene to regulate the oscillations of the franc, but it is believed to be disposed to allow export of gold on occasion, in order to prove that convertibility of the bank notes is not merely theoretical. As yet, however, there have been no dealings in gold for either export or import. The gold which the bank expects still to receive from abroad is already ear-marked.

Favors Monetary Union for Europe—Francois-Marsal Says Franc Is Inadequately Protected Without One.

The re-establishment of a monetary union for the further protection of the French franc is urged in an article published by Senator Francois-Marsal in the current number of Actualities, says a special cablegram July 4 to the New York "Journal of Commerce", from which we also quote as follows:

Senator Francois-Marsal points out that without such a monetary union the franc is insufficiently protected from the exigencies of the exchange market, especially as compared with the other great European currencies and the dollar.

"Will our monetary problems be ended by stabilization?" asks the Senator. He answers:

"We do not believe it. In our opinion, stabilization of the franc should be considered merely as one step in the steady progress toward the solution of the monetary question. In itself, it is not sufficient to every conceivable crisis in the quotation of our currency.

Latin Monetary Union.

"Before the war the market for the franc was quite extended, because under the convention of December 23, 1865, a monetary union was established between Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland, whereby the currencies of these countries were linked together.

"We might ask if it would not have been best if the Belgian and French franc had not been stabilized together at the same point. But it is too late to regret this—in fact, the market for our franc and for the Belgo-Luxembourg unit have both become too narrow. As

compared with the great volume of transactions normally carried on in dollars, pounds sterling and marks, those in French francs are very small, and we would have as much interest as our Belgian neighbors in enlarging it. At least, in this respect, the changes caused by the war ought to be eliminated.

"But can we go back to the pre-war formula of the Latin monetary union? We think it would be very difficult. But other means may be conceived to reach the same goal. The Bank of France, which will intervene to protect the foreign quotation of the franc through buying and selling gold, can establish a convention with another foreign bank in order to regulate gold shipments with these countries. For example, such a convention would be made with the National Bank of Belgium. In this way it might be possible also to avoid gold shipments entirely through arrangements between these banks of issue. Different means occur which may be resorted to for this purpose, such as an international clearing house, or simply through maintenance of current deposits by each of these banks with the other. In this way the exchange markets of both countries would gain in size and soundness, and the inconveniences of different exchange parities would be partially attenuated.

"Similar agreements could then be made with other countries, and a new monetary union thus gradually established. A necessary prerequisite in each case, however, will have to be the complete re-establishment of confidence in each country. Furthermore, the independence of the banks of issue from government financial vicissitudes would have to be scrupulously maintained. Certain political stipulations, furthermore, would have to accompany the monetary stabilization.

"In this way, we could gradually re-establish the economic ties which would be one of the most important mainstays of political peace."

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Stabilization of Franc—Progress Toward Return of Various Countries to Gold Standard.

In commenting on the recent stabilization of the French franc, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York furnishes a list of the principal European and other countries which have established their currency on a gold or gold exchange standard. We quote as follows from the bank's "Monthly Review" issued July 1:

Legal stabilization of the French currency on a gold basis became effective on June 25, after the French Parliament had passed by a large majority the bill submitted by Premier Poincare fixing the value of the franc at 65½ milligrammes of gold, 9/10ths fine. The gold parity between the franc and the dollar is thereby fixed at 3.9179 cents per franc or 25.5239 francs to the dollar, which is at a rate approximately equivalent to that at which the French currency has in fact been stabilized for the past year and one-half, as the accompanying diagram shows.

France has for the present a form of gold bullion standard which may become the traditional gold standard without further legislation. The Bank of France is given the option of paying its notes either in gold coin or in gold bullion of a certain minimum quantity, fixed by the present by the bank at 215,000 francs. The fixed limit on the issuance of Bank of France notes has been removed and the bank is now required by law to keep a minimum gold reserve of 35% of its notes and its sight deposits. It is noteworthy that the French Government did not require any foreign loan nor did the Bank of France obtain a central bank credit such as was secured by central banks of other countries in connection with their stabilization programs.

The French stabilization marks an important step in the return of the world to currency stability in terms of gold, and is particularly significant for world finance and trade because world money markets have been much affected in recent months by large movements of funds associated with French financial reconstruction.

The French return to gold payments brings close to completion the monetary stabilization of Europe. The following chronology indicates the progress of the return to the gold or gold exchange standard by principal European and other countries for which dates can be given:

1920—January.....	Salvador	1926—January.....	Finland
1922—September.....	Lithuania	July.....	Canada
November.....	Latvia	October.....	Belgium
1923—July.....	Colombia	December.....	Brazil
1924—April.....	Sweden	1927—January.....	Denmark
June.....	Hungary	April.....	Czechoslovakia
October.....	Germany	India	
1925—January.....	Austria	August.....	Argentina
April.....	Australia	October.....	Poland
Dutch East Indies		December.....	Italy
England		1928—January.....	Estonia
Netherlands		April.....	Norway
South Africa		May.....	Greece
July.....	Chile	June.....	France

The first statement of the Bank of France under the stabilization plan indicates that the total gold reserve is nearly 29 billion francs of \$1,134,000,000, which is slightly larger in value than the total amounts of gold which the old statement showed under the three categories, gold in hand, gold available abroad, and gold abroad not available. It gives the Bank of France a gold reserve equivalent to 49% against its note circulation and over 40% against notes and sight deposit liabilities. The statement further indicates that the bank has foreign balances, both at sight and in the form of negotiable bills, totaling 26 billion francs, or over one billion dollars, not including nearly 10 billion francs of foreign exchange loaned. If gold and amounts available at sight abroad and in bills abroad, excluding foreign exchange loaned, are placed against notes and sight deposits, the percentage of cover is 77.5.

A further interesting feature of the statement is that advances to the State, which formerly constituted a considerable percentage of the assets of the bank, have been largely wiped out by the application to this purpose of the profit from revaluation of the gold reserves, except for a small loan to the government without interest. The bank also holds negotiable bonds of the Caisse d'Amortissement and is thus in possession of a portfolio of negotiable securities.

Professor Cassel on Difficulties in Working of Dawes Plan—Belief That Germany Can Pay Indemnities While U. S. Maintains High Tariff Fallacious.

Belief that Germany can pay her enormous war indemnities while the United States maintains a high tariff pro-

tectionist policy is fallacious, in the opinion of Professor Gustav Cassel, Swedish economist from the Stockholm Hogskola, who spoke on "The War Debts" on June 27, in the seventh lecture of the 1928 Institute of the Norman Wait Harris Foundation held at the University of Chicago. Prof. Cassel said:

The United States must once and for all make a definite choice between their interest in protecting home industries and their interest in alleviating the Federal budget. Because of the necessity of maintaining the international balance of trade the United States must necessarily be confronted with Germany as the ultimate payer of debts owing from France and the other war debt countries, with German exports as the ultimate means of payment.

If the creditor country does not wish to receive the goods of the debtor country, the payments of debts must naturally meet with insuperable obstacles. If the United States wish to remain a protectionist country sheltering its industries by means of high tariff walls against foreign competition, it would be logical to direct all endeavors toward a far-reaching cancellation of war obligations.

Professor Cassel pointed out some of the difficulties inherent in the working of the Dawes plan. Germany can go on paying reparations as long as enough foreign capital is pouring into Germany to keep German industries and agriculture going efficiently. But when that flow diminishes, payment being made to creditor countries will dangerously deprive Germany of its necessary capital, unless the money paid in to the Reparations Agent is kept in Germany, remaining part of the German capital equipment. He stated:

The framers of the peace treaty as well as those of the Dawes plan were of the opinion that Germany was well-equipped with capital for all long-term investments. This proved to be a great fallacy. Since the acceptance of the Dawes plan Germany has imported capital on a scale never known before in the world's economic history. But the sound mortgaging of German property has its limits, and American lenders will perhaps prove wise enough not to go beyond those limits. When once they are reached the period in which reparations could be paid by means of foreign loans will have come to an end, and the world will then be faced with the real problem of reparation payments. As a test for Germany's ability to take over the war debts the Dawes plan has thus far proved a failure.

According to the Dawes plan the Reparation Agent may not permanently make use of the influx of foreign loans in order to accomplish transfers which have no concrete basis in the exchange of goods between Germany and foreign countries. When is the Agent to stop this procedure, which in principle is unjustifiable? This is no question for the distant future; it is a very acute question of the immediate present.

Germany has in no way hampered the transfer of goods to the countries entitled to them. The Allies themselves are putting the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of transfers by their reluctance to admit German goods. If anyone owes me money and is ready to pay me, it is rather singular behavior on my part if I impose certain duties on his deliveries, and in this one-sided way increases the burden of his liabilities. The least that can be asked of the recipient countries is that they shall not raise their customs duties above the level at which they stood when the debts were contracted.

The two essential difficulties standing in the way of reparations payments are (1) the stringency of the German capital market caused by the transfer of the payments from Germany to the recipient countries, and (2) the aversion of the recipient countries to the import of German goods.

A general settlement of all war obligations on reasonable lines is a matter of very important interest to the United States. And even if we take broader view of the whole situation, and look upon the problems involved with the eye of a free-trader, it must obviously be recognized as a paramount interest for the United States, as well as for civilized humanity at large, that political claims should not be forced beyond what is compatible with economic welfare, and that a solution of war obligations should be arrived at allowing the whole economic life of the world a fresh start and the best chances for a prosperous development.

Professor Cassel is the author of numerous books on finance, and of memoranda for the Brussels Financial Committee and the League of Nations Financial Committee, and has served as expert at international conferences.

German Borrowing Near Total for 1927—Aggregate for 5 Months, 834,000,000 Marks, Against 1,469,100,000 Marks for All of Last Year.

The following is from the New York "Times" of July 1:

Foreign borrowing by Germany is again closely approaching the record proportions attained late last year, the May total of 430,900,000 marks having been exceeded only by the figure of 500,900,000 marks established last October. The record was established just before S. Parker Gilbert, Agent General for Reparation Payments, issued his annual report containing a warning against excessive borrowing. The figure for May, this year, compares with a total of only 58,200,000 marks in May, 1927.

Germany's borrowings in foreign lands in the first five months of the year amounted to 876,000,000 marks, according to a compilation made by the "Berliner Tageblatt."

The figures began to decline last year when measures were adopted by the Reichsbank to check foreign borrowing. Shortly thereafter Mr. Gilbert's report was published with its strictures against "unproductive" borrowing by the States and municipalities. In the current year there has been no borrowing by the States and municipal issues have been "rationalized." Much private business has recently been rushed through in anticipation, it is said, of Summer dullness on the New York market.

Of the May total of 430,900,000 marks the United States market absorbed 354,900,000 marks, the remainder being placed in Switzerland, Holland and Sweden. Of the 76,000,000 marks placed in Europe 40% was issued privately, owing chiefly, it is thought, to saturation of the public market for German securities.

Comparison of foreign borrowing in the first five months this year with the full year 1927 is as follows, in marks:

	Jan.-May.	
	1928.	1927.
States.....	225,300,000	225,300,000
Individual cities.....	94,300,000	108,300,000
Municipal collective.....	137,400,000	25,400,000
Agricultural.....	197,400,000	407,200,000
Housing.....	50,100,000	51,200,000
Banks.....	190,900,000	189,000,000
Electricity.....	111,800,000	218,100,000
Mining.....	7,400,000	84,000,000
Transportation.....	44,700,000	67,200,000
Other.....		
Total.....	834,000,000	1,469,100,000

Large Increase in German Financing in U. S.—Aggregate Since Jan. 1 Approximates \$200,000,000.—Further Demands for New Capital Expected.

One of the outstanding features of foreign financing in the United States during the first five months of 1928 has been the large volume of financing underwritten for the account of German banks, corporations, &c. New financing for the account of German interests in May exceeded the total financing for any other foreign country. Total German financing for the first five months of the year also exceeded the total for any other foreign country. Based upon a compilation made by J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation in their current issue of Finance and Trade Commentary, \$88,000,000 German securities were offered in the American investment market in May, an amount equal to the total of \$88,000,000 German securities floated during the first fourth months of the year. Thus far during June a total of \$20,000,000 German financing has been offered, making the total since Jan. 1 \$196,000,000. "This revival in German financing, particularly noticeable during the latter part of May," the bankers point out, "was accompanied by a revival of business activity in Germany. The consensus of opinion there now is more optimistic than it was a few months ago, and may mean continued demand for capital in the near future." The increased borrowings, it is added, "may mark a renewal of the upward trend in the amount of German financing which began with the third quarter of 1927, but which was interrupted during the first quarter of the current year."

Death of Capt. Loewenstein, Belgian Banker, in Fall from Plane at Sea, Affects European Markets.

The drowning of Capt. Alfred Loewenstein, Belgian banker, as a result of a fall from his airplane during a flight over the English Channel (from Croydon, near London, to Brussels), on July 4, caused a break on July 5 in stock prices in European markets. Yesterday (July 6) Paris Associated Press cablegrams said:

In Paris, London, Brussels and Berlin stock exchange reacted quickly when the death of the financier became known. In Paris every security in which he was known to have been interested dropped sharply. A few wild reports that the announcement of the death was merely a spectacular trick under the cover of which Loewenstein, still alive, was arranging some business deal received some support and helped save the stocks from further declines.

The Loewenstein stocks on the Paris Bourse recovered sharply, however, to-day. Tubize silk, always active in the late banker's interests in Paris, gained 75 francs. The flurry seems to be over, although the market is still irregular and undecided.

The reassuring statements which have been issued concerning Loewenstein's financial interests were followed to-day by a stronger note on the London Stock Exchange. After the swift collapses of several stocks in which he was interested a better tendency was noticeable at last night's close and it was generally believed that there would be no further material set backs of such shares apart from moderate fluctuations incidental to the arrangement of his affairs.

International holdings were quoted to-day at 150 against yesterday's 140 and hydros were quoted at 38½ against 31 in the London market.

Despite yesterday's falls, it is expected that the settlement next week will pass off without trouble, as the authorities are exercising their previous policy of restricting carryover facilities.

The closing rally yesterday was attributed to rumors that New York had come in as a buyer and a reassuring statement by officials of the International Holdings Co. and the Hydro Electric Corp., both of which were affected, led to a rally in prices.

On July 5 the "Journal of Commerce" in a cablegram from London said in part:

The markets have been acutely nervous regarding Loewenstein's stocks for several weeks, owing to the recent trouble in Brussels. Consequently, intense excitement prevailed at the morning opening. International Holdings, at 220 yesterday, touched 101 to-day and fluctuated violently, closing at 140. Hydroelectrics, at 53 yesterday, touched 25 to-day and closed at 40.

Hard Large Following.

Loewenstein's financial transactions in London, Brussels, New York and Montreal, and his spectacular offers to the Belgian and French Governments gave him exceptional prominence. Recently his affiliations with Schroders and the British Foreign Colonial Corp. in London and with Sir Herbert Holt and other magnates in Canada increased his following. Moreover, he created important artificial silk connections around his Tubize Co. At the same time his prolonged warfare with Dreyfus Bros. of Celanese fame was regarded as one of his most interesting exploits.

It is also understood that he quite recently failed to secure control of the Bank of Brussels.

The "Herald Tribune" in its issue of the 6th said:

The dramatic death of Capt. Alfred Loewenstein did not affect the New York securities markets as it did those in Europe yesterday, but was the centre of conversational interest throughout the financial district. A reassuring statement emanated from the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., his chief bankers both in London and this country, when the report of suicide became widespread and Wall Street began to estimate what the effects might be.

Reports from abroad which stated that Captain Loewenstein had been disappointed because of his failure to negotiate successfully an American or English loan for the International Holding & Investment Co., a large form of investment trust which he controlled, were denied at the Schroeder offices. The \$25,000,000 loan had been arranged at 5% it was explained, but the offering had been withheld because of the uncertain condition of the bond market. The following statement from London, signed by F. A. Szarvasy, President of the British and Colonial Co., and Albert Pam, foreign partner of the Schroeder Corp., who, with Captain Loewenstein, constituted the advisory committee which passes on all security purchases, was issued:

"In view of the regrettable death of Captain A. Loewenstein, the President of the International Holding & Investment Co., Ltd., and the Hydro Electric Securities Co., announced by these companies, we, the undersigned, as members of the advisory committee acting for the two companies, state that the financial position of both companies is sound and that the very large shareholdings of the late Captain Loewenstein in the two companies are in the main to the best of our knowledge unencumbered.

"It is as yet too early to say what arrangements can be made to fill the place of Captain Loewenstein as President of the two companies, but due consideration is being given to the matter by the Board in Canada and an early announcement will be made.

"There is nothing in the situation as we understand it to-day which in our opinion need give rise to any anxiety. Our advice to the companies will be to continue and further develop the well conceived policy agreed upon by us with Captain Loewenstein.

"The contemplated sale by the International Holding & Investment Co., Ltd., of the unissued shares in the company will be proceeded with forthwith."

On Captain Loewenstein's trip to this country in April he is understood to have purchased 45,000 shares of United Gas Improvement stock and large amounts of Electric Bond Share, at top prices. He also had large holdings in Canadian hydro-electric companies.

Capt. Loewenstein's visit to this country was referred to in our issue of May 12, page 2901.

Italy's Bank Raises Capital—Increase to 500,000,000 Lire Planned by Issue of New Shares of 1,000 Lire Each.

The "Wall Street Journal" of June 27 contained the following Paris advices:

Capital of Bank of Italy, at present 240,000,000 lire in 300,000 shares of 800 lire with 600 paid-up, is to be raised to 500,000,000 by issue of 200,000 new shares of 1,000 lire, 600 paid-up, while nominal value of the old shares will be raised to 1,000 lire.

Of the new shares 100,000 will be given free to existing shareholders in proportion of one new for three old shares and the capital corresponding to these shares, 60,000,000 lire, will be taken from reserves. The other 100,000 will be taken up by the public savings banks at 1,300 lire each. All shares will be registered and transferable only in cash in order to avoid fluctuations due to speculation.

A new convention between the government and bank determines the position of the Governor, disposal of profits resulting from the stabilization of the lira, and State's share in net profits of the bank, notably as concerns the profits derived from exchange held abroad by bank.

Bank of Italy share quotes 2,600 lire, against 2,000 a year ago.

New Banks in Turkey to Be Established—Two Institutions Reported to Have Total Capital of 1,500,000 Turkish Pounds.

Under the above head the "United States Daily" of June 25 stated:

The profits of the Business Bank of Turkey during 1927 were 1,000,000 Turkish pounds (approximately \$510,000), according to a statement of the Director General of the Bank contained in a report of Vice Consul Raymond A. Hare, Constantinople, just made public by the Department of Commerce. The full text of the report follows:

According to a statement attributed to the Director General of the Business Bank of Turkey, the profits of the bank during 1927 amounted to over 1,000,000 Turkish pounds. (The average of the pound for that year was 51 cents, United States currency.) This permitted the payment of dividends of 15% to stockholders and the retention of 250,000 liras as a reserve in accordance with the bank's charter.

It is reported that a new bank at Smyrna, to be known as the "Essaf veh Ehali Savings Bank" (National Savings Bank), will be opened shortly. It is said that this bank will have a capital of 1,000,000 Turkish pounds and will establish branches in the vicinity of Smyrna.

The press reports that a group of Turkish engineers has taken steps to establish a bank with a capital of 500,000 Turkish pounds, which will lend especially for building purposes. It is said that the charter of the new bank has been approved by the Ministry of National Economy, but no other details concerning the bank's organization have been made public.

Period for Exchange of Paper Currency for New Bank Notes Issued by Turkey Extended to Sept. 8.

The Department of Commerce, in its advices from abroad made available June 30 said:

The period for the exchange of the paper currency issued by the former Imperial Ottoman Empire for the bank notes has been extended to Sept. 8 1928, according to a law recently passed by the Grand National Assembly. This extension is due largely to the fact that currency from the interior has been slow in arriving. The total new currency amounts to T153,000,000, which is approximately the amount of the old imperial issue. It is expected, however, that approximately T20,000,000 of the old issue has been lost or destroyed and the government will therefore profit to this amount. (T equals approximately \$0.51).

Rumanian Loan in U. S. Believed Dropped.

Negotiations for the floating of a \$60,000,000 loan to Rumania by American bankers, which have been going on for some time in New York, are understood to have been dropped, it was reliably learned at Washington on July 5, says advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce". The dispatch also says:

The amount to be raised here was to have been part of a larger loan in which certain European countries were to participate for the purpose of stabilizing the Rumanian currency.

The loan in this country was to have been obtained through the Federal Reserve Bank and the Banque de France and negotiations were first initiated last March. The proposed loan was subsequently severely criticised in Congress, where Representatives Celler of New York assailed it because of Rumania's alleged injustice against foreign minorities and it was also scored by Jewish organizations in this country which, however, later withdrew their opposition.

State Department officials stated that the question of a loan to Rumania by American bankers had never come to the attention of the department. It is customary for the bankers to ask the State Department for final approval in the event of a loan to a foreign country, but it is understood that the negotiations never progressed far enough for the bankers to take this step.

While negotiations in this country are understood to have received a setback, it is believed that the Rumanian Government will continue its efforts to obtain part of the desired loan in Europe. Reports from Paris have indicated that the French Government has agreed to make a loan of approximately \$12,000,000 for stabilization of the Rumanian currency. British and German banks are also expected to participate in the loan.

Rumanian Legation officials refused to comment today on the status of the negotiations. George Bonseco, financial counselor of the legation, who has been handling the negotiations with the bankers, was in New York today, presumably on business connected with the negotiations.

An item regarding the proposed stabilization of Rumanian currency appears under another head in this issue of our paper.

Move for Stabilization of Rumanian Leu.

Associated Press advices from Bucharest July 5 stated:

Stabilization of the Rumanian leu, which for years has wavered between 160 and 300 to the dollar, is now regarded as assured. The Cabinet has approved a convention between the Rumanian National Bank and other foreign banks which will enable the Government to fix the value of the leu at about 162 for the dollar.

M. Maniu, leader of the National Peasant Party, has served notice that his party repudiates the agreement and will oppose the stabilization law by every means in its power. Most of the newspapers also express dissatisfaction with the terms of the loan, but admit that it seems the only effective means of stabilization.

Earlier Associated Press cablegrams from Bucharest (July 2) had the following to say:

The local press announced today that France had agreed to advance Rumania 300,000,000 francs (about \$12,000,000) for the stabilization of the leu, the Rumanian monetary unit. The matter, it was said, would be finally negotiated with representatives of the Banks of England and France here this week, and as a settlement of the Rumanian-German bonds dispute appears imminent, it is expected that the German Reichbank will also participate in the stabilization loan.

Should stabilization be adopted by Parliament, as now seems likely, close observers believe that any danger of the Bratianu Government resigning over the financial situation would appear to be definitely removed.

The following is from the "Times" of July 3:

Negotiations between Rumania and large banks, including the Banks of England and France, the Reichsbank and some American Banking houses, for a stabilization loan have been going on for some time. The latest reported negotiations were between Rumania and the Reichsbank and were broken off on June 17 when the German institution refused to co-operate unless German holders of Rumanian Government loans were satisfactorily indemnified.

Report of Postponement of Flotation of City of Bucharest Loan.

From Bucharest July 2 the New York "Journal of Commerce" announced the following:

It is officially stated by the Association of Rumanian Banks that the proposed loan of the City of Bucharest, which was to be floated in New York, will not take place because of the intervention of Vintila Bratianu, President of the Council and Minister of Finance.

The loan to the city has been postponed "sine die."

It is added in the statement of the association that the proposed terms of the loan were entirely satisfactory, but that its consummation would not be feasible until the national stabilization loan was out of the way.

Commenting on the above the paper quoted said:

The City of Bucharest has been endeavoring to establish its credit in this market and float a loan for municipal improvements for a long time past. At first it had almost succeeded in floating a loan with one local banking house, but the change of government incident to the death of Jan Bratianu is understood to have changed the plans of the city administration. An open letter requesting bids on a loan of \$10,400,000 was then addressed to a score of local financial institutions. This method of competitive bidding was frowned upon in a number of instances, but it is understood that at least one house has reached a tentative agreement with the municipal authorities to handle the issue.

In the meantime, European protective associations had been protesting against the payment of interest on two pre-war city loans in paper lei. Representations were made to the Institute of International Finance here by both Belgian and Swiss bondholders. However, it is

understood from latest advices that this controversy is being settled through the payment of interest in Belgian francs, equal to four times the value of the paper lei.

Silver Reserve of India Being Sold.

The following is from the "United States Daily" of June 29th:

Interest in the future action of the Government of India with regard to the disposal of its surplus silver has been aroused by the recent sale of 3,500 bars (one bar contains 1,050 ounces) from the Paper Currency Reserve "in special quarters for delivery by instalments," according to a report from Assistant Trade Commissioner Robert C. Cockburn, Bombay, made public by the Department of Commerce, June 27. The full text of the report follows:

It is of no little importance to examine the latest currency returns, especially at this particular time of the year when the busy season is about to end. It will be found that during the past seven months something like 130,000,000 rupees of silver coins have been withdrawn from the Paper Currency Reserves and entered circulation. This situation is the reverse of that obtaining last year when rupees were flowing into the Paper Currency Reserve. Hence it would appear that the height of the influx of silver coins has been passed and that future movements may be an outward flow.

For several years prior to the influx India has annually absorbed something like 50,000,000 silver rupees. Should this condition again prevail, it is scarcely likely that the Government's future silver sales will be as large as has been feared in certain quarters. Again, it should be remembered that it is greatly to the Government's favor to place rupees into circulation since in melting rupees a heavy loss is sustained.

It is perhaps of greater importance to watch carefully the amount of silver bullion in the Paper Currency Reserve since it is known that no further coinage is to be undertaken.

There is little doubt at this time that if any favorable opportunity arose for the disposal of this portion of the Paper Currency Reserve, the Government would readily avail themselves of it.

Brazilian Loan Dispute Submitted to Hague—Question Before International Court Involves Manner of Paying Pre-War Loans Placed in France.

Paris advices to the "Wall Street Journal" July 3 stated: As the result of long negotiations Brazilian and French governments have agreed to submit to the Court of International Justice at The Hague the question of payment of three Brazilian Federal pre-war loans in France. These are:

- 1909 5% Loan (Port of Pernambuco) 40,000,000 francs,
- 1910 4% Loan, 100,000,000 francs,
- 1911 4% Loan, 60,000,000 francs.

In all three cases the contracts stipulate that interest shall be paid "in gold," as also the repayment of capital. The depreciation of the franc together with the French legal prohibition on any distinction between the gold and the paper franc are at the origin of the dispute. The international court is called upon to decide whether Brazil is right or wrong in having paid and in paying to French holders of the bonds the interest or capital due on them in French paper francs.

It is stated that this is the first time in which a dispute of this kind has been submitted to The Hague Court. The enactment of a new gold value for the franc is expected to influence its decision. In that connection it is recalled that Italy has determined to pay her debts labelled in gold lire on the basis of the new weight assigned to the currency unit.

Finding of the court will apply only to French citizens, since the French government can represent only its own nationals before the Court, but it is easy to say that other nationals holding the bonds would have a strong chance of being treated in the same manner upon representations by their respective governments.

Mexico to Take Drastic Measures Against Gold Exporters—Severe Steps Against Those Smuggling Metal Here for Profit.

From the New York "Times" we take the following Mexico City advices June 28:

Luis Montes de Oca, the Minister of Finance, is on the point of issuing drastic orders to stop the constant flow of Mexican gold across the United States border contrary to the law forbidding its export.

This illicit transfer has formed one of the biggest problems of Mexican finance ever since the rate of exchange on the American dollar against Mexican gold began to make possible a margin of profit sufficient to tempt those willing to take the risk to make money.

At present the Bank of Mexico has official control of all movement of gold currency throughout the Republic, and transportation companies will be severely dealt with if they are found moving as much as a single gold peso without the bank's authorization.

An example of the way the contraband traffic is carried on was furnished recently when it was reported that 10,000 gold pesos were found beneath the footplate of a national Railway engine hauling a passenger train to the border.

If Senor Montes de Oca has discovered a means of stamping out this traffic in gold, financial circles think he will succeed in materially aiding Mexico's Government finances and helping private trade to offset the handicap laid upon it by the fact that the American dollar is constantly on top in the exchange market compared with local gold.

The importance of this latter consideration is seen when it is recalled that a huge percentage of Mexican purchases are made in the United States. Hence if the premium on gold crossing the border can be lessened even slightly the Finance Minister's new scheme will have a good effect there, it is believed.

Mexico Pays Up Arrears of 1927 on Foreign Debt—Agreement of 1925 Brought to Date by Her Action.

The following copyright cablegram from Mexico City June 30 is from the "Herald-Tribune":

Mexico has paid her arrears for the year of 1927 on her foreign commitments due the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico in New York, thus bringing up to date all payments on the financial agreement which began in 1925 and expired on last December 31, according to an official announcement from the Secretary of Treasury.

Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow was instrumental in obtaining a moratorium for the government which expires to-day and while there is no official confirmation, it is anticipated that upon his return from the United States he will take up the question of extending this moratorium until the end of the year, although the Secretary of the Treasury declares that the government is now waiting to hear from the bankers as to what they intend to propose in regard to a new agreement in accordance with recent examination made of the nation's finances by a committee of experts sent here by the bankers'.

Mexican Revenues Surpass Estimates—Minister of Finance Reports Excess Income of 5,400,000 Pesos for First 4 Months.

A cablegram July 3 from Mexico City to the New York "Times" said in part:

Coincident with the proclamation of General Alvaro Obregon as President-elect for a six-year term to begin when President Calles leaves office, the Minister of Finance, Montes de Oca, has issued a financial statement covering the Republic's main sources of income for the first four months of this year.

The income for this period was estimated in the budget at 84,442,849 Mexican pesos. The Minister reports that the receipts in fact amounted to 89,853,403, or about 5,400,000 pesos more than expected.

Students of the local situation see a further significance in the De Oca report than the mere financial profit or its indication that the general economic situation has improved since the beginning of the year. The Minister's statement is accepted as the first of a possible series of such documents indicating financial situation in which President Calles leaves the country on turning over the power to his successor. There is a public tendency to share the official optimism that when General Obregon enters office there will be a surplus of working capital available for him such as has seldom been the fortune of incoming Mexican Presidents.

The general view here is that the figures issued have already reached the International Committee of Bankers that is studying the situation in view of reaching a new international financial agreement, and that they may be of some importance in fixing the basis for this accord.

Senor de Oca's report shows that import revenues jumped nearly 24% during the period reviewed, export revenues dropped 4.3%, the income tax returns increased 8.7% and consular fees gained by almost 12%.

Offering of \$3,400,000 7% Bonds of Hungarian Discount and Exchange Bank of Budapest.

Offering was made yesterday (July 6) of a new issue of \$3,400,000 Hungarian Discount and Exchange Bank of Budapest, 7% thirty-five year sinking fund Communal gold bonds at 95½ and interest to yield 7.35%. The offering, which is one of the few Hungarian issues to make its appearance in the American investment market in several months, was made by Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian and Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc. Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. The bonds will be dated July 1, 1928, and will mature July 1, 1963. They will be redeemable at any time for sinking fund only at 100; other than for sinking fund as a whole or in part on or after July 1, 1933, but prior to July 1, 1938, at 102, the premium decreasing ½ of 1% for each subsequent five years prior to July 1, 1953, and on and after that date at par. The bonds will be in coupon form in interchangeable denominations of \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) will be payable in New York City and/or Budapest, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, free from all Hungarian taxes, present or future. The National Park Bank of New York is Authenticating Agent. Gustavus Kadar, Managing Director of the Bank, supplies the following information to the bankers offering the bonds:

History

Founded nearly 100 years ago in 1829 and incorporated under the present name in 1869, Hungarian Discount and Exchange Bank, commonly known as the "Escompte", is one of Hungary's oldest and most important financial institutions. The principal office and eight branches are in Budapest, with two branches in the provinces.

In common with the other large commercial banks of Europe, the Bank is engaged in practically all phases of the banking business. It holds important interests in many leading industrial and public utility enterprises, and in the investment banking field has specialized in Government and Municipal loans. Substantial growth continues, as evidenced by the increase of 102% in total assets and 46% in capital and reserves in the last three calendar years, during which net profits were respectively 12%, 16% and 19½% on the outstanding capital stock.

Hungarian Discount and Exchange Bank has paid dividends on its capital stock without interruption since 1875. Its Communal Bonds are legal investments in Hungary for the Royal Hungarian Postal Savings Bank and for trust funds, except for guardians of infants and incompetents; prior to 1914 they were issued on a 4½% basis.

Communal Bonds.

Communal Bonds are issued by certain Hungarian banking institutions only against unconditional obligations of municipalities or quasi-

public corporations having direct taxing power, or of the State or institutions or undertakings of the State. In the case of municipalities and quasi-public corporations, each such obligation is secured by a lien upon the taxes and other public revenues of the obligor.

Security.

These Bonds are the direct and unconditional obligations of Hungarian Discount and Exchange Bank, and are the first Communal Bonds issued by the Bank since January 1, 1925. Under Hungarian law, the obligations and security fund for Communal Bonds issued after January 1, 1925, must be held separate and distinct from those held against similar Bonds issued prior thereto, and constitute specific security for all outstanding Communal Bonds of the Bank issued thereafter.

From the proceeds of these Bonds the Bank is making a loan of \$3,400,000 to the City of Debreczen. The Bonds will therefore in the first instance be secured by an obligation of that City for an equal amount, of the character above described and payable, both principal and interest, in United States dollars, and such loan has been approved by the Royal Hungarian Ministers of Interior and Finance.

The Bank has agreed that it will, so long as any of these Bonds remain outstanding, at all times hold and maintain such obligations as security to an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all its Communal Bonds at the time outstanding, and in the case of any future issues of Communal Bonds payable in a currency other than that of these Bonds, such obligations shall be payable or measured in like currency.

Hungarian Law provides the following additional safeguards:

Communal Bonds outstanding must never exceed the par value of the obligations held as security for the same;

A special Reserve Fund must be at least 5% of the outstanding Communal Bonds;

Communal Bonds are further secured by the general assets of the Bank (except mortgages held against outstanding mortgage bonds) pari-passu with other general creditors.

Investment Trusts Committee of Investment Bankers Association Says Regulation by States Must Take Form of Fraud Acts.

In the view of the Investment Trusts Committee of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, at present the pressing need so far as investment trusts are concerned "is for rigid discrimination and severe analysis with particular regard to management." The committee, of which Charles D. Dickey of Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia, is Chairman, states that it is its opinion that as State authorities continue to investigate investment trusts they will "realize that the crux of the situation is management, and that regulation by the States must, in order to be effective, take the form of Fraud Acts, with broad powers of investigation rather than of Blue Sky Acts prescribing specified forms." The report of the committee, as given in the June 27 issue of the association's "Bulletin," follows:

Your committee has been endeavoring to keep in as close touch as possible with the many developments that are taking place from day to day in the investment trust field. There is no doubt that the investment trust as an instrument of finance is here to stay. It is impossible to state accurately the total funds invested through this medium in this country. It is in excess of \$800,000,000, and this total is being added to almost daily.

The rapidity of this growth has given rise to considerable apprehension, which has resulted in pressure being brought to bear on the Legislatures of many States to pass bills regulating investment trusts. The bills introduced vary widely in their form and provisions. Your committee has studied these bills and has endeavored to co-operate as far as possible with the State authorities, with the general policy of trying to prevent any hasty action until an opportunity has been had to see the practical result of activities in this new field.

The committee is of the opinion that there has been a good deal of general misunderstanding which is no doubt due to a large extent to the title "Investment Trust," really a misnomer. These companies are not trusts in any sense of the word as commonly used, but are actually investment companies, and as such should be compared by investors and legislators alike to other companies, whether industrial, railroad, public utility, etc. Of course, in making this statement we refer to what is known as the "management type." They are companies operating in a specialized field of investment and it is up to the investor and the dealer to judge them accordingly; that is to say, by the usual tests of management, earning record, etc.

Your committee wishes again to emphasize the supreme importance of being satisfied as to the character and ability of the management. It has been rightly said that "while there are many forms of investment trusts, what really counts is not the exact form that investment trusts take, but the hands into which they fall." It is the opinion of the Committee that as State authorities continue to investigate investment trust activities they, too, will realize that the crux of the situation is management and that regulation by the States must, in order to be effective, take the form of fraud acts with broad powers of investigation rather than of blue sky acts prescribing specified forms.

Those of our membership who are identified with the management of investment trusts can help to avoid much unsound restrictive legislation if they will evidence a willingness to give adequate information. Your committee is not in a position to dictate in exact terms what adequate information should consist of, but certainly the prospective purchaser of investment securities is entitled to know the personnel of the management, the capital structure, the investment purpose and policy of the company regarding distribution of earnings, etc. It is at present the privilege of each individual investing company's management to determine for themselves how far they shall go toward publication of detailed information. There can be little doubt, however, that the more complete these voluntary statements are the less likely sound and able managements are to have their proper discretionary powers curbed by unsound restrictive legislation.

The Martin Fraud Act which has been ably administered in New York State, is an example of the type of sound legislation which has been effective in protecting the investor against the sale of worthless securities. This applies to investment trusts in no less extent than it does to indus-

trials and other corporations. As the investment trust develops it may become necessary to extend the power given the Attorney General under such an act. This is being carefully studied and it is the intention of your committee, acting in conjunction with local groups and the Field Secretary of the Association, to co-operate in every way possible with the authorities of the various States in developments along these lines. The whole subject is a large one, and steps must be taken carefully, for it is our belief that real progress is being made towards a general acceptance of fundamental ideas in this field. In the meantime your committee feels that at present the pressing need is for rigid discrimination and severe analysis, with particular regard to management.

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California Report on Regulation of Investment Trusts.

The Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles has printed for distribution the report on the investigation and regulation of "Investment Trusts" made by a committee of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, headed by Frank C. Mortimer, Vice-President of the bank. Copies may be obtained without charge by any one interested. The report was given in these columns June 2, page 3383. The committee points out that the designation "Investment Trusts" is loosely applied to groups and corporations varying widely in character. "Investment Trusts" should not be confused with "Trust Companies" or "Trust Department" of banks operating under the California Bank Act, or National Bank Act. "Investment Trusts" invest the funds of their members or stockholders, while "Trust Companies" and "Departments" act in a variety of fiduciary capacities: as executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, &c. The latter are required by law to have substantial amount of paid up capital, and to deposit approved securities with the Treasurer of the State of California. "Investment Trusts" are not placed under this obligation.

After describing the various types of "trusts" the committee states its belief that there appears to be definite field for well managed and sound organizations especially those managed by men of experience and sound financial judgment. It is admitted however that wide opportunity for abuses may be found to exist in loosely operated and managed organizations. Endorsement is given to the regulations promulgated by the California State Corporation Commissioner, which appear to assure as nearly as possible at this period in the history of "Investment Trusts" operating in that State, a high degree of fundamental management at the outset. Doubt is expressed as to the possibility of legislating wisdom into the minds of people making investments, nor can legislation in any form assure complete safety for one's funds, nor profits on investments. Therefore the committee felt that it would be inopportune to recommend regulatory legislation at this time. It is a fallacy to attempt to create by legal enactment, a guardianship for the unwise or inexperienced investor.

Suit Involving Bonds Bank Authenticated Decided in Favor of Chatham Phenix National Bank—Latter not Liable Court Holds.

Banks that authenticate bond issues of corporations do not guarantee the collateral of the bonds nor assume liability for their payment if the corporation defaults, according to a decision of Supreme Court Justice Cropsey in Brooklyn July 3 in dismissing the suit of John A. Doyle, of 704 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, and eleven others who sued the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of Manhattan to recover \$36,255 on bonds of the Motor Guarantee Corp. authenticated by the bank. This is learned from the New York "Times," which says:

Doyle said he and the eleven others bought bonds of the Motor Guarantee Corp. issued in 1922, and described as 8% gold collateral bonds. The bonds were authenticated by the Chatham Phenix Bank. When the Motor Guarantee Corp. went into bankruptcy the bonds were not paid. Thereupon the suit was brought to recover the value of the bonds from the bank, on the ground that it had assumed liability for payment by authenticating the bonds. In dismissing the suit, Justice Cropsey said:

"In this matter the authentication by the bank meant no more than that the bank guaranteed these bonds to be part of a series worth \$12,300 issued at the time. It did not guarantee the collateral, nor did it make itself liable in the event of the corporation's failure to pay. The investing public thinks that such authentication lends the securities some weight.

"That, no doubt, is the reason why some crooked concerns seek an arrangement such as the one in question. In the interest of protecting the public it might be desirable if financial institutions would not lend their names to certifying bonds except for concerns whose financial standing is thoroughly determined and the honesty of whose officials is plainly demonstrated."

Dismissal of Action for Return of \$1,200,000 of Industrial Finance Shares Brought by Wellington Bull & Co. Against A. J. Morris of Morris Plan—Court Holds Board Had Right to Fix Compensation and Finds No Fraud Shown.

The suit by Wellington Bull & Co., Inc., banking firm, as owner of stock of the Industrial Finance Corporation, to compel Arthur J. Morris, founder of the Morris Plan and director of the Industrial Finance Corporation to return to the company 30,000 shares of stock, worth more than \$1,200,000, received for services, on the ground that the stock was issued without a valid consideration, and was a fraud upon the corporation and its stockholders, was dismissed on July 5, by New York Supreme Court Justice Frankenthaler, according to the New York "Times" of yesterday (July 6) which says:

The Court said in its opinion that the finance company was formed in 1914 in Virginia to organize Morris Plan banks in various cities and to receive 30 per cent. of the stock of the banks so formed; that in 1919 through the efforts of Mr. Morris arrangements were made with the Studebaker Corporation to finance its wholesale distribution of cars, and in 1922 the agreement was extended to cover the retail sales. Until 1924, the Studebaker operation furnished the greater part of the company's earnings, but it was advised by the automobile company and banks from which the company borrowed that its funds were inadequate for the purpose of the financing and that additional capital should be brought in.

Justice Frankenthaler said that in 1924 demands for more capital became so insistent that Mr. Morris undertook to raise \$2,000,000 and offered an issue of stock of that sum to John Markle, President of the company, but the latter declined to buy.

Formation of Subsidiary Suggested.

The opinion said that Mr. Morris approached E. B. Smith & Co., bankers, who suggested that a subsidiary corporation be formed to take over the Studebaker financing, and agreed to underwrite an issue of preferred stock of such a company if Mr. Morris received a substantial stock interest to insure the retention of his services. Mr. Morris suggested 25%, to which the bankers agreed. The matter was brought before the Company's Executive Committee in July, 1924, when the members discussed organizing a new company with 25% of the common stock to go to the bankers and 25% to Mr. Morris.

Justice Frankenthaler said further that the bankers proposed to underwrite \$4,000,000 of preferred stock provided the Industrial Finance Corporation would take \$1,500,000 of second preferred. The proposal was coupled with the condition that Mr. Morris have 25% of the common. It was finally arranged that since Mr. Morris planned the financing, he was to have 50% of the common for himself and the bankers, with the right for the company to exchange 30,000 shares of its own stock for Mr. Morris's 50,000 shares of the new company, and this exchange was made. The transaction was ratified unanimously by the stockholders on July 9, 1925, and the Industrial Acceptance Corporation was formed.

Directors' Decisions Held Final.

Justice Frankenthaler pointed out that, subject to interference by the Court, corporation directors, acting as a body, have a right to fix the compensation for services rendered by executive officers, as they are the representatives of the stockholders and their decisions are final. The fact that such compensation may be awarded to one of the directors does not vary the rule. The Court said that the plaintiff had failed to bring his case within the exceptions to this rule, and declared "no clear abuse of power by the Board of Directors has been shown." Mr. Morris was not proved to have had any control over any of the other twenty directors, the Court said.

Reciting the history of the negotiations, the Court said they led "to the conclusion that in voting for the delivery of stock to Mr. Morris as his compensation, the directors did what they believed to be for the best interests of the corporation." The Court also said that a second reason for dismissing the complaint lay in the fact that the plaintiff's proxy was used for the approval of the transaction under attack, and although the plaintiff insisted that the solicitations of his proxy was "the final act in the fraudulent scheme," the plaintiff had expressly disclaimed "any attempt to prove actual fraud."

La Salle Extension University on Employment Problem of Capital—Present Tension in Money Rates Obscures Accumulations of Capital Seeking Permanent Employment.

In the July issue of its Business Bulletin, the LaSalle Extension University discusses the above subject as follows:

It is seldom that statistics on new security flotations are given wide publicity, yet a study of these statistics provides the basis for some interesting observations on the general financial situation.

We have plenty of evidence of a large surplus of money and credit. Stock-market transactions alone indicate a plethora of funds. As a matter of fact, the presence of this great reservoir of money and credit is usually advanced as the chief explanation for the unprecedented trading activities in listed stocks. Few analyses, however, have sought to reveal the underlying influences—hidden by a mass of superficialities—which cause these great accumulated stocks of capital to flow into the security markets.

Ordinarily, when prices of outstanding securities become so high as to make the yields less than the yields of high-grade bonds, unemployed capital is attracted to the securities of new enterprises or to the new securities of established businesses. At the present time, however, conditions are such that new capital flotations are not nearly large enough to absorb the surplus of investment capital that is available.

Increases in New Security Offerings.

In the past five and one-half years new capital flotations have shown steady increases, from 4,300 millions in 1923 to 7,700 millions in 1927, but even with this annual expansion of some 700 millions during that five-year period, new capital flotations have not been nearly large enough to absorb the new investment funds coming into the market. As testimony of this is the growth of refunding issues from 685 millions in 1923 to 2,100 millions in 1927—a far more rapid rate of increase than that recorded in new capital issues. (Refunding issues are those which are made to replace existing or maturing issues. They represent no new capital financing, only a replacement or an alteration of the present capital structure. Thus a corporation will "call" its 6% bonds and replace them with an issue of 4½% bonds; or it will retire its preferred stock and issue additional common stock.)

Of the total corporate, foreign government, farm loan, and municipal financing (from figures compiled by the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle") refunding issues comprised, on the average, about 12½% in the four years, 1923 to 1926. The percentage jumped to 21½% in 1927 and to 30 in the first five months of 1928. There could be no stronger supporting evidence of the plenitude of capital.

Where Use Our New Capital?

Our production and distribution facilities have been increased enormously during the last five and one-half years—both as to quantity and as to efficiency—and we have reached the point where it is becoming more and more difficult to make new capital assets return adequate profits. That is why such large proportions of available capital have been going into securities which represent the ownership of, or a claim against, existing assets.

The large increase in the proportion of total capital financing represented by refunding issues and the unprecedented rise in the prices of so many stocks have the same origin. It is merely the case of a country having more available capital than it has available uses for that capital.

Artificial means are being used in high places to discourage what is termed an orgy of stockmarket speculation. But even 7% call money has not always deterred speculators from buying stocks which they think are sure to advance.

Two Classes of Stock Speculators.

Broadly speaking, there are two types of stock-market speculators; both types buy stocks with borrowed money, but one type buys mainly for immediate price enhancement and the other buys more on account of attractive yields and the prospects of a gradual enhancement over a fairly long term.

The second of these two types is undoubtedly the more conservative. Yet it is the one which is most readily affected by higher loaning rates, while the first type—the one at which most of the curbing efforts and demonstrations are directed—doesn't really care very much whether money is 4½% or 7%, as long as there is the attraction of immediate profits to be realized through advances in market prices.

The Best Remedies for Speculative Fever.

The great wave of stock speculation offers a real problem for American business, but not the problem that it is usually represented to be. And the solution lies not in artificial measures to curb speculation, but in a major constructive program to find profitable outlets for our huge resources of money and credit.

The real reason why so much money and credit have been going into refunding issues and stock-market operations is that our present capital assets provide a greater productive capacity than present consumptive demand justifies. And instead of trying to throttle the stock-market, we should be bending our efforts toward increasing the consumption of goods so that not only our present productive capacity but even a much larger capacity could be utilized in the making of goods for current consumption.

One way to do this is to start working on a comprehensive program for the greater diversification of the incomes of the people of the United States. Another is to promote healthy international relations so that a large part of our surplus American capital can secure profitable employment (with proper safeguards) in foreign countries.

American Finances and World Affairs.

It is difficult to get the average American business man and even the average American banker to think in terms of world economics. He is too often inclined to think of enhanced foreign prosperity as a menace to American prosperity. He is afraid that American capital abroad will be used primarily to invade American markets, although he has first-hand evidence—from American business experience—to show that increased activity results in a raising of living standards.

About the only connection he can see between foreign investments and domestic prosperity is the use of credit extended to foreigners in the immediate purchase of American goods. He develops a blind side whenever he considers the possibility of our imports exceeding our exports over a considerable period of time. Of course, it sounds like a paradox when anyone says that a so-called "unfavorable" balance of trade could redound to the benefit of American business, but economic developments right in our own country have exploded similar myths of many of our pet ideas.

How Assets of Fire Insurance Companies Have Increased.

Assets of leading fire insurance companies have increased more rapidly than the resources of National banks and trust companies or deposits in savings banks, according to a statistical study just completed by the National Liberty Insurance Company, which says:

The assets of fifty leading fire insurance companies rose from \$947,518,628 to \$1,264,888,003 or 33.4 per cent from December 31, 1924 to the close of 1927, while the resources of the National banks increased from \$22,565,919,000 to \$26,581,943,000 or 17.8 per cent and those of trust companies from \$16,025,502,275 to \$20,481,182,738 or 27.8 per cent. During this same period deposits in national banks rose \$3,427,286,000 or 18.7 per cent while savings banks added \$1,299,047,000 or 15.4 per cent to their 1924 deposits of \$8,439,855,000.

Pointing out that the National Liberty group of fire insurance companies increased its assets 106 per cent during the four-year period as compared with 33.4 per cent for the fifty leading companies in the field for the same time, George U. Tompers, its president, says: "This phenomenal increase in fire insurance company assets which has been more rapid than that experienced by banking institutions reflects a growth in the strength of these concerns as a group which is not yet fully appreciated by the public. The fire insurance concerns have

been solidifying their already strong position and have grown with the commercial and industrial life of the nation so that they are well qualified to serve the expanding needs of the community."

J. F. Cavanaugh of National Bank of Commerce in New York on Futures Trading and Cotton Market—Annual Turnover on Futures Contracts Between 30 and 40 Billion Dollars.

"The annual turnover on futures contracts in commodity markets in the United States already reaches some thirty or forty billions of dollars and new developments bid fair to swell the total," says Frank J. Cavanaugh of the National Bank of Commerce in New York in the July issue of "Commerce Monthly." Mr. Cavanaugh states that "the individual commodity futures markets touch directly the lives of comparatively few people. Yet there have been plain indications in recent months of a more widespread realization among commercial interests of the important place these organizations occupy in the marketing structure and of the services they properly perform for both the trading community and the producing and consuming public." He goes on to say:

"To-day there are nine markets in the world in which cotton futures trading has been organized. The oldest of these probably is New York, which began business formally in 1870. Liverpool dates from about the same period and is the leading exchange abroad, although since the World War New York has supplanted it in the hedging business of Continental Europe to such an extent that the New York market at this time is said to do a business greater than the combined trading of all the other cotton exchanges of the world. New Orleans likewise has recently been making a strong bid for international business.

"The nature, effect and usefulness of a trade organized primarily to buy and sell contracts for commodities rather than the commodities themselves have been under question many times in the United States. Only in 1926 the Federal Trade Commission submitted to Congress a lengthy report on the effect of future trading on the grain trade. In transmitting that report the Chairman of the Commission wrote: 'Future trading is carried on at a very considerable direct cost, amounting to \$20,000,000 a year or more (chiefly commissions) for the Chicago Board of Trade alone. But its service to the grain trade, through the hedging facility afforded, is believed by those in the trade to be much more than commensurate with such cost.'

"The provision of credit to pay off the producer of a staple crop in anticipation of collections from the buying public is a normal function of commercial banking. The lending bank, however, must be protected against price hazard by an equity interest maintained between the credit involved and the market risk. To serve such purpose the futures exchanges bring into the market a large number of equity traders who may feel justified by financial status and market experience to lift the burden of risk from the shoulders of producer, merchant and spinner.

"The Trade Commission addressed itself to discovering the extent to which futures trading in the Chicago wheat market might be allocated as between persons who could be properly classified as trade interests and those who entered the market without special qualifications for trading. They found reason to believe that in the whole volume of trades there was 'a total of 81% that are either hedgers or competent speculators' and that 'A reasonable conclusion from the data is that 10 to 20% of the speculation done is carried on by miscellaneous outsiders who have no occasion to hedge and have no particular qualification which makes them competent to speculate.' For the New York cotton market recent studies are not to be had, but the results of a private investigation made in 1909-10 and of an inquiry conducted by the exchange itself in 1914 indicate a similar situation.

"Considerable effort has been expended in the official investigations of futures trading to show that only a small fraction of these contracts is settled by delivery. Such a conclusion would be obvious, for manifestly merchants can scarcely be expected to deliver the same bale both in the futures market and on their mill contracts as well. Were delivery on all contracts a necessary condition those contracts could no longer be used for the prime purpose for which they exist.

"But in the privilege of making or demanding deliveries lies the intrinsic value of the contract, the guarantee that the price-making forces effecting the commodities themselves will permeate exchange trading and that through those contracts risks may be actually transferred. It is also by virtue of delivery as an alternative means of settlement that the cotton contract plays its great role in determining cotton values. When cotton is offered for sale in the South the price is a matter of indifference to the merchant if it is advantageously related to the price obtained for the contract which will register his hedge. This is not the point at which the bargain which determines the price of cotton is driven. But ordinarily every bale offered by farmers in the interior will be represented by contracts offered across the futures ring; and these contracts cannot be sold and merchant buying must quickly cease if in the futures market buyers at those prices are not to be found.

"From the viewpoint of both producing and consuming public as well as that of the merchant it is of prime importance that the specifications of the future contract be such as to make it really representative of the average worth of cotton crops. In that way the existence of such a central market-place benefits directly the greatest number of producers. In that way also it is assured that the psychological effect which futures quotations have in creating current ideas of cotton values generally will be directed to the best interests of both buyers and sellers in the world's spot markets.

"It was this thought that underlay the enactment of the United States Cotton Futures Act approved in 1916, and amended in important particulars in 1919. Sections 5 and 6 of the Act now govern trading on all three cotton futures exchanges in the United States.

"In the nature of things the individual grower of cotton does not market a sufficient quantity to use directly the facilities of the futures exchanges. When the crop moves in the fall, the merchant is expected to take it as it is offered for cash. He immediately balances his purchase of spot cotton in the present with a sale of contracts for delivery some months hence. That operation puts him in possession of the cotton for merchandising purposes, or, as the cotton trade phrases it, he is 'long of the basis.' It is thus that a market is provided for cotton, and it is as essential to producers as to merchants that the futures markets so operate as to permit

such a transaction with profit or at least without the evident prospect of loss.

"While it is true then that cotton does not ordinarily change hands on future contracts, futures and spot trading are inextricably bound together and are literally parts of the same market. No judgment of the intrinsic value of the contract in any one of the futures markets can be of value which is not founded on intimate familiarity with the specifications of the contract and the desirability of having spot cotton of that description at that particular delivery point and at that particular time. Speculators and even mills who use the futures markets but who are not in contact with the many details of spot trading must rely largely on the expert knowledge of merchant traders and their quick sense for profits to be made by a straddle, tender or receipt of the spot article when the futures price swings away from its true value, to preserve a fair alignment of these markets."

Brokers Loans on New York Stock Exchange Decline \$375,694,794 in Month—Still Near 5 Billion Dollar Mark.

While there has been a drop of \$375,694,794 in brokers loans on the New York Stock Exchange during the past month, the amount outstanding is still near the five billion dollar mark. According to the statement issued by the Stock Exchange on July 3 the combined time and demand loans on June 30 amounted to \$4,898,351,487, comparing with \$5,274,046,281 on May 31. The latter figures were the highest on record. Of the June 30 total, \$3,741,632,505 represent demand loans, and \$1,156,718,982 time loans. The following is this week's statement of the Stock Exchange:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business June 30 1928, aggregated \$4,898,351,487.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York Banks or Trust Cos.....	\$3,122,418,731	\$1,046,374,732
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of N. Y.	619,213,774	110,344,250
	\$3,741,632,505	\$1,156,718,982
Combined total of time and demand loans.....	\$4,898,351,487	

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

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

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
1926—			
Jan. 30.....	\$2,516,960,599	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27.....	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,535,590,321
Mar. 31.....	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
April 30.....	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28.....	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30.....	2,225,453,333	700,844,512	2,926,298,845
July 31.....	2,232,076,720	714,782,807	2,946,859,527
Aug. 31.....	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30.....	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31.....	2,289,430,450	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30.....	2,329,636,550	799,625,125	3,129,261,675
Dec. 31.....	2,541,682,885	751,178,370	3,292,860,255
1927—			
Jan. 31.....	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28.....	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31.....	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
April 30.....	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31.....	2,673,993,079	783,875,950	3,457,869,029
June 30.....	2,756,968,593	811,998,250	3,568,966,843
July 30.....	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31.....	2,745,570,788	928,390,545	3,673,961,333
Sept. 30.....	3,107,674,325	896,953,245	3,914,627,570
Oct. 31.....	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	3,946,137,374
Nov. 30.....	3,134,027,003	957,809,300	4,091,836,303
Dec. 31.....	3,480,779,821	952,127,500	4,432,907,321
1928—			
Jan. 31.....	3,392,873,281	1,027,479,260	4,420,352,541
Feb. 29.....	3,294,379,654	1,028,200,260	4,322,579,914
Mar. 31.....	3,580,425,172	1,059,749,000	4,640,174,172
April 30.....	3,738,937,599	1,168,845,000	4,907,782,599
May 31.....	4,070,359,031	1,203,687,250	5,274,046,281
June 30.....	3,741,632,505	1,156,718,982	4,898,351,487

Continues Effort to Speed Ticker—Stock Exchange Announces the Dropping of 'A' to Designate 18 Class A Shares—Brokers Oppose Omission of Sales Figures.

Having apparently abandoned for the time being the plan to eliminate the figures on volume where transactions are for less than 500 shares, the New York Stock Exchange announced on June 30 that, beginning July 2 it would omit from its ticker reports the designation "A" as applied to eighteen Class A stocks, and, instead of using "rts," to indicate rights, will simply use the letter r. In noting this the "Times" of July 1 stated:

This additional abbreviation of characters is calculated to speed up the ticker service considerably. If necessary, other characters will be omitted, and if trading expands greatly in the near future, the Exchange, it is understood, will put into effect the plan proposed some time ago for dropping figures on volume in reporting transactions of 100 to 400 shares.

The stocks from which the character "A" will be omitted are Chrysler preferred, Bon Ami, Dodge, Gabriel Snubber, Gould Coupler, Auto Strop Safety Razor, Utilities Power and Light, Botany Mills, Warner Bros. Pictures, Penn Dixie Cement preferred, Louisville Gas and Electric, Devoe & Reynolds, Fox Films, Omnibus Corporation preferred, General Outdoor Advertising, Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, Moto Meter Company and Long Bell Lumber. The designation "B" will also be dropped from Pan-American Western Petroleum.

Considerable opposition developed to the plan to omit figures on volume in sales of less than 500 shares. Brokerage interests, reflecting

the sentiment of their customers, have let it be known that these figures are considered essential. Originally the suggestion was that all figures on volume be omitted, but this aroused a storm of opposition.

There have been no serious ticker delays in the dull markets of the last two weeks, but the Exchange authorities are proceeding on the theory that the trading pace will pick up again. It will take nearly two years to complete the installation of the new and faster ticker which has been adopted.

National Park Bank Finds Situation Relieved By Collapse of Reckless Speculation.

Stating that "the general situation has been greatly relieved by the collapse of reckless speculation in the Stock Market, the National Park Bank of New York, under date of July 2 adds:

The general situation has been greatly relieved by the collapse of reckless speculation in the stock market.

Despite the enormous selling of stocks with the drastic readjustment of prices, the movement has been orderly and without serious disturbance of any kind. No firm has failed and no serious trouble has been even indicated. The decline has been, however, far-reaching and of great importance in eliminating those elements of weakness which develop at times when the public becomes heavily engaged in riotous speculation. Had underlying conditions been less sound or the banking position weak, it is easy to visualize the things which might have happened to cause "distress selling" on a large scale. As it was, the liquidation was chiefly beneficial in forcing the healthful readjustment of the highly volatile shares whose spectacular rise had reached menacing proportions. So far as the high-grade dividend paying stocks were concerned no alarming weakness has developed. On the contrary, any serious pressure in this group brought quick support with good buying by individuals and institutions alive to the investment opportunities in a declining market of this character. It has been an important liquidating movement as it has attracted almost as much interest abroad as it has here, for the leading markets of Europe had long been impressed with the volcanic possibilities in such a situation as had developed in the course of our remarkable period of almost unbridled speculation.

Far-Reaching Benefits.

The business, financial and investment situation has been helped immensely by this necessary readjustment. It has been a good thing and has eliminated elements of pronounced weakness which had they remained might have done a great deal of harm.

President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange in Defense of Brokers' Loans Says that to Arbitrarily Reduce Them Would Result in Slowing Up of Industry.

Before the annual convention of the Wisconsin Bankers' Association at Milwaukee, on June 27, E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange, entered upon a defense of the expanding brokers' loans, declaring that it is "a very great fallacy to think that brokers' loans are purely unproductive and are made only to finance speculation." He contended that to argue that brokers' loans are unnecessary or are unproductive "amounts to arguing that the whole security business of the country is unproductive." He further asserted that "to wipe out brokers' loans or violently and arbitrarily to reduce them would inevitably slow up American industry itself if not fatally to halt its continued progress." He likewise asserted "the security collateral loan market in Wall Street represents a surplus market which in the past has shown its ability to act as a buffer for commercial loans in times of deflation and in particular instances to liquefy frozen commercial loans." He added: "Our brokers' loan account to-day is large mainly because our surplus of capital in America is large. We should have, I feel, few fears that our banking authorities will allow brokers' loans to absorb an undue amount of the credit of our national banking establishments." President Simmons' address was presented under the title "Safeguarding the Nation's Capital." That part of his remarks bearing on brokers' loans follows:

One of the most controversial aspects of the New York stock market in recent months has consisted in the so-called brokers' loans. It is well known that these loans have increased very largely during the past year, and the fear has frequently been expressed that they were becoming entirely too large. The difficulty in discussing the size of brokers' loans consists in the lack of any dependable yardstick by which to measure them. Naturally, common sense would indicate that the more rapidly such loans grow, the more likelihood there is that they may soon become too large. But the size of brokers' loans is after all bound to be a relative question. It is a well-known fact that the United States has become the greatest financial creditor nation of the world. The immediate effect of this vastly important development has naturally been a very great expansion in the banking and security business recently. Just as unusual exports of American steel would greatly expand our steel industry, or unusually large exports of grain would greatly expand our agricultural industry, so the recent enormous exports of American capital have necessitated a huge expansion in this country throughout the banking and security business. We have been seeing an unparalleled volume of new security issues created and offered to our investing public in recent years, and likewise unparalleled amounts of American capital constantly invading our security markets seeking investment. The whole scale of the security business in this country has in consequence experienced an enormous expansion in practically all its branches. Brokers' loans have thus risen

along with turnover on all the stock exchanges in America, and the new security offerings made in every financial center of the country. The fact that this movement has continued year after year should clearly distinguish the period which we have recently seen, from the old-fashioned short-lived bull market in securities. As long as further American capital continues to be generated in this country, and continues to seek security investment in our market, I do not for one see anything fundamentally unsound in the increasing size of American financial statistics, nor in the growth of the ordinary financial facilities which America, as a creditor nation, should obviously possess to be able permanently to handle the business.

It is of course a very great fallacy to think that brokers' loans are purely unproductive, and are made only to finance speculation. Such a view, common though it may be, is most superficial and short-sighted. It is a well-known fact that most new securities are at first difficult to sell to outright investors, because they are not seasoned. It therefore becomes necessary in practice to hold a part of many new security issues in the market floating supply, until longer experience can induce security investors to put their money in the issues. Brokers' loans in consequence represent just this floating supply of securities for the whole New York market. The collateral to these loans are securities in the process of distribution. To argue that brokers' loans are unnecessary or are unproductive, therefore, amounts to arguing that the whole security business of the country is unproductive. Actually America has been very wise in creating facilities for the ready financing of large and unseasoned security issues. We talk to-day of American industrial prosperity being based on mass production. We also realize that mass production demands tremendous initial outlays of capital and large corporate units, but we sometimes fail to remember that financing all this makes large loans on security collateral inevitable. To wipe out brokers' loans, or violently and arbitrarily to reduce them, would thus inevitably slow up American industry itself, if not fatally to halt its continued progress.

I would also mention, in connection with this subject of brokers' loans, a peculiar internal development in American finance during recent years which has tended considerably to increase them. I refer to the present-day tendency of American companies to obtain their working capital from securities and the security loan market rather than from commercial loans at the banks. The recent wealth of funds available in this country for security investment, and perhaps the memory of difficulties experienced with commercial loans during the financial contraction of 1920-1921, have induced many American companies to sell new bond and stock issues, accumulate large cash surpluses, and thus render unnecessary borrowing at the banks on open account or with commercial paper. When such cash surpluses are not employed in their business, the companies will lend them in the call loan market. Undoubtedly this is one reason why commercial loans have not in recent years expanded to the same extent that loans on securities have. Novel as this method of corporate financing really is in this country on its present scale, it is yet too early to assert that it is less safe and sound than former methods were. But it has imposed on brokers' loans the task of financing not only the fixed capital needs, but also the working capital needs, of innumerable American business corporations.

A final consideration lies in the fact that brokers' loans in practice act as a sort of buffer to commercial loans. When credit deflation becomes necessary, it is always brokers' loans that are deflated first. Thus these loans represent a surplus which can be employed for other purposes, should the occasion arise. The events of 1919-1921 clearly showed the truth of this assertion. The peak of the call loan market was reached in November 1919, after which these loans were rapidly deflated. By the late fall of 1920, over half a billion dollars had been squeezed out of brokers' loans, but meanwhile the total volume of loans by all American banks had risen very greatly, thus indicating that the credit obtained by deflating brokers' loans in Wall Street was being used to lend to farmers, merchants and manufacturers all over the United States. Furthermore, after 1921 many corporations were enabled to retire frozen commercial loans at their banks by floating new company securities in Wall Street. But these new security flotations, being unseasoned, had to depend on the market for brokers' loans in large measure to carry them until they could be distributed to permanent security investors. In this way the security collateral loan market in Wall Street represents a surplus market which in the past has shown its ability to act as a buffer for commercial loans in times of deflation and in particular instances to liquefy frozen commercial loans. Our brokers' loan account to-day is large mainly because our surplus of capital in America is large. We should have, I feel, few fears that our banking authorities will allow brokers' loans to absorb an undue amount of the credit of our national banking establishments.

No discussion of the securities market can be accurate or complete without clearly distinguishing between capital and credit. I do not wish to enter into the labyrinth of difficult economic questions to which the scientific establishment of such definitions inevitably leads. As working definitions, we may say that credit is a kind of temporary and conditional capital. The brokers' loans which have been so much discussed recently are really for the most part extensions of credit by lending financial institutions. I do not need to remind this audience of bankers that sometimes a financial institution can lend too much credit and thereby get itself into an embarrassing position. For this reason we are all bound to feel a certain apprehension concerning any business at all which is carried on largely with the use of bank credit. Just as new extensions of credit may foster an expansion in business, so a contraction of credit may curtail business. If this were the whole truth concerning the stock market today, or for that matter at any other active period of its history, the question of brokers' loans might well assume a quite alarming aspect. But we must not look at the stock market solely and merely from an angle of credit, for the question of capital even more fundamentally influences its constant development and expansion. I have already alluded to the fact that the general wave of commercial and industrial prosperity in this country has led to the accumulation of unprecedented amounts of capital. This capital may be destroyed through unwisdom or waste, but it is not subject to expansion or contraction on the same basis that bank credit is, and it has been the continual stream of this fresh American capital into our securities markets that has been fundamentally responsible not only for their expansion in scope, but also for the enhancement in the prices of their securities. Investors from all over the country, both large and small, have been continually purchasing securities outright and locking them up in their strong boxes for permanent investment. Large outright purchasing of American securities for long-term holders has also come into the New York market from the recently rehabilitated investing classes of European countries. So important has this factor proved itself in recent years that, as I see it, the major concern of the Stock Exchange to-day really lies in the question of how far its facilities are adequate in handling this continual flow of investment funds. The question of credit, as far as

the Stock Exchange is concerned, is one for the banking institutions which are experienced managers of credit problems.

If we are to obtain a clear notion of how this factor of surplus capital has been affecting our security markets recently, we must for purposes of contrast consider a moment the very different conditions in this respect which existed in this country practically from its foundation down until quite recent times. For over a century the United States was, with scarcely an important interruption, always a debtor country. We were larger consumers of capital than producers of it. The upbuilding of the United States, including the construction of our enormous railway systems and our huge industrial facilities, consistently called for more capital than the American people were able to save. For this reason, in the Wall Street securities markets, down until a few years ago, securities were always more abundant than capital, and in fact the foreign stock exchanges of London, Amsterdam and other European centers had been largely depended upon for the ready marketing of American stocks and bonds.

In recent years this situation has been suddenly reversed, and we have found ourselves in the possession of sufficient capital not only to finance all our own business undertakings, but also to make large foreign investments. This new situation is still only imperfectly realized and understood, even by our financial leaders. We still have the psychology of a debtor country, and the experiences of a century have tended to make our financial machinery and financial facilities essentially those of a debtor nation. Thus it comes about that our current surplus of capital has proved both mystifying and embarrassing to us. But it may well be that we must accustom ourselves, because of our new creditor status, to a situation where capital is more abundant than good investments. Indeed, the constantly falling yield of the best American investment securities would seem to indicate that such a situation is already at hand.

So unusual is this abundance of capital in this country that we have not all as yet realized on the one hand the great potentialities for good which it conveys, and on the other hand the peculiar dangers with which it is attended. From the borrowers' standpoint it might seem that cheap capital was unquestionably a good thing, and undoubtedly an abundance of capital is one of the greatest stimulants to industrial production and commercial distribution. But this is by no means the whole story. Literally millions of people in this country are investors, and by reason of steady investments during their active years of life, they are striving to create for themselves a competence in old age. This practice of small-scale thrift is of enormous social and economic importance, and any interference with it is highly undesirable. Naturally it is much easier for the small investor to accumulate a competence for himself when the yields on standard securities are high than it is when these yields are low. If the yields on conservatively invested capital, through the accumulation of a national surplus of capital, become unusually low over a long period, it will operate profoundly to discourage private thrift and investment. For this reason cheap capital, as I say, is not an unmixed blessing, and what we really need to-day is stability of security yields at reasonable levels.

It was the realization of this obvious and yet frequently overlooked fact that led the New York Stock Exchange this spring to list the two great British Government sterling bond issues, which together aggregate in their outstanding amounts approximately twelve billion dollars. By this step these securities, which are generally thought to be the best foreign securities in existence, have been placed at the ready disposal of investors all over the United States through the market on the New York Stock Exchange. It was felt that thereby a genuine service was being performed for the American investor, and at the same time a new stabilizing factor was being introduced into international commerce and finance. For to-day it is a well-known fact that trade balances between nations are being settled to a greater extent by the purchase and sale of securities than by gold shipments or shiftings of short-term credit. More and more we are approaching the time when the yields on long-term investments will rise and fall together all over the world, and the introduction in our markets of British internal Government bond issues should facilitate the reader stabilization of security prices and yields, not only inside the United States, but also between the United States and foreign countries.

Federal Reserve Board Further Commenting on Brokers, Loans Again Says Only Means for Reduction of Indebtedness Is through Sale of Investments or Contraction in Loans.

Reiterating its observations referred to in these columns June 9 (page 3535) the Federal Reserve Board, in its June "Bulletin", made available June 18, commenting on the expanding brokers' loans, says that "unless a change occurs in the direction of gold movements, or in the open market policy of the Federal Reserve System, the only means by which the member banks will be able to reduce their debt at the Reserve Banks, is a sale of investments or a gradual contraction of their loan accounts." We quote the following from the June "Bulletin."

Further Growth of Security Loans.

Volume of bank credit continued to increase in recent weeks, and in the middle of May loans and investments of member banks in leading cities were at a new high level. The growth in bank credit has been continuous and rapid since the seasonal low point in the latter part of February. Since that time the total volume of credit extended by the reporting member banks has increased by nearly \$1,000,000,000. Until the middle of April this growth reflected in about equal measure increased spring demands for bank accommodation by trade and industry and growth in the volume of stock exchange loans. Since that time there has been no further growth in the commercial demand for credit, and the entire increase has been in holdings of securities and in loans on stocks and bonds, and particularly in loans to brokers and dealers in securities on the New York Stock Exchange. Accompanying an unprecedented volume of transactions on the exchange and a continued rise in security prices, the volume of so-called brokers' loans reached a record figure in the beginning of April and continued to increase until the middle of May. In view of the rapid expansion of bank credit, in the absence of additional commercial demand, and the increasing volume of bank loans used to finance transactions in securities, the Federal Reserve banks pursued further the policy begun in January of selling Government securities, and thereby withdrawing funds from the money market. Additional withdrawals of funds were caused by the continued demand for gold for export. As a consequence of these withdrawals and some increase in the reserve requirements of member banks there was a large increase in member bank borrowing at the reserve

banks, and the volume of discounts in May was larger than at any other time in the past four years.

Relation between Member Bank and Reserve Bank Credit.

For the period between the beginning of September and the middle of May, while the volume of reserve bank credit outstanding increased by about \$1,700,000,000. This growth in member bank deposits, however, which reflects an equivalent growth of their loans and investments, caused a growth of only \$125,000,000 in member bank reserve requirements. Growth of member bank credit, in fact, is rarely an important factor in any considerable growth in the demand for reserve bank credit, because an increase in loans and investments of member banks, which is reflected in a corresponding increase in their deposits, increases the required reserves by only a fraction—about one-thirteenth—of the increase in bank deposits. It is for this reason that short-time fluctuations in the volume of reserve bank credit are generally not due to changes in the volume of member bank credit but to other causes, chiefly changes in the demand for currency and in gold movements in and out of the country.

When a member bank requires additional currency or gold to meet a demand from the public, it is generally not in a position to meet this demand out of its own resources, since it carries no considerable amount of excess reserves, and it is obliged, therefore, to borrow from the reserve bank an amount equivalent to the gold or the currency which it has to pay out. If, on the other hand, the member bank extends an additional loan and the deposit created by the loan increases its reserve requirements, this increase in reserves, and consequently in the demand for additional reserve bank credit, will be, on the average, only \$7.50 per hundred dollars of the deposits thus created. In other words, a demand by the public for \$100 in currency or an equivalent foreign demand for gold increases the demand for reserve bank credit by the full \$100, while a demand for an additional \$100 in loans increases the demand for reserve bank credit in the average by \$7.50. The same relationship holds when the movement is in the opposite direction. A decrease of \$100 in the demand for currency or for gold diminishes the demand for reserve bank credit by the full \$100, while a decrease of \$100 in the demand for bank deposits decreases the demand for reserve bank credit on the average by \$7.50.

Large or rapid reductions in reserve bank credit have occurred only during periods of large gold imports or of a considerable inflow of currency from circulation. For example, when the volume of reserve bank credit declined from about \$3,300,000,000 in Dec. 1920, to \$1,300,000,000 in Jan. 1922, this decrease of \$2,000,000,000 reflected a decline of more than \$1,000,000,000 in currency and an increase of more than \$750,000,000 in gold stock. And although the volume of member bank credit decreased by more than \$2,000,000,000 during the period, the change in member bank reserve balances was only about \$50,000,000.

Year to Year Growth.

Deposits of member banks are built up primarily through the extension of loans and the purchase of securities, the proceeds of which remain on deposit either in the bank that makes the loan or the investment or in another bank. The growth of member bank deposits, in turn, increases their reserve requirements to an extent depending on the character of the deposit and the location of the bank. If the deposit is on time the reserve required is 3%, if it is on demand it is 7, 10, or 13%, depending on whether it is in a country bank, a reserve city bank, or a central reserve city bank. On the average the reserves carried by member banks against their entire deposits, subject to reserve requirements, are about 7.5%, or in the ratio of \$1 in reserves to \$13 in deposits. When member banks increase their loans and investments by \$1,000,000,000, therefore, they require about \$75,000,000 of additional reserve bank credit. In the ordinary course of developments in the United States the volume of bank credit commonly increases from year to year, largely in response to the growing needs of trade and industry. In fact, since the establishment of the reserve system in 1914, there was only one period, between the end of 1920 and the beginning of 1922, when the volume of bank credit showed a considerable decrease, as is brought out by the chart. The growth in member bank credit is slower in some years, such as 1926, and more rapid in other years, such as 1927, but it is practically uninterrupted. The consequent increase from year to year in member bank reserve requirements, though it is only a small proportion of the increase in member bank deposits, is nevertheless an important continuous factor in the long-time growth of the demand for reserve bank credit. A closer examination of the chart [we omit this Ed] indicates that in 1924, when gold imports (in the absence of currency growth) were a factor diminishing the demand for reserve bank credit, the outstanding volume of this credit remained nevertheless unchanged, a condition directly related to the growth during 1924 in member bank reserves. Similarly, in 1927, disregarding seasonal fluctuations, the net increase in reserve bank credit was directly related to the increase in member bank reserve requirements. At a time when member bank credit decreases, which has occurred on infrequent occasions, as already indicated, the decrease in the demand for reserve bank credit caused by the reduction in member bank reserve requirements has been relatively small. In order to reduce their reserve requirements, and consequently their demand for reserve bank credit, by any considerable amount, such as for example, \$100,000,000, the member banks would have to reduce their deposits through the contraction of their loans and investments, by between \$1,000,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000. Such a contraction is generally not practicable in a short period of time, because the member banks have certain responsibilities to their customers and are reluctant to dispose of large amounts of their investments at a time of credit pressure.

Reserve Bank Policy.

The relatively large contraction in member bank credit necessary to bring about any considerable decline in the demand for reserve bank credit has an important bearing on credit policy. During recent months increasing pressure on member banks through gold exports, security sales by the reserve banks, and advances in rediscount rates has not had the effect of arresting the rapid expansion of member bank credit. The policy of the reserve banks, however, has resulted in greatly increasing the indebtedness of member banks to the reserve banks. In the middle of May discounts by the reserve banks for member banks amounted to \$800,000,000, the largest amount in more than four years, and in addition the reserve banks held \$350,000,000 in acceptances purchased from the member banks and from dealers. That the growth in member bank indebtedness has been wide-spread is indicated by the chart, which shows reserve bank discounts for member banks in New York City, in other leading cities, and for other member banks. Advances in rediscount rates and in buying rates on bills, furthermore, have increased considerably the cost to member banks of their indebtedness to the reserve banks. This higher cost of reserve bank credit, and the traditional reluctance of member banks to remain continuously in debt at the reserve banks, exert a continuous pressure on the member banks. That these banks, in turn, pass the pressure on to the borrowing public is evidenced by the rise in open-market money rates and the closer scrutiny to which many loans are subjected. Unless a change occurs in the direction of gold movements, or in the open-market

policy of the Federal Reserve System, the only means by which the member banks will be able to reduce their debt at the reserve banks is a sale of investments or a gradual contraction of their loan account.

National Bank Tax in Oregon Held Unlawful in Decision Handed Down in Portland, Oregon.

Declaring that the evidence fully sustained the contention of seven national banks of Portland that the attempt of the State of impose a tax upon their shares while competing money capital was not equally taxed was unlawful. Federal Judge Bean handed down a decision at Portland, Oregon, on June 19, in favor of the plaintiff banks, permanently restraining T. M. Hurlburt, sheriff and tax collector, from collecting the tax assessed for 1926, which was the basis of the action. The foregoing is taken from the Portland "Oregonian" of June 19, which in its account of the decision adds:

In his opinion, Judge Bean said: "The applicable law has been clearly established. National banks are agencies of the general government, and neither their property nor their shares of stock can be taxed by the State without the consent of Congress, and then only in conformity to such restriction as it may impose.

Financial Competition at Issue.

"Congress by appropriate legislation has permitted the taxation by the States of shares of national banks, subject to the restriction that the tax imposed shall not be at a greater rate than is assessed upon other moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens of such State coming into competition with the business of national banks."

The decision of the court in effect invalidates the assessment for 1927, now due, as well as that for 1926 and any further assessment against these banks by the State until the present taxation law is changed and other moneyed capital brought under the State law either through enforcement of the present law by the assessors or through the removal of tax exemption which has been extended to certain State bond issues.

Highway Bonds Exempt.

A particularly significant feature of the court's holding was the recognition of \$34,000,000 worth of highway bonds held by individual residents of the State as being in active competition with the capital of the bank. These bonds, many of which run for years, have been exempt from taxation by statute, and any effort of the next session of the legislature to remedy the taxation law so as to bring all intangible assets and interest bearing securities under its provisions in order that the banks may again be brought under the application of the State law will be met by the previously enacted law which authorized the issuance of these State bonds free from taxation.

Continuing with his opinion, Judge Bean amplified the features of the Federal enactment under which the banks brought suit.

"The restriction does not include moneyed capital representing mere personal investment of individual citizens not employed in substantial competition with the business of national banks," Judge Bean said, "but it does embrace that which is employed substantially in the loan and investment features of banking in making investments by way of loans, discount or otherwise, in notes, bonds or other securities with a view of sale or repayment and reinvestment."

Judge Summarizes Testimony.

Judge Bean then briefly summarized the testimony and evidence presented by the plaintiff banks during the recent hearing of the case by him, first establishing again that the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the plaintiffs on March 1 1926 was approximately \$12,000,000, upon which a tax of approximately \$218,000 was imposed, deducting the tax upon real property which was not at issue.

The Court then went into a consideration of competing capital. He first mentioned the recorded real estate mortgages of record in this county securing promissory notes amounting in the aggregate to approximately \$60,000,000, which were not taxed, the \$34,000,000 in highway bonds and \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in corporation and municipal bonds purchased and sold.

Tax Discrepancy Noted.

Domestic and foreign financing companies operating here, the Court pointed out, had a capital, surplus and undivided profits as of March 1 1926 of some \$6,000,000, according to the evidence introduced, which was assessed at \$114,410 and taxed \$5,250.44. Had they been taxed as the banks were, the Court pointed out, they would have returned to the county \$167,925.21.

The assessed value of money, notes and accounts in the State, the opinion continued, on March 1 1926, was \$17,109,812, while it was shown that there was invested in stocks, bonds and other interest-bearing securities with domestic and foreign corporations approximately \$135,000,000. The assessed shares of stock in Multnomah County on March 1 1926, Judge Bean said, amounted to \$6,367,030, all of which, save \$38,760, was represented by bank shares.

"I conclude, therefore," Judge Bean said in finishing this part of the opinion, "that moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens and corporations amounting to many hundreds of thousands of dollars which was not assessed or taxed was employed in a manner which brought it into competition with the business conducted by national banks, including the plaintiff banks, and for that reason the tax on plaintiff's shares was unlawful."

State Defenses Dismissed.

The defenses set up by the State were dismissed briefly and without extensive consideration by the Court. The State first contended that through a series of letters to the county assessors by the banks asking that the assessment be made to them direct rather than to the individual shareholders the banks had acquiesced to the assessment and agreed to payment. The Court held that these letters were simply matters of form and considered nothing which was unlawful and that the defense was not well taken.

Similar disposition was made of the contention raised in defense that the banks were estopped from prosecuting their action in court, as they had failed to take advantage of the remedies provided by the State law, which provides that redress may be secured through appeal to the County Board of Tax Equalization and then appealed to the State Court.

George Mowry and Lyle F. Brown, Assistant Deputy District Attorneys, represented the County Assessor. Mr. Mowry stated that he was of the opinion that the State would appeal the decision of the District Court, probably carrying it to the Supreme Court of the United States if this Court is sustained by the Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Mowry said, however, that he would not be able to state authoritatively about the appeal until he had had an opportunity to study the opinion of the Court.

The banks which brought the action in the Court here were Brotherhood Co-operative National, Northwestern National, United States National, Peninsula National, West Coast National, Portland National and First National. Sydney J. Graham, Joseph O. Stearns Jr. and Charles A. Marsch represented the banks.

Other Suits Filed.

A similar suit has been filed in behalf of the State banks in Multnomah County and other suits are expected to follow in behalf of State and national banks throughout the State.

There are 248 State and national banks in Oregon and the 1927 tax imposed upon shares of capital stock and undivided profits of these institutions was \$653,205.51. Practically all of the banks have held the payment of the tax in abeyance or paid under protest pending the disposition of the case heard here, which was recognized as a test case.

According to Mr. Mowry, the decision of the Court here is in direct accord with recent decisions in a number of other States which have been sustained on appeal, and which have in several cases resulted in complete revision of State programs of taxation.

The Court having invalidated the assessment for 1926, Mr. Mowry stated, the State will lose the assessment for that year as well as 1927 and 1928 before the State Legislature meets. Future taxation, he pointed out, depends entirely upon the action of the Legislature.

President McHugh of New York State Bankers' Association on Bills Before Congress for State Taxation of Banks—Flow of Gold to United States—Gold Exchange Standard Resting on Mistaken Notion.

Besides reviewing the business situation and the money market, John McHugh, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chase National Bank of New York, in addressing, as President, the New York State Bankers' Association at Upper Saranac, N. Y., on June 25, referred to the bills before Congress affecting State taxation of Banks, and to the flow of gold to the United States. Commenting on business conditions Mr. McHugh said:

From a very high point of business activity in 1926 and the early part of 1927, there was a substantial although not severe recession which lasted until early in 1928. Since early in 1928 there has been improvement in business, and if we were not accustomed to aiming at breaking records, we should characterize business conditions throughout the country to-day as good. Certainly we may characterize the credit situation in business as good. Current business, as measured by many figures, including the figures for railway transportation, is a little lower than it was this time last year, but, having in mind that the trend has been upward since early in 1928 and that, allowing for the usual summer lull, the trend is not now downward, I think that we may feel distinctly comfortable regarding the business situation itself.

The seriousness of the situation respecting taxation of banks was thus referred to by Mr. McHugh:

A new group of bills affecting the State taxation of banks is now pending before Congress which presumably will be pressed when that body reconvenes next December. I feel that it is very important that you should be informed of the seriousness of this situation.

The Federal limitation on the exercise of the taxing power by States in respect of national banks practically controls the taxation of State institutions for the reason that States usually tax their own banking associations to the same extent that Congress permits them to impose taxes on national banking associations.

For over sixty years the Federal statute—popularly known as Section 5219 of the U. S. Revised Statutes—has limited the taxation of national bank shares to that imposed upon other moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens of the State. In short, the law classified bank shares with bonds, notes, mortgages and similar evidences of debt held by individuals, for purposes of State or local taxation. By amendments in 1923 and 1926 to that section, the States were given the alternative of taxing the national banks (in lieu of the taxation of their shares) on the basis of their net income providing that the burden should not be higher than that borne by financial, mercantile, manufacturing and business corporations. In other words, under this method, the law classified banks with other corporations generally for taxation.

Last year the Minnesota Legislature created an official commission which was authorized and directed to seek radical amendment of the Federal law by Congress and to procure the co-operation of other States. The Minnesota Commission claims to have 33 States organized in support of the program.

As a direct result of the Minnesota movement, the Norbeck-Capper-Goodwin bills were introduced last December. Those bills in effect invite the classification of banks and banking capital for separate tax treatment without limitation comparative with any other class of taxpayers. Hearings were had before both the Senate and House Banking and Currency Committees but owing to the strenuous opposition of bankers those committees did not act on the measures. Just before the adjournment of Congress, Senator Norbeck of South Dakota, Chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, and Representative Goodwin of Minnesota, a member of the House Committee, introduced new identical bills, authorizing the classification of banks by themselves but limiting the taxation of national bank shares to that imposed on real estate used for mercantile purposes. If such a law were enacted the States could tax bank shares at their market value and apply the same tax rate as on real estate. This is, of course, wholly illogical and absolutely contrary to modern tendencies in sound taxation principles.

New York, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin are the only States which now tax banks on the basis of net income and in practical classification with financial, mercantile, manufacturing and business corporations. But if the old underlying principle of the Federal law, of classifying bank shares or banks with large classes of taxpayers, is changed by Congress, a precedent for the classification of banks by themselves will thus be established. Such change of the established policy would undoubtedly lead to a similar classification in such States as New York, Massachusetts and Wisconsin without the benefit of any limitation upon the rate to be applied to the net income which is now controlled by the rate imposed upon financial, mercantile, manufacturing and business corporations. Also, it would open the door for those States to abandon the net income method and return to the share tax at far greater rates than in the past.

With the constant demand for the increase of State or local revenue

the separate classification of banks for tax purposes, without the benefit of limitation comparative with other large logical classes of taxpayers, would make banks a special target for extremely onerous taxation without any statutory protection whatever.

This is a serious situation and should be combated by the Association and every member of it.

We also quote the following from his address:

The Money Market.

In sharp contrast with the course of business, the history of the money market for the past six and a half years, and very especially for the past few months, and the history of the markets for securities, have been characterized by expansion on a colossal scale, by new records in volume of transactions, and by new records in prices. Our money market has been subject to forces of extraordinary magnitude which I want to sketch in outline, so that we may be in position to determine what elements we must reckon with in deciding what the future will be. I am not prepared to make predictions regarding that future, but I do want to present the elements of the problem.

First, let us note that there has been a vast expansion of bank credit since early in 1922, and that the great bulk of the new bank credit, unneeded by commerce, has been employed by bank investment in securities, in loans by banks on pledge of securities as collateral, in real estate loans and in the purchase of installment finance paper. Second, that this great bank expansion has been based upon an immense increase in bank reserves, due partly to a great increase in our gold monetary stock, and partly, especially in 1922, 1924 and 1927, to a cheap money policy of the Federal Reserve Banks, which increased the volume of Federal Reserve Bank credit very decidedly above what it otherwise could have been.

Why Gold Came to Us.

The gold came to us under the influence of forces which it is very important for us to understand. We lost gold in 1919 and in the first half of 1920, but toward the end of 1920 the tide turned, and gold began to come to us from all over the world, but especially from Europe. It began to come to us at that time because Europe was very heavily indebted to us on current account. But this was not the cause for the continued flow of gold after 1921. We continued to gain gold after 1921 because we were the only country to which gold could be taken for monetary purposes without a loss. The dollar, whether made of paper or of silver or of gold, was at a parity with gold. In New York and in every other Federal Reserve city, and at the Treasury in Washington, gold could be instantly obtained as a matter of legal right in exchange for any other form of currency. And in practice at almost any large American bank in any city gold could be freely obtained. But almost nowhere else in the world could this situation be found. The result was that our currency was at a parity with gold and that there was, therefore, no loss in converting gold into dollars. But if gold were taken to England and exchanged for sterling, that which was received in exchange was worth less than gold. If one took his gold to France and exchanged it franc for franc for bank notes, it would result in a loss of much more than 50%. Paper money, not redeemable in gold, was the actual currency of almost all the rest of the world, and the old law that bad money drives out good money worked vigorously. Gresham's Law sent virtually all the newly mined gold, and virtually all the gold in commercial hands which was free to move, to the United States.

Europe had made some progress toward the restoration of the gold standard even before the coming of the Dawes Plan in 1924, and the Dawes Plan hastened the movement a great deal. But a mistaken notion regarding the economy of using gold in exchange instead of gold was widely current in Europe, and the movement in Europe went first toward the so-called "gold exchange standard" rather than the strict gold standard. Under the strict gold standard each country carries gold reserve in its own borders, in the vaults of its own banks of issue or in the vaults of its public treasury, if its paper money is government paper money. Under the gold exchange standard, however, a country carries its reserve in whole or in part in the form of bank balances in foreign countries which are on the gold standard. Europe's first step, therefore, toward bringing her currencies into fixed relation to gold involved the building up of bank balances in those countries which were solely on the gold standard, and very especially in the United States. Gold, therefore, continued to come to us, though not so rapidly as before, because some of the countries of Europe were then taking some gold.

A moment ago I characterized the gold exchange standard as resting on a mistaken notion. Used by weak countries and small countries, it has its merits. But when widely used and when used by countries of great financial importance, like France, it has a very definite inflationary effect. The same gold may be counted several times as a basis for general bank credit. If France, instead of carrying gold in vault as reserve for French bank credit, uses instead balances with the American banks, we can expand credit upon it at the same time that France is expanding. And if, at the same time, Belgium carries part of her reserves in the form of bank balances in France, the same gold is used three times as a basis for bank expansion. This side of the matter was forced dramatically upon our attention late in 1926 and early in 1927. Many countries in 1926 and 1927 increased their foreign exchange reserves enormously and France alone increased hers by at least \$1,000,000,000. Bank expansion moved with great rapidity over the world, but especially in the United States, and this was intensified for us by the renewal of the cheap money policy of the Federal Reserve Banks in the second half of 1927.

The Tide Turns.

It now appears, however, that these tendencies have spent their force. Beginning in 1927, France began converting foreign balances into earmarked gold abroad and, to some extent, to bring gold home. During 1928 France has drawn home great quantities of gold, chiefly from the United States. The Reichsbank in Germany began, even before the Bank of France, to increase its gold holdings and to diminish its foreign exchange holdings. Italy has taken some gold. The Argentine, returning to the strict gold standard last year, has taken a great deal of gold. England has taken gold. There is to-day eager international competition for gold which has not only taken up all of the currently produced gold, but is also making heavy inroads upon our supply.

Concerned about the undue use of bank credit in the securities market, our Federal Reserve authorities have definitely reversed their cheap money policy. From the first of the year they have been, with increasing effectiveness, working to check the expansion of bank credit. They have sold Government securities, they have raised their rediscount rates, and, despite the speculative fever with which they have had to contend, they now appear to have a firm grip on the money market.

I think we may look forward in the future to less feverish tendencies in finance and in the securities markets. I hope so. We have gone through

an experience in the last few years which could easily have been very demoralizing. The temptation to a wild speculative move in commodities and in general business has been very great, but the commodities markets and the general business world have kept their heads. The worst of the possibilities in such a great expansion of credit as we have gone through have not been realized and I confidently believe will not be realized.

G. W. Norris of Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank on Money Situation.

George W. Norris, governor of the Philadelphia Reserve Bank, when asked to comment on the money situation, confined himself to the local district in the following statement according to the "Wall Street News" of July 3:

"I think the Philadelphia situation, as to the present money stringency, is due to the fact that for some weeks there has been a movement of funds out of this district reducing the deposits of the banks.

"A great deal of local money has been attracted to New York by the high call loan rates prevailing there and there has been additional factors such as holiday currency demands, the concentration of money in New York which always occurs at the end of June and December, and the window dressing that is common when a call from the Comptroller is anticipated."

Secretary Mellon Looks for Easing Money Conditions.

According to Associated Press advices from Washington, Secretary Mellon in discussing the long-term Treasury bond issue on July 5 said that he did not believe the bond investor would be influenced by the present situation in the short term security and call money market. The dispatches went on to say:

He said that the 3½% rate on the new issue is the same as that of last July 15, offered in the successful retirement operations for the second Liberty bonds. This was regarded as indicating that the Treasury feels that the future holds a healthy outlook.

Treasury officials anticipate that the money situation will show some easement after the quarterly dividend payments and the end of the fiscal year operations are concluded.

Secretary Mellon indicated today that the final operation for the retirement of the Third Liberty bonds, redeemable September 15, will be a short-term issue. The formal statement of the Treasury announcing the two bond issues said that if as much as \$500,000,000 was subscribed to the new issue, no other long-term offering would be put out. The Treasury expects subscriptions to exceed the \$500,000,000 figure that will absorb a large portion of the outstanding \$1,200,000,000 of Third Liberty's, the remainder of which could be retired by short-term issues.

Treasury officials said today that the long-term issue had been contemplated since the first of the year, but it had been held off because of the successive rediscount rate increases by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Secretary Mellon to Sail for Europe July 2.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon will sail for Europe on July 12. The Washington Correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" in referring July 5 to Mr. Mellon's proposed trip said:

Mr. Mellon has not indicated where he will spend his time in Europe, although he does not anticipate remaining abroad more than two weeks. He did say that he would not visit London or Paris.

On his return Mr. Mellon will devote his time to winding up the affairs of the Treasury Department, over which he has presided eight years and from which he is expected to retire next March. He will devote considerable attention to the interests of the Hoover-Curtis ticket in the coming campaign.

Treasury Department Terminates Offer to Purchase Third Liberty Loan Bonds.

Secretary Mellon announced on July 5 (according to a Washington dispatch to the "Times") that the authorization given the Federal Reserve banks under date of June 21, to purchase, at the option of holders and until further notice, 100 2-32 and accrued interest, and Third Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds that might be tendered, ended at the close of business July 5. The original offer, announced June 10, was closed at the close of business June 19; the offer was renewed June 21, as indicated in our issue of June 23, page 3869.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on June 15 Tax Period Operations of Treasury.

The following is from the July 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

The principal transactions of the June 15 tax period included the redemption of 400 million of Treasury 3½% certificates the sale of refunding issues, including approximately 216 million of six months 4% certificates and 212 million of nine months 3¾% certificates the second quarterly payment of taxes on 1927 income and the purchase for retirement of Liberty third 4¼s at 100 2/32.

As usual, a large part of the maturing issue was presented for redemption in New York, and although about 135 million were exchanged for the new series, cash redemptions together with interest payments in this district exceeded tax and other collections on June 15 by nearly 90 million dollars. Due to the heavy indebtedness of New York City banks, this amount was readily absorbed by the repayment of borrowings at the Reserve Bank, and the call money market eased only slightly. The Treasury issued the usual special certificate of indebtedness to the Reserve Bank to cover its overdraft, which was paid off within a few days out of the proceeds of tax collections, and a deposit balance was built up, with

which the Treasury purchased on June 20 about 75 million of Liberty thirds.

McGraw-Hill and Shaw Publishing Interests Merge—More than Score of Business, Engineering and Industrial Publications Affected.

Merger of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. of New York, which claims to be the largest publisher of business papers in the world, and the A. W. Shaw Co. of Chicago, publisher of "System" and "The Magazine of Business," was announced in New York on June 28. More than a score of industrial, business and engineering publications are involved in the consolidation, according to the announcement, which says:

Under the merger terms, the Shaw organization, of which A. W. Shaw will continue as Chairman of the Board, becomes a division of the McGraw-Hill organization. James H. McGraw, its President, will have that same office with the Shaw Co. Mr. Shaw becomes a director of the McGraw-Hill organization and continues as President of the McGraw-Shaw Co., a publishing concern which the two larger companies formed jointly last fall. Wheeler Sammons becomes a director and member of the executive committee of the McGraw-Hill organization and Senior Vice-President and General Manager of its A. W. Shaw division.

In addition to "The Magazine of Business" and "System," the Shaw Co. publishes "Industrial Distributor and Salesman." The McGraw-Hill organization, either directly or through subsidiary or affiliated companies, publishes more than twenty industrial and engineering papers as well as engineering and business books. Its publications cover the electrical, mechanical, construction, mining, electric railway, bus transportation, mining and chemical fields and include "Electrical World," "Engineering News-Record," "American Machinist," "Coal Age," "Electric Railway Journal," "Engineering and Mining Journal," "Power," "Radio Retailing" and "Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering."

Officers of the merging companies to-day gave two reasons for the consolidation. The magazines of the two organizations, the officers pointed out, are complementary in character. The Shaw papers cover business broadly, giving the business man an understanding of what is going on in all branches of trade, industry and finance. Their service is extensive in character. The McGraw-Hill service, on the other hand, is intensive. Its magazines give a highly specialized service to given major industries and to related industrial groups. Thus the consolidated companies serve the business man in both his general and special business interests. The second reason is the very evident economy and increased effectiveness of consolidated operation, enabling a superior service to be rendered to the whole sweep of American business.

Government Surplus of \$398,000,000 Reported by Treasury Department at Close of Fiscal Year—National Debt Reduced by \$900,000,000—Liberty Bond Redemptions.

In a review of the Government finances at the close of the fiscal year June 30 1928, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon reported a surplus of \$398,000,000, as compared with the Treasury estimate of \$405,000,000, and with a surplus of \$635,000,000 in 1927. The total ordinary receipts in the late fiscal year amounted to \$4,042,000,000, while the expenditures aggregated \$3,644,000,000. The aggregate of tax receipts—customs, income tax and miscellaneous—was \$3,364,000,000, or \$111,000,000 less than in 1927 and \$41,000,000 less than the amount estimated by the Treasury last October. The National debt was reduced during the twelve months by \$900,000,000. Secretary Mellon also states that in the eighteen months from March 15 1927 to Sept. 15 1928, "the Treasury will have retired or refunded into securities bearing a lower rate of interest over \$5,000,000,000 of Second and Third Liberty Loan Bonds. Secretary Mellon's statement, given out July 1, follows:

"The fiscal year just closed has witnessed a further improvement in the financial position of the Government. There was a substantial surplus of receipts over expenditures. The national debt was reduced by over \$900,000,000, accompanied by a material cut in interest charges. The vast refunding operations begun in 1927 were continued and have been well nigh brought to a successful conclusion. Taxes were again cut by over \$220,000,000.

"The total ordinary receipts amounted to \$4,042,000,000, as compared with the estimate submitted to the Congress by the Treasury last October of \$4,076,000,000, and as compared with \$4,129,000,000 in the fiscal year 1927.

"The expenditures chargeable against such receipts were \$3,644,000,000, as compared with the budget estimate of \$3,621,000,000 (exclusive of \$50,000,000 under the War Claims act) and expenditures in 1907 of \$3,494,000,000.

"The surplus amounted to \$398,000,000, as compared with the Treasury estimate of \$405,000,000 and with a surplus of \$635,000,000 in 1927.

Receipts.

"The aggregate of tax receipts—that is customs, income tax and miscellaneous internal revenue receipts—was \$3,364,000,000, or \$111,000,000 less than receipts from these sources in 1927, and \$41,000,000 less than the amount estimated by the Treasury last October, a difference of 1.2 per cent.

"Income tax receipts aggregate \$2,174,000,000, as compared with \$2,225,000,000 in 1927 and as against an estimate of \$2,165,000,000. In view of the amount of discussion that has taken place as to the accuracy of the Treasury's estimate of income taxes, it is worthy of note that, with collections aggregating over \$2,000,000,000, they exceeded estimates by the narrow margin of \$9,000,000, or an error of .42 of 1%.

"Customs yielded \$569,000,000, as compared with an estimate of \$602,000,000, and receipts last year of \$605,000,000. The latter were record figures. This year's are about normal.

"Miscellaneous internal revenue receipts were \$621,000,000, as compared with an estimate of \$638,000,000, and actual receipts last year of \$645,000,000. The falling off in revenue, both as compared with the estimate and last year's receipts, is due in the main to a sharp diminution in the receipts from the estate tax and in part to the Revenue act of 1928, which repealed the excise tax on the sale of automobiles.

"Miscellaneous receipts yielded \$678,000,000, as compared with an estimate of \$670,000,000, and a yield last year of \$654,000,000.

"As compared with 1927, the principal items of decrease were \$36,000,000 in customs receipts, \$51,000,000 in income tax receipts, due, as anticipated, to the falling off of back-tax collections, and \$24,000,000 in miscellaneous internal revenue receipts, resulting in the main from reduced estate taxes.

"The principal item of increase is \$24,000,000 in miscellaneous receipts, resulting from an increased liquidation of the obligations of railroads to the Government, which, however, was in a large measure offset by a decrease in receipts from the realization on other assets.

Expenditures.

"Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts amounted to \$3,644,000,000, as compared with an estimate of \$3,621,000,000, the latter being exclusive of expenditures under the settlement of War Claims act, and of \$3,671,000,000 including the said expenditures. The total expenditures therefore show a decrease of \$27,000,000 as compared with estimates, or less than three-fourths of 1%. The total expenditures in the fiscal year 1927 amounted to \$3,494,000,000.

"It should be noted, however, that by reason of the failure of the Deficiency bill in 1927 and a change in the revenue law, a substantial amount of expenditures properly chargeable to the fiscal year 1927 was carried over into 1928.

The Surplus.

"The Treasury Department estimated the surplus at \$455,000,000, exclusive of payments under the Settlement of War Claims act, which in fact amounted to \$50,000,000, or, in other words, a surplus of \$405,000,000. The actual surplus was \$398,000,000, or within 1% of the estimate.

"Three hundred and sixty-seven million dollars of the surplus has already been applied to the retirement of public debt obligations and the balance, which has been temporarily carried over as an increase in the net balance in the general fund at the close of the year over the balance at the beginning, will be used for debt retirement purposes early in the fiscal year 1929.

The Public Debt.

"The total gross debt at the close of the fiscal year amounted to \$17,604,000,000, as compared with \$18,511,000,000 at the close of the fiscal year 1927, or a decrease of \$907,000,000. Of this amount, \$540,000,000 is to be attributed to the sinking fund and other debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts, and \$367,000,000 to debt retirement from the surplus of receipts over expenditures.

"The annual interest rate on the interest-bearing debt on June 30 1928 was 3.87%, as compared with 3.96% at the close of the fiscal year 1927 and 4.29% in 1921. Total interest payments in the fiscal year 1928 were \$732,000,000 as compared with \$787,000,000 in 1927, or a reduction of \$55,000,000.

"During the fiscal year 1928 the Treasury Department practically completed the retirement and refunding of the Second Liberty Loan bonds, of which on March 1 1927 there were outstanding \$3,104,000,000. On June 30 1927 there were still outstanding \$1,308,000,000. By June 30 1928 all but \$33,000,000 had been retired.

"In the fiscal year just closed, the Treasury began refunding operations in anticipation of the maturity on Sept. 15 next of \$2,147,000,000 of Third Liberty Loan bonds outstanding on Jan. 1 1928. On June 30 1928 this amount, by retirement and refunding, had been reduced to \$1,228,000,000.

"During the course of the eighteen months beginning on March 15 1927, and ending on Sept. 15 1928, the Treasury will have retired or refunded into securities bearing a lower rate of interest over \$5,000,000,000 of Second and Third Liberty Loan bonds."

Secretary Clutton of Chicago Board of Trade on Broadening of Facilities of Exchange to Meet Country's Progress.

Grain exchanges have been keeping step with progress and will continue to do so, Fred H. Clutton, Secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade, declared in an address before the Annual Convention of the Indiana Grain Dealers' Association in Gary on June 28. In telling of the extension of the facilities of his Board, Secretary Clutton called attention to the development by it of a market in the Great Central West for the trading in cotton. He likewise referred to the action of the members in voting to trade in securities, in addition to grain, provisions and cotton, which step, he said, "should mark an advance in the activities and importance of the Exchange." Secretary Clutton's speech follows:

"I believe that the survival of the fittest is axiomatic in the economic functions of production, distribution and consumption. It is not thinkable that the intelligent men conducting our exchanges will not continue to keep step with economic progress in modifying and adapting the methods so painstakingly developed through long years of costly experience to meet fairly and squarely new problems as they are evolved.

"I am quite humble in my roll as prophet, for I know that no man can lay claim to infallibility when he attempts to look into the veil that hides to-morrow or even the next hour from us. And so as a foreteller of things to happen I crave your indulgence and your permission to accept as a major premise the proposition that the things which will happen bear a rather close relation to the things which have happened in the past.

"When Joseph was building primitive grain elevators in the Nile Valley it is probable that there were councillors of Pharaoh with chopping block whisks who shook their heads over the new venture and said it wouldn't last, and that the new grain fields of the Aegean plains would soon put Joseph out of business.

"And to-day I imagine there are those who honestly believe that the Grain Exchanges are facing not only a difficult future but even complete extermination.

"Much of this feeling, I imagine, arises from one of two things.

"Some remember the sensational things that occurred years ago on or through the Board of Trade, such as corners or squeezes or elevator troubles. But those who remember also forget. They forget that it is the sensational thing that they remember because it is bizarre and unusual. The daily routine of a vast business that measures its greatness in hundreds of millions of bushels of grain bought by processors, exporters, and users, and sold by farmers who in its ready market find cash in exchange for their work and the productivity of the soil and sunshine—that is forgotten. Human nature likes to remember the slips of a good man, but is most reluctant to credit him with the ninety-nine percent of his life which is good. And it is equally true that human institutions are measured not by the good they do but by their occasional errors.

"And the other thing is— that those who fear for the future of the Exchanges do not know what steps have been taken within the Exchanges to prevent recurrence of the spectacular things of the past. Just as the United States Steel Corporation inaugurated a new era in corporation ethics under the leadership of Judge Gary, and just as all businesses have developed newer and higher ideals of conduct in the last decade or two, so have the Grain Exchanges eradicated sharp practices and cutting-the-corner dealing. Those who remember the 'corners' in grain of the eighties and nineties forget also that the same things were occurring in all businesses. The Diamond Match affair in Chicago—the Northern Pacific corner in New York—and even sand in the sugar at the neighborhood grocery.

"Practices which were common in all lines of business were condemned when they occurred in the pitiless spotlight of the open market. It is common knowledge that all the important street car and elevated lines in Chicago ran past or looped around one particular retail store because the owner of that store was a controlling stockholder in the city's transportation lines—but the world never conceived of that situation as a corner—which in effect it was.

"But the world has developed in normal sense and grown up, as it were, and men may not and do not do the things they once did—simply because the public does not recognize those things as right and proper.

"Along with the growth of these newer conceptions of business the Exchanges also have taken steps to guarantee to the public a performance of their functions in all good faith, and in accordance with the newer ideals of business.

"The Chicago Board of Trade, in addition to rigidly disciplining any member guilty of violating its rules, has a Business Conduct Committee that examines into the affairs of its members and prevents any tendency to unbusinesslike conduct from developing into an actuality.

"Members who may be in temporary trouble are helped over their difficulties until they are strong enough to go it alone. Members who are getting on thin ice because of mismanagement or failure to follow proper ideals in their business are quickly disposed of.

"A new Clearing House has been organized along the lines developed by our own experience and that of many other grain, banking, and security clearing houses. The clearing house provides security in deposits put up to protect traders and makes all its members comply with uniform requirements as to reporting trades and depositing margins. Since the Clearing House was organized, failures have been much less frequent—in fact, they are so infrequent now that we might almost say they do not occur.

"A new Warehouse Corporation has been formed that will do away with the complaints that were occasioned under the old warehouse plan.

"Under the new Warehouse Corporation Contract each holder of a warehouse receipt is invited to record his receipt with a Registrar. If he so registers his receipt he will be notified in case his grain is out of condition or is getting out of condition. Should his grain be getting out of condition, he will be offered a price for it by the elevator owner. If he doesn't choose to take this price, the President of the Board of Trade will at once appoint a committee to fix a price that reflects the true commercial value of such grain—and if the owner of the receipt does not accept either of these offers he may withdraw his grain within three days and be guaranteed that he will receive the kind and grade of grain called for in his elevator receipt. Nothing could be fairer than this nor measure closer to the newer ideals in business. And the whole idea back of the plan is to guarantee the integrity of elevator receipts so they will always be as good as gold.

"Rules, strictly enforced, prevent the recurrence of the old time corners—those rare things that made such fine newspaper copy and were such choice morsels of gossip for the corner grocery congress. Rules are, of course, no better than the men who enforce them or the men who live under them. The experience and ability of the men composing our Board of Directors—and the high requirements for membership in the Association—assure a high level of responsibility under the rules, and a high moral responsibility in their enforcement.

"And as to the future: As Patrick Henry measured the future by the past, so may we. For eighty years our Exchange has lived and prospered—and its prosperity has been due only to the fact that it has performed an important part in the distribution of the agricultural products of this nation,—and did so efficiently and economically. I believe that the survival of the fittest is axiomatic in the economic functions of production, distribution, and consumption, and it is not thinkable that the intelligent men who are members of and are conducting our Exchanges will not keep step with economic progress in modifying and adapting the methods so painstakingly developed through long years of expensive experience to meet fairly and squarely new problems as they are evolved.

"Just what the problems will be no one—however great a sage he may be—definitely knows. If we knew we would formulate rules now and make them effective on such dates that the problems would be solved before they arise. But all that society asks is that the problems be met as they arise—and the Chicago Board of Trade, and I am sure I speak for all the American Grain Exchanges, pledges itself to honest analysis of the problems and a high sense of moral responsibility when it presents its solution of these problems to society.

"Our country cannot stand still—nor can the business men of the country shrink from their duty of leading in its progress. The Grain Exchanges, and particular the Chicago Board of Trade, welcome the challenge, and will utilize their present machinery, men, capital, and experience in perfecting their work of marketing the products of the farm.

"The most recent evidence of the forward looking perspective of the Board of Trade was offering the facilities of the Exchange for the development of a market in the Great Central West for the trading of cotton. This market is unique in that it has been developed so as to reflect more than any other Northern Market the true commercial value of the staple. This future market, organized for the benefit of hedgers and speculators is unique in that deliveries on contracts are consummated in Houston-Galveston, the greatest spot market in the world for uniform cotton such as spinners and processors require. And it is unique in that it provides

for the first time a hedging market for the cotton planter who picks as few as fifty bales of cotton.

"The members of the Chicago Board of Trade, looking still toward the future, recently voted in a referendum to trade in securities in addition to grain, provisions and cotton. This step forward should mark an advance in the activities and importance of the Exchange. In the opinion of the members, it will supplement the business now done on the floor with a new kind of activity that will not interfere with the old activities. Members who now do a large business in securities in addition to their grain business should be enabled to do at least a large part of their security trading along with their grain business on the floor of the same Exchange. The development of the commercial importance of Chicago demands that its financial prestige be developed also. It is within the dreams of reason that twenty-five years from now Chicago will be vastly more important than it is now—and that this central portion of the United States will be immensely richer agriculturally and industrially. Growth in population, utilization of our transportation, capitalizing our advantageous location in the center of the United States, all demand that we shall take our part in the development of our opportunities. Dealing in securities on the Board of Trade is a part of the future—an answer to the challenge and invitation that lies in the progress our nation is making.

"No intelligent man kicks the mule that carried him over the slough as Bunyon points out—and no group of intelligent men discard the experience of the past. But the future compels the use of the past experience in adapting the Exchanges so they may function progressively, fairly, and helpfully to all that they serve. One might also paraphrase the scriptures—we are holding fast that which we have and are trying to prevent any man from taking our crown not by force but by adapting ourselves to the progress of the nation and of business.

"As we live up to the ideals of the present, so may we safely step into the future. And the Chicago Board of Trade feels that it is honestly and intelligently meeting the marketing problems of to-day—and so faces into the future with strength and assurance that the Grain Exchanges and its own Exchange in particular will economically serve the nation as efficiently as it now does."

Offering of \$500,000,000 3⅞% Treasury Bonds—Combined Cash Offering and Exchange for Third Liberty Loan Bonds.

Supplementing its June financing—which consisted of an offering of two series of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness to an aggregate for the two of \$400,000,000 or thereabouts—the Treasury Department unexpectedly announced this week an offering of Treasury bonds, bearing 3⅞% interest; the present is a combined offering for cash and in exchange for outstanding Third Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds. The amount of the cash offering will be \$250,000,000 or thereabouts. The amount of the exchange offering will be limited by the amount of Third Liberty bonds tendered and accepted. Secretary Mellon, in his announcement July 4, stated that "if the amount of exchange subscriptions received by the Treasury is such that the allotted subscriptions to the combined offering aggregate \$500,000,000 or thereabouts, there will be no further offering of long-term bonds in connection with the maturity of the Thirds." The bonds in the present offering will be dated July 16 1928 and will mature June 15 1943; they will be callable in whole or in part on and after June 15 1940. The June financing, referred to in these columns June 9, page 3537, and June 16, page 3692, was made up of a new series of 4% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness running for six months from June 15 1928, to the amount of \$200,000,000 or thereabouts, and a new series of 3⅞% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness running for nine months from June 15 1928, also to the amount of \$200,000,000 or thereabouts. The total subscriptions to both series was \$992,363,500, and the total allotments, both series, amounted to \$428,148,000. At the time of the March offering two series of Treasury certificates were likewise offered, to an aggregate amount of \$560,000,000—one offered to the amount of \$200,000,000 or thereabouts, bearing 3¼% interest, and running for nine months, the other for \$360,000,000 or thereabouts, with interest at 3⅞%, and maturing in one year. Details of that offering were given in our issue of March 10, page 1451. The subscriptions and allotments were indicated in these columns March 17, page 1603. As was noted in our issue of June 16, page 3692, Secretary Mellon announced on June 10 that the Federal Reserve Banks had been authorized to purchase at 100-2/32 and accrued interest \$125,000,000 or thereabouts of Third Liberty Loan bonds; that offer was closed at the close of business June 19; the offer was renewed on June 21 ("Chronicle," June 23, page 3869), the price continuing at 100 2/32. This second offer was closed at the close of business July 5. It was announced on June 21 that tenders of Third Liberty bonds aggregating approximately \$75,000,000 had been received in response to the original offer; on June 25 it was stated that \$5,000,000 additional had been tendered under the offer which is still open. This week's offering of Treasury bonds was announced as follows on July 4 by Secretary Mellon:

The Treasury announces an offering of Treasury bonds of 1940-43, dated and bearing interest from July 16 1928, at the rate of 3⅞%, maturing

June 15 1943, and callable on four months' notice, in whole or in part, on and after June 15 1940. The offering will be a combined offering for cash and in exchange for outstanding Third Liberty Loan bonds.

The amount of the cash offering will be \$250,000,000, or thereabouts. The books for cash subscriptions will open on July 5 1928 and may close without notice within a few days thereafter. Cash subscriptions are invited as of August 1 1928 at par and accrued interest. In other words, payment upon allotted cash subscriptions should not be made until August 1 1928, and should include not only the par amount of bonds allotted but also the accrued interest thereon from July 16 1928 to August 1 1928. The Treasury will not make delivery of the new bonds on allotted cash subscriptions until August 1st.

The amount of the exchange offering will be limited by the amount of the Third 4¼'s tendered and accepted. Exchange subscriptions are invited at par. Interest on any Third 4¼'s surrendered and accepted upon allotted exchange subscriptions will be paid in full to September 15 1928. Accordingly, at the time of delivery of the new Treasury bonds the Federal Reserve Banks will pay to the subscriber or his authorized agent the interest from March 15 1928 to September 15 1928, on the Third 4¼'s surrendered in exchange. Delivery of the new bonds on exchange subscriptions will be made on and after July 16 1928, upon acceptance of the Third 4¼'s tendered in exchange.

The exchange offering will be kept open for a limited period—probably until July 31st—but the Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to close the exchange offering, as well as the cash offering, at any time without notice.

Attention is invited to the fact that the Third Liberty Loan bonds mature September 15 1928, and that interest thereon will cease on that date.

If the amount of exchange subscriptions received by the Treasury is such that the allotted subscriptions to the combined offering aggregate \$500,000,000 or thereabouts, there will be no further offering of long-term bonds in connection with the maturity of the Thirds.

The "World" of July 5 commented as follows on the new financing:

Coming as a distinct surprise to Wall Street which for months has been greeted chiefly with "high money" gestures on the part of the United States Government's financial experts, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon this morning invites the public to lend up to \$500,000,000 to the Government for fifteen years at 3⅞% interest.

On Monday the public witnessed the spectacle of 10% call money, the highest such interest level in eight years. This was a wholly temporary situation, but the condition which gave rise to it has been reflected also in an upward trend of long-term money rates, financial observers point out.

Money Higher in Open Market.

Emphasizing this trend, the Federal Reserve System has consistently exercised its power to tighten credit as a means of checking excessive stock market speculation. For this and other reasons, money commands a higher rental value in the open market to-day than it did a year ago.

Nevertheless, investment students pointed out last evening, in offering a new long-term issue at 3⅞% the Government will pay precisely the same interest rate it provided on May 30 1927 in exchanging new bonds for Second Liberty Loan bonds on which it had been paying 4¼%.

Surprise to Bond Men.

Accordingly, the reaction of bankers and large investors in subscribing to the issue will be watched with keener interest than any Government financing has attracted in many months.

Because of the relatively tight condition of the money market, bond men had not expected Mr. Mellon to sell any long-term bonds this year. It had been thought he would resort only to short-term financing and that no action would be taken this month in regard to outstanding Third Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds, which mature Sept. 15.

The Government's decision can only mean, in the eyes of Wall Street, that the immediate credit outlook is regarded by Mr. Mellon as somewhat more favorable than the investing and speculative public have been led to believe by the warnings of the Federal Reserve System.

A few weeks ago speculation based largely on "easy money" was sweeping stock prices to record-breaking levels. Brokers' loans and stock prices have now been extensively deflated, although the loan total is still far above the figure the Federal Reserve System is said to desire.

Puzzle to Wall Street.

The problem Wall Street will wonder about to-day is whether to rely on the money market judgment of the Treasury or that to which inferentially the Federal Reserve System is still committed.

In recent months the Treasury has acted in a manner which, whether by design or not, has aided the Reserve System in tightening its grip on the money reins of the country, investment students assert.

Ordinarily, after selling notes or bonds to the banks, the Treasury leaves the proceeds on deposit for sixty to ninety days, and has been known to leave it for four months, receiving the customary 2% interest from the banks. The banks therefore have been able to use such funds for general credit needs.

Recently, however, the Treasury is reported to have made a practice of withdrawing its funds quickly, and to that extent exerting a tightening influence on credit.

In the Treasury circular describing the new offering it is stated that bearer bonds with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000; bonds registered as to principal and interest will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. Cash subscriptions, as indicated in Secretary Mellon's announcement, are invited at par and accrued interest. Exchange subscriptions are invited at par. Interest on any Third Liberty bond surrendered and accepted upon allotted exchange subscriptions will be paid in full to Sept. 15 1928—that is at the time of the delivery of the new Treasury bonds the Federal Reserve Banks will pay to the subscriber the interest from March 15 1928 to Sept. 15 1928 on the Third Liberty bonds offered in exchange. Delivery of the new bonds on exchange subscriptions will be made on July 16 1928. Payments upon allotted cash subscriptions is not to be made until August 1, and is to include not only the par amount of bonds allotted but also the accrued interest

thereon from July 16 1928 to Aug. 1 1928, on which date delivery of the new bonds on cash subscriptions will be made. The following is the text of the Treasury circular offering the bonds:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 3% TREASURY BONDS OF 1940-43.
Offered for Cash and in Exchange for Third Liberty Loan Bonds.—Dated and Bearing Interest from July 16 1928; Due June 15 1943.

Redeemable at the Option of the United States at Par and Accrued Interest on and After June 15 1940.—Interest Payable June 15 and Dec. 15.

The Secretary of the Treasury invites subscriptions from the people of the United States for 3% Treasury bonds of 1940-43 of an issue of gold bonds of the United States authorized by the Act of Congress approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended.

Cash subscriptions are invited at par and accrued interest. The subscription books for the cash offering will open on July 5 1928 and may close without notice within a few days thereafter.

The Treasury will not make delivery of the new bonds on allotted cash subscriptions until August 1 1928, at which time payment at par with accrued interest from July 16 1928 to Aug. 1 1928 must be made.

Payment should not be made upon allotted cash subscriptions until Aug. 1 1928. The amount of the issue for cash will be \$250,000,000 or thereabouts.

Exchange subscriptions, in payment of which only Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds of 1928 (hereinafter referred to as Third 4 1/4's) may be tendered, are invited at par. Interest on any Third 4 1/4's so surrendered and accepted will be paid in full to Sept. 15 1928. On and after July 16 1928 delivery of the new bonds on exchange subscriptions will be made upon acceptance of the Third 4 1/4's tendered in exchange. The amount of the issue upon exchange subscriptions will be limited to the amount of Third 4 1/4's tendered and accepted.

Description of Bonds.

The bonds will be dated July 16 1928 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 3% per annum payable on December 15 1928 on a semi-annual basis, and thereafter semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year until the principal amount becomes payable. The bonds will mature June 15 1943, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after June 15 1940, in whole or in part, at par and accrued interest, on any interest day or days, on four months' notice of redemption given in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe. In case of partial redemption the bonds to be redeemed will be determined by such method as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. From the date of redemption designated in any such notice, interest on the bonds called for redemption shall cease. The principal and interest of the bonds will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

Bearer bonds with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. Bonds registered as to principal and interest will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. Provision will be made for the interchange of bonds of different denominations and of coupon and registered bonds and for the transfer of registered bonds without charge by the United States, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The bonds shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said act approved Sept. 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The bonds will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but do not bear the circulation privilege and are not entitled to any privilege of conversion. The bonds will be subject to the general regulations of the Treasury Department, now or hereafter issued, governing United States bonds.

Application and Allotment.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks, as fiscal agents of the United States. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only the Federal Reserve Banks are authorized to act as official agencies. With respect to subscriptions to the cash offering, attention is invited to the fact that while delivery of the new bonds and payment therefor are not to be made until Aug. 1 1928, applications must nevertheless be submitted promptly after the opening of the subscription books on July 5 1928.

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

Payment.

Cash Subscriptions.—Payment at par and accrued interest from July 16 1928 to Aug. 1 1928, for any bonds allotted on cash subscriptions must be made on Aug. 1 1928.* Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment, as of Aug. 1 1928, by credit for bonds allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district.

Exchange Subscriptions.—Payment for any bonds allotted on exchange subscriptions may be made only in Third 4 1/4's, which will be accepted at par. Interest from March 15 1928 to Sept. 15 1928 on the Third 4 1/4's so accepted will be paid in full at the time of delivery of the Treasury bonds of 1940-43 (or interim certificates) upon allotted subscriptions. Payment for bonds subscribed for should be made when the subscription is tendered. If any subscription is rejected in whole or in part, any bonds which may have been tendered and not accepted will be returned to the subscriber.

Surrender of Bonds.

Surrender of Coupon Bonds.—Third 4 1/4's in coupon form tendered in exchange for Treasury bonds issued hereunder should be presented and

*The accrued interest for this period for each \$1,000 face amount of bonds is \$1.47540976.

surrendered to a Federal Reserve Bank. The bonds must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder. Facilities for transportation of bonds by registered mail insured may be arranged between incorporated banks and trust companies and the Federal Reserve Banks, and holders may take advantage of such arrangements when available, utilizing such incorporated banks and trust companies as their agents. Incorporated banks and trust companies are not agents of the United States under this circular.

Coupons dated Sept. 15 1928 must be attached to the coupon bonds of the Third 4 1/4's when presented. At the time of delivery of the Treasury bonds of 1940-43 (or interim certificates) upon allotted subscriptions, Federal Reserve Banks will pay to the subscriber or his authorized agent the interest from March 15 1928 to Sept. 15 1928 on the coupon Third 4 1/4's surrendered and accepted in exchange.

Surrender of Registered Bonds.—Third 4 1/4's in registered form, tendered in exchange for Treasury bonds issued hereunder, should be assigned by the registered payee or assigns thereof to "The Secretary of the Treasury for exchange for Treasury bonds to be delivered to _____" (name of person to whom delivery is to be made to be inserted in assignment), in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments for transfer or exchange into coupon bonds, and thereafter should be presented and surrendered to a Federal Reserve Bank. The bonds must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder. At the time of delivery of the Treasury bonds of 1940-43 (or interim certificates) upon allotted subscriptions, Federal Reserve Banks will pay to the subscriber of his authorized agent the interest from March 15 1928 to Sept. 15 1928, on the registered Third 4 1/4's surrendered in exchange.

The Federal Reserve Banks, as fiscal agents of the United States, are hereby authorized and requested to receive subscriptions for Treasury bonds hereunder, to receive Third 4 1/4's tendered in exchange, to make allotments of subscriptions on the basis and up to the amounts indicated to them by the Secretary of the Treasury, and to make delivery of Treasury bonds on full paid subscriptions allotted, and, pending delivery of definitive bonds, to issue interim certificates.

Further Details.

Any further information which may be desired as to the issue of Treasury bonds under the provisions of this circular may be obtained upon application to a Federal Reserve Bank. The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, or from time to time, prescribe supplemental or amendatory rules and regulations governing the exchange and may terminate the offer at any time in his discretion.

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

Ogden L. Mills Under Secretary of Treasury in Radio Message Urges Holders of Third Liberty Bonds to Exchange Holdings for New Government Bonds.

Ogden L. Mills, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, in a speech on July 5th, broadcast from Washington through a nation-wide chain of radio stations, explained the offering of 3 3/8% Treasury Bonds, details of which are given in another item in this issue of our paper. Mr. Mills called attention to the fact that Third Liberty Loan bonds may be exchanged for the new bonds, par for par, or bond for bond, and in addition, that although the new bonds bear interest from July 16, the Treasury will pay interest in full to Sept. 15 on the Third Liberty Loan bonds offered in exchange. "In other words," he said, "at the same time that the Government delivers your new bonds to you it will hand you a check covering the interest on your Third Liberty Loan bonds for the full six months' period ending Sept. 15, 1928." The new Treasury bonds will mature June 15, 1943, but may be redeemed at the option of the Government on and after June 15, 1940. The following account of Mr. Mill's speech is from a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times":

"Here," said Mr. Mills, "is the opportunity for those of you who have kept your funds invested in United States Government bonds for the last ten years to continue to keep them so invested for the next twelve or fifteen years. It is true the interest rate is somewhat lower, but this is equally true of the return on all first-class investments as compared with ten years ago.

"In the public announcement of this morning, the Secretary of the Treasury stated that if the allotted cash and exchange subscriptions for this new issue of Treasury bonds aggregate approximately \$500,000,000, there will in all probability be no further issue of long-term Treasury bonds in connection with the maturity of the Third Liberty Loan.

New Bonds at Premium.

"In other words, this is probably the last opportunity open to Third Liberty bondholders to obtain a new long-term United States Government bond through the medium of offering their Third Liberty Loan bonds in exchange. The value which the market places on the exchange privilege is indicated by the fact that whereas Third Liberty Loan bonds were selling on Tuesday at about par, upon the announcement of the exchange offering they at once went to a premium of \$1 a 100."

Mr. Mills said the message which he was delivering for the Treasury by radio was one which should interest "all" investors, and more particularly those who, during the war or since, had invested their savings in Third Liberties.

"On Sept. 15 next," he continued, "the Third Liberty Loan bonds will mature. That is to say, on Sept. 15 next the Government will pay the principal of these bonds and the final interest. On Sept. 15, therefore, these bonds will cease to bear interest.

Record of Third Loan.

"This is the first of the great series of bonds issued by the United States Government during the war to mature. It does not seem so long ago that the Government was calling on all patriotic citizens to subscribe to its bonds to enable us to do our share in the mightiest war of all time. You will all remember the Liberty Loan committees, on which many of you doubtless served, the Liberty Loan rallies and parades, the Liberty Loan posters, the Liberty Loan buttons, the house-to-house canvasses and the enthusiasm which greeted the final announcement that the Third Liberty Loan had been oversubscribed.

"Subscriptions were received from 18,300,000 individuals, and the amount subscribed was more than \$4,176,000,000.

"Now ten years have elapsed and we are retiring such of these bonds as are still outstanding, for in the course of the last few years the Treasury has refunded or retired all but approximately \$1,225,000,000 of the original issue of Third Liberty Loan bonds.

"There is a certain dramatic quality in the maturity date and final payment of a great war issue, but the process of reducing the war debt has been proceeding steadily and rapidly, year in and year out. From 1919 to June 30, 1928, our public debt has been reduced from \$25,484,000,000 to \$17,604,000,000, or a reduction of almost \$8,000,000,000. One-third of the war debt has already been disposed of, and it will not be many years before United States Government bonds, which since the war have come to be looked upon as the safest and in many respects one of the most desirable forms of investment, will cease to be available for investment purposes.

Second Liberties Retired.

"Last year more than \$3,000,000,000 of Second Liberty Loan 4 1/4 per cent. bonds were either retired or refunded, but of those refunded about 2,000,000,000 were exchanged for securities with a maturity date of not exceeding five years and which will be paid off in the course of the next five years. In addition, therefore, to the intrinsic value which they possess from the standpoint of safety and ready marketability, long-term United States Government bonds are yearly becoming increasingly valuable because of their scarcity.

"This is one of the reasons why the Treasury 4 1/4% bonds, issued at par in October, 1922, are now selling at 114; the Treasury 4s, issued in December, 1924, at par, with an additional issue in March, 1925, at par and one-half, now selling at 109 4/32; the Treasury 3 3/4s, issued in March, 1926, at par and one-half, at 106 6/32, and the Treasury 3% bonds, issued just a year ago in exchange for Second Liberty Loan bonds, par for par, and for cash at par and one-half, now command a premium of a dollar and 16/32.

Advantages of Exchange.

"As I have stated, the bonds of the Third Liberty Loan will mature and become payable on Sept. 15. Those of you who hold Third Liberty bonds are perhaps already wondering how you can reinvest the proceeds of your bonds so as to enjoy for the next ten years at least the same character of security and marketability that you have enjoyed during the last ten years. You can, of course, purchase outstanding United States Government bonds in the market, but this would mean, under present conditions, the payment of a high premium.

"You will, therefore, I believe, be very much interested indeed in the message which I bring you from the Treasury Department. The Secretary of the Treasury this morning announced a new issue of Treasury bonds which is specially available to holders of Third Liberty Loan bonds. The new Treasury bonds bear interest at the rate of 3% from July 16, 1928. They have a life of fifteen years, but may be called for redemption after twelve years, but not before twelve years."

Changes in Postal Rates Effective July 1—One Cent Postal Card Restored—Reduction in Rates on Newspaper Mail.

Reductions in postal rates, which will amount to an annual saving of more than \$16,000,000, went into effect at midnight June 30, according to an announcement by Acting Postmaster General W. Irving Glover in making public the new list of rates to guide postmasters. The following account of the changes was contained in Washington advices June 29 to the "Herald-Tribune":

Of principal interest to the public will be the restoration of the one-cent charge for postal cards. This will mean a saving of \$2,000,000, but it will be partly made up for the new special delivery rates, which provide for the old rate of 10c. on mail up to two pounds, but 20c. for mail of two to ten pounds, and 25c. over ten pounds. This will mean an additional cost of about \$800,000.

The largest saving, however, will be in the third class matter, which includes circulars and other printed matter, merchandise and other first class, second class and second class transient matter. It is estimated that this will reduce the postal revenue by \$10,500,000 and includes a major part of the heavy bulk parcel post matter.

Reduction in the second class transient matter means a saving of \$100,000, and a reduction in the post on fourth class matter to district zones amounts to \$2,200,000, but \$4,000,000 is gained through new regulations on business reply cards and envelopes. This new law provides that these cards and envelopes may be mailed under permit without prepayment of postage, but are subject on delivery to postage at the regular rate plus a charge of two cents.

Publishers to Save \$6,000,000.

Newspaper publishers using second class rates will benefit by the new rates. It is contemplated by the law that a saving to them of more than \$6,000,000 annually be effected by the revision. Postage on newspapers and magazines sent by others than the publishers and news agents also has been slashed.

The list of postal rates, adjusted under the requirements of the new law, follows:

Air mail.—Ten cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof. (Effective Aug. 1 1928 the rate will be 5c. for the first ounce and 10c. for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.)

Letters.—Two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

U. S. postal cards.—One cent each.

Private mailing cards (post cards).—One cent each.

Business reply cards and letters in business reply envelopes can be mailed under permit without prepayment of postage, but are subject on delivery to postage at the regular rate plus a charge of two cents.

Short paid matter.—First class matter mailed short paid more than one rate is subject to the deficient postage, plus one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Second class transient.—One cent for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces regardless of distance or weight.

Third class.—Circulars and other printed matter, merchandise, and all matter (other than first class, second class and second class transient matter) weighing eight ounces or less, one and one-half cents for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces up to and including eight ounces.

Rates for Books and Seeds.

The rate for books and catalogs (having twenty-four pages or more), seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants: 1c. for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces up to and including eight ounces.

Bulk mailings, third class.—Identical pieces of third-class matter weighing not less than twenty pounds or 200 pieces: 12c. for each pound or fraction thereof, except that in the case of books, catalogs, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants, the rate is 8c. for each pound or fraction thereof.

The rate of postage on bulk mailings under the foregoing provisions shall be not less than 1c. a piece.

Applications for the bulk mailing privilege should be submitted to the post office.

Fourth class matter.—This class includes printed matter, merchandise and all matter (other than first, second class and second class transient matter) weighing in excess of eight ounces.

Local delivery	Rates	
	First Pounds.	For Each Additional Two Pounds
-----	7c.	1c.
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400	.50	1,000	1.00Z

Fee for return receipts—3c.

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Message to Houston Convention by Governor Smith, Democratic Nominee for President, in Which He Indicates Views Toward Change in Prohibition Law.

As was stated in these columns last week (page 4028), Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York, the Democratic nominee for President, in a message to the Chairman of the Houston Convention accepting the nomination, made the statement that "it is well known that I believe there should be fundamental changes in the present provisions for national prohibition." "While I fully appreciate," he said, "that these changes can only be made by the people themselves through their elected legislative representatives, I feel it to be the duty of the chosen leader of the people to point the way which in his opinion leads to a sane, sensible solution of a condition which I am convinced is entirely unsatisfactory to the great mass of our people." The Governor's message in full is given herewith:

"Executive Mansion, Albany, N. Y., June 29 1928.

"Hon. Joseph T. Robinson, Chairman, Democratic National Convention, Houston, Tex.

"I received your message on behalf of the convention. With a deep sense of responsibility and a fervent prayer for the guidance of Divine Providence, I accept the call of my party to lead it in the national campaign. I can think of no greater privilege in this world than to serve our country. My gratitude to the convention for its expression of confidence in me I cannot adequately express in this telegram. I will have to make it manifest by single-minded devotion to the United States and her people in every section.

"The happiness and welfare of the millions of men, women and children who constitute the nation were the great driving force behind the doctrine enunciated by the immortal Jefferson, given life by him and carried through by Cleveland and Wilson. I am convinced that our platform voices that doctrine. I stand committed to the platform, and will welcome an opportunity to reorganize and make more efficient the agencies of government, to the end that the burden of taxation may be lightened.

"Our platform lays at rest the absurd claim insidiously put out by Republican propaganda that the Republican party has a monopoly upon the mechanics of prosperity. Our platform in its tariff and financial

policy gives assurance to every legitimate business man, wage earner, farmer and taxpayer that prosperity will not be conserved but fairly distributed among all. The definite declaration of the convention to aid agriculture and the planks dealing with labor problems are sound, progressive and sincere, as is also the party commitment to the development of our water power without alienating our God-given resources.

"Our plank on foreign policy states the simple truth that the divine command to 'Love thy neighbor as thyself' contains no limitation, and was intended to apply as between nations.

"The equal and even enforcement of the law is the cornerstone upon which rests the whole structure of democratic government. If it is the will of the people of this nation that I am to take an oath as President of the United States to protect and defend our Constitution and laws, I will execute that oath to the limit of my ability without reservation or evasion.

"It is well known that I believe there should be fundamental changes in the present provisions for national prohibition, based, as I stated in my Jackson Day letter, on the fearless application to the problem of the principles of Jeffersonian democracy. While I fully appreciate that these changes can only be made by the people themselves through their elected legislative representatives, I feel it to be the duty of the chosen leader of the people to point the way which in his opinion leads to a sane, sensible solution of a condition which I am convinced is entirely unsatisfactory to the great mass of our people.

"Common honesty compels us to admit that corruption of law enforcement officials, bootlegging and lawlessness are now prevalent throughout this country. I am satisfied that without returning to the old evils that grew from the saloon, which years ago I held and still hold was and ought always to be a defunct institution in this country, by the application of the democratic principles of local self-government and State's rights we can secure real temperance, respect for law and eradication of the existing evils.

"In my formal acceptance of your nomination, I shall give to the people of the country my views in full upon all of the issues of the campaign. In the way I know that you can do it, give the delegates my warmest thanks for the confidence they have reposed in me, and my assurance that, with their support, I confidently expect to lead the historic Democratic party to victory in November.

"ALFRED E. SMITH."

Governor Smith's Letter to Democratic Party at Jackson Day Dinner Urging Party To Clearly Define Principles on Prohibition and Other Issues.

We take occasion to give here the letter from Gov. Smith to Clem Shaver, read at the Jackson Day dinner of the Democratic party in Washington on January 12, in which he urged the early drafting of the party's platform. In this letter the Governor made the statement that "the Democratic Party must talk out to the American people in no uncertain terms." "We will solve these specific problems [prohibition, foreign relations, etc.] only if we fearlessly meet them in full reliance upon these traditions of our party." We give the letter in full herewith:

January 11 1928.

Hon. Clem Shaver, Chairman Democratic National Committee.

My dear Chairman: It is a matter of deep regret that the pressure of official business makes it impossible for me to leave the State. I should like to join with my fellow-Democrats throughout the country in celebrating the birthday of Andrew Jackson. I take it that when a group of Democratic leaders from various parts of the country come together something must naturally be said of interest to the country and to the party.

The Democratic party deserves success in the nation, but, in my opinion, cannot attain it by relying wholly upon the mistakes of its political adversaries. It should inspire confidence by a constructive, forward-looking platform with promises of material betterment for the nation. There should be no Western, no Eastern, no Northern, no Southern Democracy. Jeffersonian Democracy is built upon proposals sufficiently broad and liberal to enlist all men who believe in the principles of representative government. We must think nationally, and not locally.

If I may be pardoned for a definite suggestion at this time, I venture to say that the declaration of party principles might well be tentatively drafted at the earliest possible moment. I believe we have erred in the past by waiting for the national convention to undertake the entire task of preparing a platform. In the heat and rush of a convention the platform when finally written is, to my way of thinking, not sufficiently understandable to the masses of the people.

There is too great a tendency to speak of the evils that beset us and to fail to suggest any specific remedy. Party platforms of recent years have been too general in their terms and important questions have been neglected by platform builders in the spirit of compromise with great principles. We cannot carry water on both shoulders. The Democratic party must talk out to the American people in no uncertain terms.

The National Committee could render a great service to the party, and to the country as well, by the formulation far in advance of the national convention of a definite party policy on lines from which there can come during the course of the convention's deliberations a platform upon which our candidates may present their cause to the country.

It is my deep conviction that our platform should be built by applying the fundamental principles of Jeffersonian democracy unflinchingly to each specific problem of the day.

The greatest degree of local self-government by the States, the minimum of interference by the Federal Government or any State with the local habits and concerns of any other State, legislation for the interest of all, and not for any class or group, non-interference with the internal affairs of other nations, tolerance of conflicting opinion—these are our articles of political faith.

When we follow these, we succeed. We should follow them now.

We should study and treat in the light of these principles our foreign relations, prohibition, agriculture, reform of the governmental machinery, economic policy, conservation and development of our public natural resources and, in fact, any other question which arises. We will solve these specific problems rightly only if we fearlessly meet them in full reliance upon these traditions of our party. I, for one, am for thus meeting them without equivocation.

The success of the Democratic party in the State of New York lies in the fact that it has had a clear-cut, definite platform, and from Long Island to Lake Erie the Democratic party stood as one man until the people of

the State achieved the full benefit of the promises made at each of our Democratic State Conventions.

Indecisive declarations of political faith get the party nowhere. We have had sufficient experience along that line in the past, and as a lesson from that experience I offer these suggestions herein contained to the leaders and to the rank and file of the party as in the interest of the country and of the party of Jefferson and Jackson.

Sincerely yours,
ALFRED E. SMITH.

Carter Glass Says Governor Smith's Declarations Conform to Party Platform.

Commenting on the message of Gov. Smith to Senator Robinson, Chairman of the Democratic National Convention at Houston, relative to the Governor's views as to a change in the prohibition law, Senator Carter Glass of Virginia declares that the plank in the party platform (given in these columns June 30, page 4028), "commits nobody for or against prohibition. It simply pledges the Democratic party to the strict obedience to the Constitution of the United States and to an honest enforcement sanctioned by the Constitution." Senator Glass says that no reasonable person can find fault with Gov. Smith's suggestion that he favors a change in existing policy of enforcement. Senator Glass adds "he [the Governor if elected President] can do absolutely nothing in this direction without the expressed sanction of the people of the country through their representatives in Congress, and personally I have never been able to observe or believe that on the question of prohibition the President can exercise any great amount of influence." The following is the statement of Senator Glass, given out at Houston on June 29:

"The text of Governor Smith's telegram to the Chairman of the National Democratic Convention clearly shows that those who feared that Governor Smith could not stand on the prohibition plank, as prepared by me, accepted by the Committee on Resolutions, and adopted by the convention, were without a semblance of justification.

"The plank commits nobody for or against prohibition. It simply pledges the Democratic party and the nominees to strict obedience to the Constitution of the United States and to an honest enforcement sanctioned by the Constitution. Governor Smith absolutely signified his intention honestly to observe the oath of office which he would be required to take if elected President of the United States, to uphold the Constitution and enforce the laws.

"I have not the remotest doubt that Governor Smith will do this, if elected. As to his suggestion that he favors a change in existing policy of enforcement, no reasonable person can find fault with this. He can do absolutely nothing in this direction without the expressed sanction of the people of the country through their representatives in Congress, and personally I have never been able to observe or believe that on the question of prohibition the President can exercise any great amount of influence. Woodrow Wilson at the height of his prestige as President could not influence the course of his party on this question, and I do not think any other President could ever do better.

"If the people of the United States have, or should, become dissatisfied with existing laws, they may be relied upon to elect a Congress which will readjust them. Until this shall have been done nobody, whether for or against prohibition, need be greatly concerned about a matter which is peculiarly within the jurisdiction of Congress and not of the President.

"For this reason I have insisted that it is literally folly to make prohibition the outstanding issue of a Presidential campaign."

Gov. Smith's message to the convention is given in another item in this issue of our paper.

Earl C. Smith, Head of Illinois Farmers Approves Farm Plank in Platform of Democrats.

The farm relief plank in the Democratic platform received Republican endorsement anew on July 3 in a statement issued at Chicago by Earl C. Smith, President of the Illinois Agricultural Association. A dispatch to the New York "Times" from Chicago announcing this stated

Mr. Smith was a delegate-at-large at the Republican National Convention and as a member of the subcommittee which drafted the platform at Kansas City led the fight on the floor for the minority report on the agricultural plank.

Mr. Smith declared that the agricultural plank adopted at Houston "covers the essentials of a national farm policy more completely than any platform previously adopted by a political party." His approval comes on the heels of endorsement given by three other prominent Republicans, Governor McMullen and Senator Norris of Nebraska and George N. Peek, chairman of the executive committee of the Corn Belt Conference.

"In view of the treatment which platform pledges have recently received from officials election," said Mr. Smith, "farmers will watch with interest and concern for the interpretation placed upon this plank by the party candidate.

"The Democratic agricultural plank fully recognizes the fundamental problem of crop surpluses which farm groups have for years contended must be met by legislation if it is to be effective and satisfactory," the statement went on.

"It further frankly recognizes the impossibility of effectively controlling surpluses unless there is authority to spread costs of such operation over all the commodity benefited.

"It pledges the enactment of legislation to prevent the price of surpluses from determining the price of the entire crop and also recognizes the soundness of distributing costs incurred in handling surpluses over the commodity benefited.

"While it pledges the enactment of legislation to prevent the price of surpluses from determining the price of the entire crop and also

recognizes the soundness of distributing costs incurred in handling crop surpluses over the commodity benefited, it fails to pledge the party specifically to enact legislation embodying the only device yet proposed or seriously considered by Congress to accomplish that end. It does, however, pledge the party to an earnest endeavor to solve this problem, making it a matter of prime and immediate concern to a Democratic administration.

"The Democratic tariff pledge is satisfactory and in addition, the platform covers the farm demand in a way to make existing tariffs, whatever they may be, effective on the crops whose production exceeds the needs of the domestic market."

Farm Chiefs Praise Democratic Plank as Satisfying West—Governor McMullen, Republican, of Nebraska, Deplores Lack in Own Platform—Sees McNary Idea in It.

Support by farmers of the Democratic ticket because of that party's platform declaration for agrarian relief was urged on July 2 by one midwestern agricultural leader, George N. Peek, while another, Adam McMullen, Republican Governor of Nebraska, interpreted the Democratic plank as satisfactory, and the one which the Republicans should have adopted. Special Chicago advices to the New York "Times," from which we take the foregoing, also had the following to say:

Characterizing the plank adopted by the Democratic convention at Houston as "a new Declaration of Independence for agriculture," Mr. Peek, who is Chairman of the Executive Committee of twenty-two of the North Central States Agricultural Conference, declared that the Republicans at Kansas City had "added insult to injury by nominating as their standard bearer the arch-enemy of a square deal for agriculture."

Governor McMullen, who was one of the leaders of the defeated Lowden agricultural group at Kansas City, interpreted the Democratic platform in a telegram from Lincoln as an endorsement of the principles of the McNary-Haugen bill, and approving the much-discussed equalization fee. Senator Norris of Nebraska, also a Republican, already is on record with the statement that the Republican national platform is a "direct slap" at the farmer.

Governor McMullen's Statement.

Governor McMullen's telegram reads as follows:

"The agricultural plank in the Democratic national platform is satisfactory to the farm organizations because it embodies specifically the provisions of the McNary-Haugen bill, although it does not use the term equalization fee.

"It provides, first, for a Federal farm board, as did the McNary-Haugen bill.

"Second, in the following language: 'Appropriate Government aid to cooperative associations in the form of credit loans on a parity with the terms of loans authorized recently by the Government to aid shipping.'

"Third, in the following language: 'We pledge the party to an honest endeavor to solve this problem of the distribution of the cost of dealing with crop surpluses over the marketed units of the crops whose producers are benefited by such assistance,' is provides for the equalization fee provision of the McNary-Haugen bill.

"The equalization fee provision of that bill simply planned a method whereby the farmer could distribute any surpluses of crops produced at his own expense without Governmental subsidy or bonus. That is the heart of the legislation the farmers demand. It places the farming industry on a respectable business basis. This plank should have been incorporated in the Republican national platform, as it would be in keeping with the fundamental doctrine of protection upon which the Republican party is founded.

"The Democratic party does not believe in the protective tariff, and yet the agricultural plank of its platform extends the protective system to agriculture; no doubt, on the theory that the protective system is a permanent economic institution."

Peek Praises Democrats.

Mr. Peek made his statement upon his return from the conventions of the two major parties. He said:

"The treatment accorded agriculture at Houston has been in striking contrast with the treatment at Kansas City. At Kansas City farmers were definitely advised that the protective system is not intended for them. The party which farmers of the Middle West had made and supported, turned its back upon them, complacently giving them a renewal of broken pledges, which were less definite than those of four years ago.

"Adding insult to injury, the party nominated as its standard bearer the arch enemy of a square deal for American agriculture, whose solution of the farm problem is to keep on starving out farmers until production is reduced to the demands of domestic markets.

"If England herself were directly prescribing an American agricultural policy, she could hardly do better for England, because that policy means that the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, for example, that we raise annually for export will be grown elsewhere; probably, in large part, in the British possessions, Canada and Australia, while American farmers are being starved out and American business deprived of their buying power.

"In Houston, farmers were given the greatest consideration in every way. Their reception was most cordial, their views on a platform were solicited, and a real plank was adopted which is the most favorable for agriculture ever written in the platform of any political party in our history.

"Briefly, it recognizes the right of farmers to lead in the adoption of farm policies; points out the need of agriculture; pledges the party to enact necessary legislation to give agriculture complete economic equality with industry; assures equality of treatment as to tariff rates between agriculture and industry; reaffirms its 1924 platform to enact legislation to prevent the surplus determining the price of the whole crop, and proposes that the Government shall lend money to co-operatives on as favorable a basis as it lends to the merchant marine.

"Moreover, it provides for the creation of a farm board to assist farmers, as the Federal Reserve System has assisted bankers; promises reduction, through governmental agencies, of the spread between what the farmer gets and the consumer pays, and finally recognizes that members of co-operative associations alone cannot assume responsibility for a program that benefits all producers alike.

"The party pledges itself immediately to make an earnest endeavor to solve the problem of the distribution of the cost of dealing with surpluses over each marketed unit of the crop whose producers are benefited by such assistance.

"Farmers will rejoice at this comprehensive and sympathetic program for the solution of the farm problem, which solution has been denied them for seven long weary years, primarily through the dictates of the new standard bearer of the Republican party.

"Farmers in the grain, livestock and cotton States will recognize in the Democratic plank for agriculture a new declaration of independence.

"Regardless of former party affiliations, farmers must fight for such a platform if they wish to save their farms and their homes. Agriculture has come to a parting of the ways. November will decide whether American farming of the future is to be conducted by farmers or peasants."

Word came to-day that within ten days the Corn Belt Conference will meet at Des Moines to analyze the two party planks and to decide upon a program for the campaign.

Revised Draft of Multilateral Treaty to Outlaw War, Submitted by United States to Fourteen Nations.

Secretary of State Kellogg made public at Washington on June 24 the revised draft of a treaty to outlaw war forwarded to fourteen nations on June 22. At the same time the identic notes sent to the various powers along with the revised treaty were released for publication. The fourteen powers addressed include the five powers originally invited to participate in the signing of a multilateral pact, namely France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Japan, also the British dominions, including Canada, the Irish Free State, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa, and the three other parties to the Locarno treaties: Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia. In making public the new draft, Secretary Kellogg pointed out in his note that the revised draft is identical with that proposed by the United States on April 13 1928, except that the preamble now provides that the British dominions, India and all parties to the treaties of Locarno are included among the powers called upon to sign the treaty in the first instance. He also explained in the note that the phraseology of the revised draft in the preamble had been modified by the United States to meet the objections raised by other Governments and to expedite the negotiations, and added that the change was in form and not in substance. "The revised preamble," says Secretary Kellogg, "gives express recognition to the principle that if a State resorts to war in violation of the treaty, the other contracting parties are released from their obligations under the treaty to that State; it also provides for participation in the treaty by all parties to the treaties of Locarno, thus making it certain that resort to war in violation of the Locarno treaties would also violate the present treaty and release not only the other signatories of the Locarno treaties but also the other signatories to the anti-war treaty from their obligations to the treaty-breaking State." In his note Secretary Kellogg also says:

"Moreover, as stated above, my Government would be willing to have included among the original signatories the parties to the neutrality treaties referred to by the Government of the French Republic, although it believes that the interests of those States would be adequately safeguarded if, instead of signing in the first instance, they should choose to adhere to the treaty."

In its reference to the note the Associated Press accounts from Washington June 24 said:

The note included Secretary Kellogg's discussion of the six points of consideration proposed by the French Government, comprising self-defense, the League of Nations Covenant, the Treaties of Locarno, treaties of neutrality, relations with a treaty-breaking State and universal outlawing of war.

Secretary Kellogg dealt with the six points, saying: "There is nothing in the American draft of an anti-war treaty which restricts or impairs in any way the right of self-defense. That right is inherent. . . ."

"The League Covenant imposes no affirmative primary obligation to go to war. . . . If the parties to the Treaties of Locarno are under any positive obligation to go to war, such obligation certainly would not attach until one of the parties has resorted to war in violation of its solemn pledges thereunder. . . ."

"It was not unreasonable to suppose that France and the States whose neutrality she has guaranteed are sufficiently intimate to make it possible for France to persuade such States to adhere seasonably to the anti-war treaty. . . ."

"Violation of a multilateral anti-war treaty, through resort to war by one party thereto, would automatically release the other parties from their obligations to the treaty-breaking State."

The revised draft of the treaty is given under another heading in this issue of our paper. The following is the text of the identic notes of the Governments of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, the Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland and South Africa, and the accompanying draft of the treaty as published in the New York "Times":

Excellency:

It will be recalled that, pursuant to the understanding reached between the Government of France and the Government of the United States, the American Ambassadors at London, Berlin, Rome and Tokio transmitted on April 13 1928 to the Governments to which they were respectively accredited the text of M. Briand's original proposal of June 30 1927, together with copies of the notes subsequently exchanged by France and the United States on the subject of a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war. At the same time the Government of the United States also submitted for consideration a preliminary draft of a treaty representing in a general way the form of treaty which it was prepared to sign, and

inquired whether the Governments thus addressed were in a position to give favorable consideration thereto. The text of the identic notes of April 13 1928 and a copy of the draft treaty transmitted therewith, were also brought to the attention of the Government of France by the American Ambassador at Paris.

It will likewise be recalled that on April 20 1928 the Government of the French Republic circulated among the other interested Governments, including the Government of the United States, an alternative draft treaty, and that in an address which he delivered on April 28 1928 before the American Society of International Law, the Secretary of State of the United States explained fully the construction placed by my Government upon the treaty proposed by it, referring as follows to the six major considerations emphasized by France in its alternative draft treaty and prior diplomatic correspondence with my Government:

"(1) *Self-defense.*—There is nothing in the American draft of an anti-war treaty which restricts or impairs in any way the right of self-defense. That right is inherent in every sovereign State and is implicit in every treaty. Every nation is free at all times and regardless of treaty provisions to defend its territory from attack or invasion and it alone is competent to decide whether circumstances require recourse to war in self-defense. If it has a good case, the world will applaud and not condemn its action. Express recognition by treaty of this inalienable right, however, gives rise to the same difficulty encountered in any effort to define aggression. It is the identical question approached from the other side. Inasmuch as no treaty provision can add to the natural right of self-defense, it is not in the interest of peace that a treaty should stipulate a juristic conception of self-defense since it is far too easy for the unscrupulous to mold events to accord with an agreed definition.

"(2) *The League Covenant.*—The covenant imposes no affirmative primary obligation to go to war. The obligation, if any, is secondary and attaches only when deliberately accepted by a State. Article ten of the covenant has, for example, been interpreted by a resolution submitted to the Fourth Assembly but not formally adopted owing to one adverse vote to mean that 'it is for the constitutional authorities of each member to decide, in reference to the obligation of preserving the independence and the integrity of the territory of members, in what degree the member is bound to assure the execution of this obligation by employment of its military forces.' There is, in my opinion, no necessary inconsistency between the covenant and the idea of an unqualified renunciation of war. The covenant can, it is true, be construed as authorizing war in certain circumstances, but it is an authorization and not a positive requirement.

"(3) *The Treaties of Locarno.*—If the parties to the treaties of Locarno are under any positive obligation to go to war, such obligation certainly would not attach until one of the parties has resorted to war in violation of its solemn pledges thereunder. It is therefore obvious that if all the parties to the Locarno treaties become parties to the multilateral anti-war treaty proposed by the United States, there would be a double assurance that the Locarno treaties would not be violated by recourse to arms. In such event it would follow that resort to war by any State in violation of the Locarno treaties would also be a breach of the multilateral anti-war treaty and the other parties to the anti-war treaty would thus as a matter of law be automatically released from their obligations thereunder and free to fulfill their Locarno commitments. The United States is entirely willing that all parties to the Locarno treaties should become parties to its proposed anti-war treaty either through signature in the first instance or by immediate accession to the treaty as soon as it comes into force in the manner provided in Article III of the American draft, and it will offer no objection when and if such a suggestion is made.

"(4) *Treaties of Neutrality.*—The United States is not informed as to the precise treaties which France has in mind and cannot therefore discuss their provisions. It is not unreasonable to suppose, however, that the relations between France and the States whose neutrality she has guaranteed are sufficiently close and intimate to make it possible for France to persuade such States to adhere seasonably to the anti-war treaty proposed by the United States. If this were done no party to the anti-war treaty could attack the neutralized States without violating the treaty and thereby automatically freeing France and the other powers in respect of the treaty-breaking State from the obligations of the anti-war treaty. If the neutralized States were attacked by a State not a party to the anti-war treaty, the latter treaty would of course have no bearing and France would be as free to act under the treaties guaranteeing neutrality as if she were not a party to the anti-war treaty. It is difficult to perceive, therefore, how treaties guaranteeing neutrality can be regarded as necessarily preventing the conclusion by France or any other power of a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war.

"(5) *Relations with a Treaty-Breaking State.*—As I have already pointed out, there can be no question as a matter of law that violation of a multilateral anti-war treaty through resort to war by one party thereto would automatically release the other parties from their obligations to the treaty-breaking State. Any express recognition of this principle of law is wholly unnecessary.

"(6) *Universality.*—From the beginning it has been the hope of the United States that its proposed multilateral anti-war treaty should be world-wide in its application, and appropriate provision therefor was made in the draft submitted to the other Governments on April 13. From a practical standpoint it is clearly preferable, however, not to postpone the coming into force of an anti-war treaty until all the nations of the world can agree upon the text of such a treaty and cause it to be ratified. For one reason or another a State so situated as to be no menace to the peace of the world might obstruct agreement or delay ratification in such manner as to render abortive the efforts of all the other powers. It is highly improbable, moreover, that a form of treaty acceptable to the British, French, German, Italian and Japanese Governments as well as to the United States would not be equally acceptable to most, if not all, of the other powers of the world. Even were this not the case, however, the coming into force among the above-named six powers of an effective anti-war treaty and their observance thereof would be a practical guarantee against a second world war. This in itself would be a tremendous service to humanity, and the United States is not willing to jeopardize the practical success of the proposal which it has made by conditioning the coming into force of the treaty upon prior universal or almost universal acceptance."

No Dissent Expressed.

The British, German, Italian and Japanese Governments have now replied to my Government's notes of April 13 1928, and the Governments of the British Dominions and of India have likewise replied to the invitations addressed to them on May 22 1928 by my Government pursuant to the suggestion conveyed in the note of May 19 1928 from his Majesty's Government in Great Britain. None of these Governments has expressed any dissent from the above-quoted construction, and none has voiced the least disapproval of the principle underlying the proposal of the United States for the promotion of world peace. Neither has any of the replies received

by the Government of the United States suggested any specific modification of the text of the draft treaty proposed by it on April 13 1928, and my Government, for its part, remains convinced that no modification of the text of its proposal for a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war is necessary to safeguard the legitimate interests of any nation. It believes that the right of self-defense is inherent in every sovereign State and implicit in every treaty. No specific reference to that inalienable attribute of sovereignty is therefore necessary or desirable. It is no less evident that resort to war in violation of the proposed treaty by one of the parties thereto would release the other parties from their obligations under the treaty toward the belligerent State. This principle is well recognized. So far as the Locarno treaties are concerned, my Government has felt from the very first that participation in the anti-war treaty by the powers which signed the Locarno agreements, either through signature in the first instance or thereafter, would meet every practical requirement of the situation, since in such event no State could resort to war in violation of the Locarno treaties without simultaneously violating the anti-war treaty, thus leaving the other parties thereto free, so far as the treaty-breaking State is concerned. As your Excellency knows, the Government of the United States has welcomed the idea that all parties to the treaties of Locarno should be among the original signatories of the proposed treaty for the renunciation of war, and provision therefor has been made in the draft treaty which I have the honor to transmit herewith. The same procedure would cover the treaties guaranteeing neutrality to which the Government of France has referred. Adherence to the proposed treaty by all parties to these other treaties would completely safeguard their rights since subsequent resort to war by any of them or by any party to the anti-war treaty would violate the latter treaty as well as the neutrality treaty, and thus leave the other parties to the anti-war treaty free, so far as the treaty-breaking State is concerned. My Government would be entirely willing, however, to agree that the parties to such neutrality treaties should be original signatories of the multilateral anti-war treaty, and it has no reason to believe that such an arrangement would meet with any objection on the part of the other Governments now concerned in the present negotiations.

Changes in the Preamble.

While my Government is satisfied that the draft treaty proposed by it on April 13 1928 could be properly accepted by the powers of the world without change except for including among the original signatories the British Dominions, India, all parties to the treaties of Locarno and, it may be, all parties to the neutrality treaties mentioned by the Government of France, it has no desire to delay or complicate the present negotiations by rigidly adhering to the precise phraseology of that draft, particularly since it appears that by modifying the draft in form though not in substance, the points raised by other Governments can be satisfactorily met and general agreement upon the text of the treaty to be signed be promptly reached. The Government of the United States has therefore decided to submit to the fourteen other Governments now concerned in these negotiations a revised draft of a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war. The text of this revised draft is identical with that of the draft proposed by the United States on April 13 1928 except that the preamble now provides that the British Dominions, India and all parties to the treaties of Locarno are to be included among the powers called upon to sign the treaty in the first instance, and except that the first three paragraphs of the preamble have been changed to read as follows:

"Deeply sensible of their solemn duty to promote the welfare of mankind; "Persuaded that the time has come when a frank renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy should be made to the end that the peaceful and friendly relations now existing between their peoples may be perpetuated;

"Convinced that all changes in their relations with one another should be sought only by pacific means and be the result of a peaceful and orderly process, and that any signatory power which shall hereafter seek to promote its national interests by resort to war should be denied the benefits furnished by this treaty;"

Violator of Treaty is Outlawed.

The revised preamble thus gives express recognition to the principle that if a State resorts to war in violation of the treaty, the other contracting parties are released from their obligations under the treaty to that State; it also provides for participation in the treaty by all parties to the treaties of Locarno, thus making it certain that resort to war in violation of the Locarno treaties would also violate the present treaty and release not only the other signatories of the Locarno treaties but also the other signatories to the anti-war treaty from their obligations to the treaty-breaking State. Moreover, as stated above, my Government would be willing to have included among the original signatories the parties to the neutrality treaties referred to by the Government of the French Republic, although it believes that the interests of those States would be adequately safeguarded if, instead of signing in the first instance, they should choose to adhere to the treaty.

In these circumstances I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Your Excellency's Government a draft of a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war containing the changes outlined above. I have been instructed to state in this connection that the Government of the United States is ready to sign at once a treaty in the form therein proposed, and to express the fervent hope that the Government of _____ will be able promptly to indicate its readiness to accept, without qualification or reservation, the form of treaty now suggested by the United States. If the Governments of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, the Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa and the United States can now agree to conclude this anti-war treaty among themselves, my Government is confident that the other nations of the world will, as soon as the treaty comes into force, gladly adhere thereto, and that this simple procedure will bring mankind's age-long aspirations for universal peace nearer to practical fulfillment than ever before in the history of the world.

I have the honor to state in conclusion that the Government of the United States would be pleased to be informed at as early a date as may be convenient whether your Excellency's Government is willing to join with the United States and other similarly disposed Governments in signing a definitive treaty for the renunciation of war in the form transmitted herewith.

Accept, Excellency, &c.

Text of Revised Draft of Multilateral Treaty to Outlaw War.

Elsewhere we give in this issue the text of Secretary Kellogg's note addressed to fourteen nations submitting a revised draft of the proposed treaty to outlaw war. The following is the text of the revised draft:

The President of the United States of America,
 The President of the French Republic,
 His Majesty the King of the Belgians,
 The President of the Czechoslovak Republic,
 His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions
 beyond the Seas, Emperor of India,
 The President of the German Reich,
 His Majesty the King of Italy,
 His Majesty the Emperor of Japan,
 The President of the Republic of Poland,
 Deeply sensible of their solemn duty to promote the welfare of mankind;
 Persuaded that the time has come when a frank renunciation of war as
 an instrument of national policy should be made to the end that the
 peaceful and friendly relations now existing between their peoples may be
 perpetuated;

Convinced that all changes in their relations with one another should
 be sought only by pacific means and be the result of a peaceful and orderly
 process, and that any signatory Power which shall hereafter seek to promote
 its national interests by resort to war should be denied the benefits furnished
 by this treaty;

Hopeful that, encouraged by their example, all the other nations of the
 world will join in this humane endeavor and by adhering to the present
 treaty as soon as it comes into force bring their peoples within the scope
 of its beneficent provisions, thus uniting the civilized nations of the world
 in a common renunciation of war as an instrument of their national policy;

Have decided to conclude a treaty and for that purpose have appointed
 as their respective Plenipotentiaries:

- The President of the United States of America,
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- The President of the French Republic,
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- His Majesty the King of the Belgians,
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- The President of the Czechoslovak Republic,
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- His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions
 beyond the Seas, Emperor of India,
 For Great Britain and Northern Ireland and all parts of the British
 Empire which are not separate members of the League of Nations,
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- For the Dominion of Canada,
-
- For the Commonwealth of Australia,
-
- For the Dominion of New Zealand,
-
- For the Union of South Africa,
-
- For the Irish Free State,
-
- For India,
-
- The President of the German Reich,
-
- His Majesty the King of Italy,
-
- His Majesty the Emperor of Japan,
-
- The President of the Republic of Poland,
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who, having communicated to one another their full powers found in good
 and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

The High Contracting Parties solemnly declare in the names of their
 respective peoples that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of
 international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national
 policy in their relations with one another.

ARTICLE II.

The High Contracting Parties agree that the settlement or solution of
 all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they
 may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by
 pacific means.

ARTICLE III.

The present treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties
 named in the Preamble in accordance with their respective constitutional
 requirements, and shall take effect as between them as soon as all their
 several instruments of ratification shall have been deposited at -----

This treaty shall, when it has come into effect as prescribed in the
 preceding paragraph, remain open as long as may be necessary for adherence
 by all the other Powers of the world. Every instrument evidencing the
 adherence of a Power shall be deposited at ----- and the
 treaty shall immediately upon such deposit become effective as between
 the Power thus adhering and the other Powers parties hereto.

It shall be the duty of the Government of ----- to fur-
 nish each Government named in the Preamble and every Government subse-
 quently adhering to this treaty with a certified copy of the treaty and of
 every instrument of ratification or adherence. It shall also be the duty
 of the Government of ----- telegraphically to notify
 such Governments immediately upon the deposit with it of each instru-
 ment of ratification or adherence.

In faith whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this treaty
 in the French and English languages, both texts having equal force, and
 hereunto affix their seals.

Done at ----- the ----- day of
 ----- in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
 and twenty-----

**Col. Robert W. Stewart of Indiana Standard Oil Co.—
 Indicted on Perjury Charges Growing Out of
 Senate Inquiry Into Naval Oil Leases—Trial Next
 October.**

On June 25 Col. Robert W. Stewart, Chairman of the
 Board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, was in-
 dicted on charges alleging perjury, growing out of his tes-
 timony before the Senate committee inquiring into the Teap-
 ot Dome Naval Oil Leases. It is stated that it was the

same testimony that resulted in the demand by John D.
 Rockefeller Jr. for Col. Stewart's resignation from the
 Chairmanship of the company. As was indicated in our is-
 sue of June 23, page 3876, Col. Stewart was acquitted on
 June 14 last, by a jury in the District of Columbia Supreme
 Court, of charges of contempt in refusing to answer the
 committee during its probe into the disposition of Liberty
 bonds, representing profits of the Continental Trading Co.
 of Canada, Ltd., which figured in the leases. Regarding the
 indictment returned on June 25 by a Grand Jury in the
 District of Columbia Supreme Court, Associated Press ac-
 counts from Washington stated:

Return of the indictment was followed by charges by Stewart's counsel
 that it represented "the last word in their outrageous abuse of court
 processes for political purposes" in a "vindictive attempt to overcome"
 his acquittal twelve days ago on a charge of refusing to answer questions
 asked by the committee, Stewart, they said, would seek immediate trial,
 confident of acquittal.

Conviction on a perjury charge carries a penalty of from two to ten
 years in prison.

At the committee hearing last February, Stewart was asked if he had
 any knowledge that would lead him to believe any organization or indi-
 vidual had received any of the \$3,080,000 of the Liberty bond oil profits
 of the Continental, and replied:

Appearing again before the committee on April 24, the chairman of
 the board of the Indiana Standard said he had received \$759,500 in Lib-
 erty bonds from H. S. Osler, president of the Continental. He maintained,
 however, he did not profit from the transaction as he had turned the
 bonds over to a trust fund he had established for his company.

The first count in the indictment charges that Stewart violated the
 perjury statute when he denied he knew anything of the distribution of the
 Continental bonds; the second count alleges he denied he had received
 any of the bonds when, in fact, he received \$759,500, and the third
 that he denied having any conversation or knowledge that would lead him
 to believe that any individual or organization had received the bonds
 when, in fact, he knew of the receipt of bonds by himself and others.

The indictment, which comprises twenty-five long pages, goes into all the
 details of the Senate investigation, especially Stewart's testimony.

On June 26 Col. Stewart appeared in court and pleaded
 not guilty to the charge. Oct. 8 was set as the date for the
 trial. An immediate hearing for Col. Stewart was sought
 by his counsel, Frank J. Hogan, but Justice Frederick L.
 Siddons replied that the court was adjourning for a summer
 recess and the first available date for hearing the case was
 Oct. 8. Colonel Stewart was released under \$5,000 bond.
 The accounts from Washington (Associated Press) June 26
 state:

After leaving the courtroom Colonel Stewart gave out a statement
 in which he declared that the charge had been "plainly inspired by the
 political investigators of the Senate Committee who have so long been of
 the opinion that in a Presidential campaign year private rights and
 personal reputations are of no moment."

"I am sure the public will understand," the statement continued, "that
 this indictment was returned as a result of a star chamber proceeding
 where I was not heard either personally or by counsel. Only one witness
 was heard and he was Senator Nye, more prosecutor than witness.

"Not one word of evidence was received on my side in this matter. I
 came to Washington at once to meet this new charge and instructed my
 counsel to seek an immediate trial. I am disappointed that we must
 wait until October. I am confident of acquittal."

It was stated in the "Herald Tribune" of June 25 that
 John D. Rockefeller Jr. denied on June 24 reports that he
 and his father were disposing of their interests in the Stand-
 ard Oil Company of Indiana. The paper quoted went on
 to say:

Not a share of Rockefeller stock has been sold, he said.

Mr. Rockefeller also declared that he had not changed his opinion that
 Robert W. Stewart, recently acquitted of a charge of contempt of the
 Senate committee which investigated the Teapot Dome leases and still in
 the shadow of a grand jury action, should resign as Chairman of the
 company.

In effect, Mr. Rockefeller echoed the remark of Paul Jones that he
 had not yet begun to fight to oust Mr. Stewart. In this matter, he said,
 he had been and still was taking such steps "as appear practicable."

Text of Rockefeller Statement.

His statement follows:

It is not the policy of Messrs. Rockefeller, senior and junior, or of the Rockefeller
 boards to make comments on reports published in the papers from time to time in
 regard to their investments. In view, however, of the interest shown by many other
 stockholders and by the public in the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana situation, it seems
 fitting in this instance to say that statements recently appearing in newspapers that
 "the Rockefeller interests are said to have been selling Standard Oil Co. of Indiana
 stock for some time" are without foundation, not one share of the stock has been
 sold nor has the question of its sale been considered.

Mr. Rockefeller, Jr.'s position with reference to the desirability of a change in
 the leadership of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana has not changed. That position was
 clearly indicated in his letter to Col. Stewart calling upon him to make good his
 promise to resign when asked and in the statement which accompanied the pub-
 lication of the letter. While no reply from Col. Stewart has been received, Mr.
 Rockefeller has been taking and will continue to take such steps in this matter as
 appear practicable.

Resignation Asked April 27.

It was April 27, three days after Mr. Stewart had contradicted his
 earlier testimony before the Senate Committee and acknowledged the re-
 ceipt in trust of \$759,000 in bonds, one-fourth of the profits of the Con-
 tinental Trading Company oil deal, that Mr. Rockefeller wrote to him
 as follows:

Your recent testimony before the Senate Committee leaves me no alternative other
 than to ask you to make good the promise you voluntarily gave me some weeks ago
 that you would resign at my request. That request, I now make.

Mr. Stewart did not resign, nor did he reply to Mr. Rockefeller's let-
 ter. Mr. Rockefeller waited until May 9, and then made public the
 request he had made for Mr. Stewart's resignation. Mr. Stewart at that
 time still was under the indictment for contempt of the Senate on which he
 was acquitted on June 14, and the grand jury in Washington was just

taking up the question of whether he had committed perjury. On May 10 he gave out the following statement in Chicago:

Referring to the statement of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., appearing in the newspapers under date of May 9 1928, any communication from any stockholder of the company is entitled to and shall receive from me the most careful consideration.

The proceedings now pending in Washington make it untimely for me to make any statement to the public at this time, much as I might desire so to do.

Since then the contempt indictment has been disposed of by Mr. Stewart's acquittal, but there has been no report from the grand jury to which the question of perjury was submitted.

Stewart in Wrong Position.

In opposition to Mr. Rockefeller's apparent resolve to force Mr. Stewart out of office when opportunity offers, Mr. Stewart holds, as Chairman, a strong position which he has been consolidating for many years. His policy has been to distribute profits generously to shareholders and in this the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has taken the lead among the Standard Oil group.

In 1912 it declared a 2,900% stock dividend in addition to the regular 6% dividend and an extra dividend of 7% which were paid in cash. In 1913 the rate was 12% in regular dividends and 20% in extra dividends. The regular 12% dividend was continued in 1914 and there was an extra dividend of 13%. In 1915 and 1916 the regular 12% rate was maintained with no extra dividend, but in the succeeding three years the company paid not only the regular 12% dividends but extra dividends of 12% also. In 1920 there was a stock dividend of 150%, a regular dividend of 12% and an extra dividend of 16%. The regular dividend in 1921 was 16%. In 1922, in addition to the 16% regular dividend, there was a stock dividend of 100%. In 1923, 1924 and 1925 regular dividends of 10% were paid upon the doubled amount of stock and in 1926 and 1927, in addition to the regular dividend of 10%, 4% extra dividends were paid.

Charles F. Speare on "Why Railroad Consolidation Lags"—Attitude of Inter-State Commerce Commission One of Confusion and Bewilderment—Doubt of Profitableness of Consolidation.

In the view of Charles F. Speare, "progress in the way of railroad consolidation is being made with irritating slowness." The reasons for this he says are:

Unwillingness by the Inter-State Commerce Commission to permit mergers that it does not conceive to be "in the public interest" and which are confused with so-called "stock jobbing" deals.

The difficulty in agreement between railroad executives who must give and take in the process of establishing unified lines in territory of intense traffic competition.

The attitude of the "short lines" supported by Inter-State Commerce Commission decisions and that of minority stockholders.

The indifference of the general public to consolidations per se and the active antagonism of communities, commercial organizations and certain groups of shippers to those mergers that affect local conditions or are believed to be inimical to private interests.

Mr. Speare's views are set out in the June number of the "Journal of the American Bankers' Association," in which he says in part:

Cold Water on the Merger Plan.

Getting back to the attitude of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to the consolidation question, one finds a series of decisions and intimations that throw cold water on the merger scheme as it has been conceived by students of transportation as well as by railroad executives who have been actively engaged for years in trying to bring about mergers in the trunk-line territory, in the Southwest and in the Northwest.

The commission has acted timidly and has appeared befuddled. There has been a surprising absence of unanimity of opinion on important questions. On the subject of mergers, one element in this body has apparently believed in them, but another has been wholly at variance with the idea. So far the objectors have carried more weight than the proponents of unification. There is some justification for their point of view, especially as it has dealt with the plan of the Chesapeake & Ohio and Nickel Plate interests to put together a system that is illogical, and in their objection to the original plan for merging the Kansas City Southern, Missouri-Kansas-Texas, and St. Louis-Southwestern. Here was a clear case of vesting too much authority and too high a proportion of financial responsibility on the weakest member of this group, although the one which was most directly representative of the promoting element.

The decisions of the commission respecting the proposed fifth system between New York and the Mississippi Valley may be regarded as technically unfair and unreasonable, but in view of the subsequent events and the obvious inability to establish an additional trunk line system, they are entitled to respect. Just what this body may do with the mass of testimony presented for and against the consolidation of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines, it would be presumptuous to say. Aside from those directly interested in advancing the cause of such a merger I have yet to hear from either business men, bankers, or unprejudiced railroad officials the statement that they expected the commission to approve of it. This in spite of the fact that it is the most natural, logical, untainted consolidation that could possibly be presented to the commission for its consideration. If there is anything at all in the consolidation principle, it should be here exemplified in economies of operation and in a minimum of disturbance to the territory affected. There is, however, no popular demand for it; instead, a strongly vocal objection from the chief competitor of the Hill roads and its stimulated constituency. One has a feeling in reading the decisions of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in merger cases that it is more affected by objections to than by affirmations of specific consolidation proposals.

Are Consolidations Profitable?

Are consolidations profitable? This is a question that cannot be answered arbitrarily. It no doubt enters into the sentiments of those who are compelled to deal with it in an official capacity, though it is not a vital factor except to stockholders. It is claimed, for instance, that a unification of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads would result in economies of \$10,000,000 per annum. This should be worth while. Stockholders of both lines would profit proportionately. It is not so easy to establish the savings growing out of the bringing together of other systems that have been negotiating with each other for joint control and management but I understand that about \$5,000,000 is the figure arrived at in the proposed Southwestern merger. Where this involves the purchase

in the open market of stocks at prices not warranted by current income or earnings it would be difficult to justify the permanent carrying charges involved in a merger deal based on expected operating economies.

This feeling undoubtedly has been in the minds of the members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in rendering their several adverse decisions although it has not been specifically mentioned and it is not one that should influence their judgment. It is one, however, that the stockholders of a system that takes over another system at a price per share for control much above the average of recent years and in excess of the known earnings and dividend return cannot fail to consider. It is pertinent to the situation not only in the group of southwestern lines that seek the privilege of consolidation but with the future of those eastern companies that have already committed themselves to high cost purchases of independent roads believed necessary to the rounding out of the four major trunk line systems.

One curious aspect of the Commission's attitude is that taken toward the method of obtaining control of one road by another. The Commission has let it be known that it does not approve of such purchases in the open market prior to its authorization, and it has denied two mergers that were under way mainly on this premise. While it may be poor business to bid up the price of a stock of a competing road and thus establish a basis of cost disproportionate to the benefits of the investment, it is certainly absurd to say that Mr. Van Sweringen or Mr. Loree or General Atterbury or Daniel Willard should announce to the world at large that they proposed to buy the Erie or the Lehigh Valley or the Wabash or the Western Maryland. What a nice little opportunity this would give to some of the hijackers in Wall Street. On the other hand, the Commission is well within its rights in invoking the aid of the Clayton Act in denying to certain railroad officials the privilege of sitting on the board of directors of competing roads and dominating their policies, as it has recently done in the case of the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

In the beginning the movement toward railroad consolidations it was argued that these consolidations should be compulsory. Various roads within a given district were to be brought together into a kind of super-system. Where service was duplicated this would be reduced. Instead of having three passenger trains of three competitive lines start from the same station at the same hour for some point 500 miles away, one, and possibly two, of these trains were to be annulled. The soliciting forces were to be reduced, repair shops and general offices at common points brought under one management and traffic routed over those divisions that were best located for economical operation. The same principle has been carried out in dozens of instances in the industrial world, and the public utilities have used it to advantage in their great super-power schemes. So there seemed to be no reason why the railroads should not follow the trend of the times, and by a better co-ordination, effect changes that would strengthen general railroad credit and improve the railroad rate structure.

Why Railroad Securities Are Behind Industrials.

What seems to be fair and logical for the regulation of two great industries, apparently, does not apply to the one dealing in transportation. It is these official inhibitions that explain why railroad securities have lagged so far behind the industrials and public utilities in the great bull markets of the past four years. So far as one can see the composite membership of the Inter-State Commerce Commission has neither unanimity of plan nor purpose. It has its Right and its Left wings. Invariably the one dissents from the other in opinions of consequence. There is a temporizing policy where there is not an out and out negative one. Timidity, listening for the public echo to its intimations suspicion of motives of railroad officials regarding consolidations, and delays because of legislation that may some day be helpful, as the Parker bill, describe the Commission's attitude. In the opinion of many observers it exhibits no statesmanship, and no co-ordinated policy, both of which should be required of a body of men who are to decide the destinies of the most important group of corporations in our national life. It acts as though confused and bewildered by the transportation problems put before it.

The defeat of railroad consolidation, although consolidation has been a primary party principle, has been carried through two national administrations. There has been a few exceptions to the general spirit of official antagonism. The positive decrees of the Commission have permitted mergers of lines in the southwest, notably the rewelding of the Missouri Pacific system, the proprietary interest of the St. Louis & San Francisco in the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the Southern Pacific in the San Antonio & Aransas Pass, the absorption by the Baltimore & Ohio of a small road originally one of its undesirable parts, but subsequently rehabilitated, and in half a dozen minor affiliations between roads in the South, as the Clinchfield with the Louisville & Nashville-Atlantic Coast Line system and members of the Seaboard Air Line family in Florida; also the Wabash was permitted to take over the Ann Arbor. Only one of these mergers covers a wide enough territory to permit the experiment of consolidation to be successfully tested.

On the other hand, one merger phase after another has been denied. I have said that there was reason for this as in the lack of logic in the proposed ownership of the Erie Railroad, running from New York to Chicago, by the Chesapeake & Ohio, operating between Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes, and in the original application to build up a group of southwestern lines on the foundation of the Kansas City Southern. Much of the Commission's objection to the unification of the eastern trunk lines has been based on the inability of the heads of these properties to come to an agreement over the distribution of the independent roads in their territory plus the confusion that developed out of the attempt of L. F. Loree to create a fifth system in opposition to the existing four. This has held up progress for several years. Whether or not it will be quickened by the purchase for the Pennsylvania Railroad of the Wabash and Lehigh Valley holdings of the Delaware & Hudson remains to be seen. At this writing it is not clear whether the Pennsylvania intends to possess itself of these roads permanently, or graciously partition them among its competitors.

Important Mergers Not Expected.

The broad considerations underlying railroad consolidation are the ability to bring to a balance various groups of roads, some strong and some weak, in order to stabilize the rate structure and to make railroad credit more uniform, and to establish operating conditions that will provide satisfactory service at a minimum of cost. It is feared that the spirit in which railroad legislation was conceived has been permitted to die down to a feeble semblance of the original through the exactness with which the Inter-State Commerce Commission has interpreted its duty as well as its fearfulness of acting in a way to displease its constituency.

Meanwhile there have been too many examples of "financial manipulation of great railroad properties as an accompaniment of acquisition or consolidation under the law"—to quote from the decision in the Chesapeake & Ohio-Erie case.

I seriously doubt whether there will be any important mergers in the next few years. The benefits of consolidation are certainly intangible. Those who have studied them with an unprejudiced mind are inclined to believe that the values in operation and on the financial side of the railroad account have been overestimated. This explains the element of resistance that crops out in influential railroad quarters whenever mergers are suggested.

Transportation Requirements for Third Quarter Greater than for Same Period Last Year—Number of Cars Needed Nearly 10 Million.

Transportation requirements for 29 of the principal commodities in the third quarter this year (the months of July, August and September) will be approximately 9,910,768 cars, an increase of about 597,031 cars above the corresponding period in 1927 or 6.4%, according to reports received and made public July 5 by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association from the thirteen Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards, which now cover the entire United States. The statement issued says:

This estimate is based on the best information obtainable at the present time by the commodity committees of various Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards as to the outlook, so that transportation requirements are concerned.

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

The estimate by each Shippers' Regional Advisory Board as to what freight loadings by cars are anticipated for the 29 principal commodities in the third quarter this year compared with the corresponding period in 1927 and the percentage of increase or decrease follows:

Board—	1927.	1928.	Per Cent of Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
New England.....	171,445	174,968	+2.1
Atlantic States.....	1,081,003	1,110,239	+2.7
Ohio Valley.....	1,183,338	1,128,173	-5.0
Northwestern.....	665,903	688,649	+5.0
Central Western.....	352,057	340,829	-3.2
Pacific Coast.....	410,394	418,997	+2.1
Pacific Northwest.....	297,416	316,358	+6.4
Allegheny.....	1,133,083	1,326,155	+17.0
Great Lakes.....	770,427	799,990	+3.8
Southeastern.....	1,054,767	1,055,461	+1
Middle Western.....	1,107,501	1,379,175	+24.5
Trans-Missouri-Kansas.....	513,067	559,452	+9.0
Southwestern.....	583,336	616,322	+5.7

The large comparative increase in the Middle Western and the Allegheny regions over last year is due largely to the anticipated heavier movement of coal this year compared with the corresponding period in 1927 when but little coal was shipped from those districts owing to the suspension of activities at many bituminous mines.

In submitting reports to the Car Service Division, each Board estimated what freight car requirements will be for the principal industries found in the territory covered by that Board. On the basis of this information, it is estimated that of the 29 commodities, increases in transportation requirements will be required for twenty as follows: All grain; flour; meal and other mill products; other fresh fruits; potatoes; other fresh vegetables, poultry and dairy products; coal and coke; ore and concentrates; clay, gravel, sand and stone (including gypsum, crude and powdered); lumber and forest products; petroleum and petroleum products; iron and steel; castings, machinery and boilers; cement, lime and plaster, agricultural implements and vehicles other than automobiles, automobiles, trucks and parts; paper, printed matter and books; chemicals and explosives, and canned goods—all canned food products (includes catsup, jams, jellies, olives, pickles, preserves, &c.).

Commodities for which a decrease is estimated were: Hay, straw and alfalfa, cotton; cotton seed and products, except oil; citrus fruits; live stock salt; sugar, syrup, glucose and molasses; brick and clay products, and fertilizers of all kinds.

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

Commodity—	Car Loadings—		Estimated P. C. Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).
	Actual.	Estimated.	
Grain, all.....	481,029	499,603	+3.9
Flour, meal and other mill products.....	233,466	261,497	+12.0
Hay straw and alfalfa.....	76,441	75,612	-1.1
Cotton.....	87,663	62,997	-28.1
Cotton seed and products.....	47,298	27,612	-41.6
Citrus fruits.....	14,829	13,589	-8.4
Other fresh fruits.....	160,697	172,496	+7.3
Potatoes.....	54,530	58,163	+6.7
Other fresh vegetables.....	81,189	85,595	+5.4
Live stock.....	373,129	356,182	-4.5
Poultry and dairy products.....	28,150	29,256	+3.9
Coal and coke.....	2,473,313	2,820,897	+14.1
Ore and concentrates.....	817,261	839,352	+2.7
Clay, gravel, sand and stone (including gypsum, crude and powdered).....	1,207,099	1,274,183	+5.6
Salt.....	14,868	14,077	-5.3
Lumber and forest products.....	977,370	1,000,496	+2.4
Petroleum and petroleum products.....	593,889	653,174	+10.0
Sugar, syrup, glucose and molasses.....	56,055	56,014	-1
Iron and steel.....	433,823	454,760	+4.8
Castings, machinery and boilers.....	65,778	67,875	+3.2
Cement.....	272,358	284,234	+4.4
Brick and clay products.....	194,898	189,037	-3.0
Lime and plaster.....	67,512	69,131	+2.4
Agricultural implements and vehicles other than automobiles.....	38,978	42,355	+8.7
Automobiles, trucks and parts.....	210,741	244,510	+16.0
Fertilizers, all kinds.....	75,247	73,243	-2.7
Paper, printed matter and books.....	73,915	78,780	+6.6
Chemicals and explosives.....	60,236	63,063	+4.7
Canned goods—All canned food products (includes catsup, jams, jellies, olives, pickles, preserves, &c.).....	41,975	42,985	+2.4
Total all commodities listed.....	9,313,737	9,910,768	+6.4

C. W. Stevens of Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Before American Institute of Banking Describes Business—Getting Machinery.

"Few people realize the extent and efficiency of the organizations maintained by modern banking institutions for securing new business," said Charles W. Stevens, Assistant Cashier of Old Colony Trust Co., in an address before the American Institute of Banking Convention at Philadelphia on June 21. It is the policy of all progressive banks to regard their old customers and depositors as the richest source of future business. "It has been estimated," said Mr. Stevens, "that fully 70% of a bank's new business comes through extending the use of the bank's services among old customers, and through new accounts resulting from customer introductions." Banks are to-day analyzing their depositor lists, noting additional services for which customers are most likely prospects and then concentrating on the task of selling those extra services. Mr. Stevens cited a survey covering a number of banks which showed that six out of every hundred checking accounts with average balances from \$350 to \$1,000 are live prospects for two more of the bank's services. Those with balances above \$1,000 are prospects for at least three other services.

Signalmen on Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Rwy. Awarded Wage Increase.

Signalmen on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway were awarded a wage increase of 4 cents an hour, and assistants and helpers an increase of 3 cents an hour, by the action of the Board of Arbitration on June 21, in the matter of the Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen of America against the railroad. We quote the foregoing from the Nashville "Banner" of June 22, which also states:

The new scale places them on a parity with the signalmen and assistants of the Louisville & Nashville RR., who recently obtained wage increases.

Chief Justice Grafton Green of the Tennessee Supreme Court, who was chosen as the neutral arbitrator by both the brotherhood and the railroad, delivered the opinion in the case. H. H. Cartwright, arbitrator for the railroad, dissented to any increase, and L. W. Givan, arbitrator for the brotherhood, dissented to the amount of the increase, but Mr. Givan concurred formally in the award. He stated that he agreed to the award in order to fulfill the provisions of the railway labor act, which require that a majority of the board of arbitration be affixed to an award in order to render it valid and binding.

The new scale will be put into effect when the award is approved by the United States Board of Mediation. When this is done leading signalmen and leading signal maintainers will receive 83 cents an hour, and signal maintainers 78 cents an hour. Assistant signalmen and assistant signal maintainers will begin at 54 cents an hour for the first six months' training period and increase 2 cents an hour for each subsequent six months through the requisite four years of training. Signal helpers will receive 52 cents an hour.

Leroy A. Mershon in Discussing "A Well-Balanced Estate" States That 90% of Men Are Under-Insured.

The statement that 90% of the Men of America are under-insured, was made by Leroy A. Mershon, Vice-President United States Mortgage & Trust Co., of New York in addressing the New York State Bankers Convention, Saranac, N. Y., June 27. The subject of Mr. Mershon's address was "What is a Well-Balanced Estate?" His remarks follow:

No attempt will be made in this talk on what constitutes a well-balanced estate, to discuss the merits or demerits of various forms of securities that may or may not be appropriate for estate investments, or the many features of taxation presented in connection therewith but rather to bring to your attention a habit of thought which has grown into a national custom and ask your co-operation in changing to a better way.

Viewed from a purely business angle an estate may be likened to a business venture or an established business. An estate, however, differs from a business in that the one who creates it is present during its creation and then through natural or unnatural causes is permanently absent thereby placing upon others the responsibility of its care and protection.

It is true that many businesses lose their guiding hand but frequently another who is qualified steps into the breach and carries on. The management of a business may also be transferred by sale and proceeds as usual. On the other hand, an estate is usually built for the support and protection of human lives over a term of years and, therefore, must be divorced from the hazards of an active business which deals many times in unknown quantities. A balanced estate, like a business is one where the resources equal or exceed the liabilities. To balance an estate, however, from a purely business standpoint is not enough. If the resources of an estate are only equal to its liabilities it is sufficient for the discharge of all obligations either before or after the departure of its creator, but an estate of this sort can do no more than pay its debts and then cease to exist.

"In its simplest terms, an estate is composed of the real and personal property inherited or accumulated by an individual and is used for the maintenance of that individual and his dependents during his active life and his post productive period, and then after his death is used for the support of those depending upon him.

Attend the funeral of most any man in any part of America. What two questions do we hear? The first is "What caused his death?" The second, "How much did he leave?" It is to the second of these questions that your attention is invited. It is safe to state that in over 99% of the cases the answer attempted or given will be an appraisal of all of the decedent's real and personal property at the current market value. The same question asked regarding a man dying in England the answer would be an estimate of the yearly income his estate would provide.

For illustration, we will estimate the total of an American estate at \$200,000, but the same estate in England may be referred to as "one thousand pounds." In American money a thousand pounds is approximately \$5,000. You ask, and rightfully, "Why this great discrepancy?" The answer is not difficult. In the older country they calculate and refer to a man's estate in terms of what it will yield each year whereas in this country we speak of the corpus or principal in its entirety and include all non-income producing items.

In the above illustration, only half of the estate is free for income producing purposes. It is to change this custom of thought and expression in America that your continued interest is invited.

Every normal young man at the beginning of his career is concerned only with the question of resources or accumulations. His first resources or income will be in the form of salary or commissions, &c. In exchange for his accumulated resources he will secure four things: (1) personal property, (2) real estate, (3) reserves, (4) life insurance. His personal property will consist of an automobile, jewelry, clothing, furniture and other sundry items. His real estate will consist of full ownership or equity in a piece of property which may be his present or future home or he may invest in a business property. His reserves will consist of a savings or special interest account, a checking account, shares in a building and loan association and some stock and bonds. His life insurance will be composed of one or more contracts for the delivery of a specified sum of money at a designated date or at his death. Thus far this young man is only concerned with resources and in speaking of his estate we would include all of the four items which we have enumerated.

A different picture presents itself, however, when this young man takes unto himself a liability or an obligation in the form of a wife. The picture is still different upon the arrival of a child or children. We should no longer estimate the estate of that young man in terms of principal but in terms of income.

To assist us in thinking more concretely, we shall assume a man with a salary of \$8,000, a year and possessed of real estate valued at \$30,000, personal property of \$10,000, reserves of \$30,000 and life insurance of \$30,000. He has a wife and two children. The inventory of his estate if passed through the Probate Court would be valued at \$100,000 with debts deducted. It is desired that upon his death his family shall live in the home and following the usual custom he will give his personal property to his wife and children. The two items of real estate and personal property are, therefore, eliminated from the estate as non-productive. We have remaining reserves of \$30,000 and life insurance of 30,000 providing there are no debts, and we shall assume that there are no so called "cats and dogs" in his reserves. \$60,000 is, therefore, available for investment and over a term of years we should not calculate on more than a 5% net return. This man is in reality, therefore, asking his wife to accept \$3,000 a year and to continue to live in and maintain the home and educate the children. He is assuming she will do it on the same plane as during his life which requires about \$6,000 a year. He is asking her to make one dollar do the work of two unless he is content to have her reduce her plane of living or stop on her life's journey about twenty years up the road at a station known as "Dependence" or "Dispair." This estate is obviously not well balanced. It is in reality a sick estate and the item that needs so called "Medical Attention" is the one known as "Life Insurance." Like 90% of the men of America, this man is underinsured. He cannot die a par, which means at death the discharge of his current obligations and a liquid reserve sufficient to prouce an income for the normal or customary needs of his dependents. It is our privilege to preach the gospel of a well-balanced estate by helping men to prepare a plan or program adequate for their needs and thereby render a pre-mortem rather than a post mortem service. In this way we are contributing in no small manner to the happiness and beauty of countless lives now and in the years to come.

National Association of Real Estate Boards to Undertake Study of Farm Land Situation.

It is announced that the National Association of Real Estate Boards will appoint a commission of its members at an early date to make a special study of the agricultural situation, looking to a better understanding and greater co-operation between American business and the farmer. A resolution that this action be taken was adopted by the entire delegate body of the Association at its annual convention recently held at Louisville, Kentucky. The board of directors of the Association has authorized Henry G. Zander, of Chicago, President, to appoint such a commission. It is a matter of concern to all business that a way be cleared for a normal farm lands situation, the Association points out. The new commission, which is to be established at the request of the Farm Lands Division of the Association, will make its study with special reference to the following matters:

1. The adjustment and equalization of tariff schedules.
2. The excessive taxation of farms.
3. Surplus production.
4. A closer study of marketing products with special consideration of freight rates.
5. Agricultural credits.
6. Co-operative movements among farmers.

Holding that the lifting of the present inequitable tax burden from farm lands is one of the most immediate needs to put farm lands upon a normal selling basis, the Farm Lands Division at the annual convention of the Association called into conference the Association's committee on State taxation and the national Board of Presidents and Secretaries of State Real Estate Associations to outline with it a general program of action for farm real estate.

H. H. Culver Chosen President of National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Harry H. Culver, of Los Angeles and Culver City, Cal., was elected President of the National Association of Real Estate Boards for the year 1929 at the annual convention of the Association at Louisville, Ky. Harry S. Kissell,

Springfield, Ohio, was elected First Vice-President; Maurice F. Reidy, Worcester, Mass., Second Vice-President; H. E. Rose, St. Catherines, Ont., Can., Third Vice-President; LeRoy E. Brown, Jr., Richmond, Va., Fourth Vice-President, and William W. Butts, St. Louis, Mo., Fifth Vice-President. Earle G. Krumrine, of Chicago, was elected Treasurer. Officers of the nine special Divisions and two Sections of the Association and fifteen directors representing the various State real estate groups and six directors-at-large were elected at the meeting. All officers chosen at this meeting take office beginning January 1929.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Edward H. Stern was reported posted for transfer this week to Michael J. Brand, the consideration being stated as \$325,000. The last preceding sale was for \$340,000.

At the regular directors' meeting of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., on July 5, George V. McLaughlin, formerly New York State Superintendent of banks, and now President of the Brooklyn Trust Company, and George M. Shriver, Executive Vice President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, were elected to the Board. At the same meeting the directors announced the declaration of the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the common stock, payable July 16 1928 to stockholders of record on July 5th. The half year balance sheet of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., just issued, shows a substantial growth in its operations since publication of the June 30 1927 figures. Outstanding acceptances now total \$59,608,628 as compared with \$38,813,660, an increase during the twelve months of \$20,794,968, or about 53%. The report as of June 30, 1928 shows total resources of \$121,317,562, against \$95,609,720 on June 30, 1927. During the twelve months, undivided profits, after payment of dividends, increased \$553,102, the total being \$4,753,135 on June 30 against \$4,502,967 on Dec. 31 1927, and \$4,200,033 on June 30 1927.

At the meeting on July 5 of the International Acceptance Trust Company, a subsidiary of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., the following new directors were added to the board of the trust company: Howard Cullman, Vice-President Cullman Bros., Inc., New York; Robert F. Herrick, of Herrick, Smith, Donald & Farley, Attorneys, Boston; David F. Houston, President, Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York; Otto V. Schrenk, Of Briesen & Schrenk, Attorneys, New York; Jack Straus, Vice President, R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., New York; John L. Wilkie, of Gould & Wilkie, Attorneys, New York; Bronson Winthrop, Of Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, Attorneys, New York. Since the formation of the International Acceptance Trust Company in 1923, the board has consisted of officers of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., with the exception of James Bruce, Vice President, National Park Bank of New York, and Felix M. Warburg, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York. With the additional outside representation on its board, the trust company is developing further its program of expansion as a separate banking unit, offering facilities for all phases of trust company and general domestic banking business. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000, with surplus of \$1,000,000 and undivided profits on June 30 1928 of over \$300,361.

The statement of condition of the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation as of June 30 1928 shows total resources of \$57,686,738, a new high record and an increase of \$8,510,353 compared with \$49,176,385 reported as of Dec. 31 1927. Acceptances outstanding totaled \$27,397,029, also a new high record, comparing with \$21,428,441 at the close of 1927. Capital and surplus paid-in is unchanged at \$3,200,000 but undivided profits amount to \$2,878,504, an increase of \$426,283 compared with Dec. 31 1927. Cash on hand and due from banks stands at \$6,221,045 on June 30, against \$4,054,479 on Dec. 31 1927. Call loans with discount houses totaled \$4,750,000, against \$3,000,000 and acceptances of other banks, \$8,105,962, against \$7,565,044. United States Government securities held are reported as \$2,000,000, against \$1,800,000 and other securities aggregated \$1,611,362, as compared with \$1,192,306, while other collateral loans and discounts totaled \$3,866,711, against \$4,333,642.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of Joseph V. Leroy as an Assistant Treasurer and Walter H. Scott as an Assistant Secretary.

The statement of condition of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as of June 30 1928, issued July 3, shows a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits account of \$99,231,744, and deposits, including outstanding checks, of \$736,046,733. The present statement is the first to be issued by the Guaranty since giving effect on June 18 to an increase of \$30,000,000 in capital and surplus account which had been ratified by stockholders on May 18. Undivided profits of \$9,231,744 represent an increase of \$6,392,514 in that account since the statement issued a year ago, and an increase of \$1,763,469 since March 2 1928, the date of the company's last published statement. The Guaranty's total resources now stand at \$912,270,694, as compared with \$754,713,355 a year ago and \$793,991,023 on March 2 1928.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York, held July 5, the resignation of Peter McDonnell, director was accepted. Ernest R. Keiter was appointed an Assistant Trust Officer and Assistant Cashier. Richard C. Smith was appointed an Assistant Trust Officer and Assistant Cashier.

The newly organized Industrial National Bank of New York began business on July 2 in temporary quarters at 64 Second Avenue, between Third and Fourth Streets. The bank has a capital of \$1,500,000 and a surplus of \$250,000. The officers of the institution are: Max Weinstein, Chairman of the board; Dr. William I. Sirovich, President; Philip L. Tuchman, executive Vice-President; Walter H. Weinstein, Vice-President; William H. Logan, Cashier, and Morris D. Hirsch, Assistant Vice-President. Items regarding the organization of the bank appeared in these columns May 26, page 3244, and June 23, page 3880.

Total resources of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York established a new high record for the bank of \$1,103,742,061 as of June 30, according to the statement of the condition published this week in response to the call of the Comptroller of the Currency. This represents a gain of \$40,623,432 over the previous record reported on February 28 and compares with \$1,042,513,993 as of June 30 last year. The current statement does not give effect to \$40,000,000 of new capital funds, \$30,000,000 of which were paid into the bank's capital and surplus as of July 2, and \$10,000,000 of which were added to the capital funds of the Chase Securities Corporation. Capital and surplus on June 30 were \$50,000,000 and \$40,000,000 respectively, whereas capital and surplus after giving effect to the new capital structure as of July 2 will be \$60,000,000 each. Undivided profits of the bank were reported at \$17,472,702, after deductions of \$3,500,000 for April 1 and July 2 dividends. As the last Comptroller's call fell on February 28, the \$1,750,000 April 1 dividend payment was not deducted from the Undivided Profits Account in that statement. On that date undivided profits amounted to \$17,462,411.

An increase of more than \$16,000,000 in deposits since the consolidation of the Bank of America, the Bowery and East River National Bank and the Commercial Exchange Bank on April 30 is revealed in the statement of condition of The Bank of America National Association as of July 2 1928, made public July 5. Deposits now stand at \$315,833,902, as compared with \$299,654,926 on the earlier date. Aggregate resources of the bank show a corresponding gain for the period, rising above the \$400,000,000 mark. The total is reported as \$406,998,539, an increase of more than \$13,000,000 over the \$393,223,795 reported on April 30.

Arthur K. Salomon, senior member and founder of the banking and brokerage firm of Salomon Brothers & Hutzler, 60 Wall St., died at the Post Graduate Hospital on July 3, following an operation on June 28. He was fifty-one years of age; he was born in New York May 3 1877 and was educated in the public schools here and at Stevens Preparatory School, Hoboken. After his graduation from the latter he entered the private banking house of his father, and continued there until 1910, when he formed the firm of Salomon Brothers & Hutzler, members of the New York Stock Exchange. He was a director of S. Stroock, Inc., textile manufacturers, and a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce, Bond Club of New York and the Manufacturers Club of Philadelphia.

The Morris Plan Co. on July 2 opened its new main office at 33 West 42d St., this city.

The closing, by State Superintendent of Banks F. H. Warder, of the private bank of James V. Lago, at 154 West 14th St., this city, was announced on July 3, in the following notice on the doors of the bank:

"Pursuant to the provision of Section 57 of the Bank Law of the State of New York, I have this day taken possession of James V. Lago, private banker, 154 West Fourteenth Street.

"FRANK H. WARDER."

The "Times" of yesterday, in referring to the closing of the bank, said:

Frank H. Warder, State Superintendent of Banks, told District Attorney Banton yesterday (July 5) that James V. Lago had admitted a \$250,000 shortage in the books of his private bank at 154 West 14th St. The bank was closed by State bank examiners last Tuesday. Mr. Warder said investigation indicated that, although the deficit was covered by a fictitious account with another private Spanish bank, Mr. Lago himself had taken none of the bank's funds, the shortage being due, apparently, to poor management.

The liquidation of the Bowery & East River Safe Deposit Company and the Commercial Exchange Safe Deposit Company and the absorption of their businesses by The Bank of America Safe Deposit Company was announced July 2. With the addition of these companies, the Bank of America Safe Deposit Company, which is controlled by The Bank of America National Association, and headed by Edward C. Delafield, President; John Hill Morgan, Vice-President, and Thornton Gerrish, Secretary and Treasurer, operates fourteen offices located in Greater New York, including the main office, at 44 Wall Street.

At a special meeting on June 22 the stockholders of the Trade Bank of this city ratified plans of the directors to increase the capital of the institution from \$500,000 to \$600,000 through the issuance of 1,000 additional shares of stock. The new stock will be offered to present shareholders at \$250 a share in the ratio of one new share for every five held. The stock has a par value of \$100. The enlarged capital will become effective July 16.

Howard F. Wortham and Philip A. S. Franklin, Jr., have been elected Vice-Presidents, and James L. Turner, Cashier of The Harriman National Bank of The City of New York.

The condensed statement of condition of Manufacturers Trust Company, as of July 2, which is the first published statement since the recent combination with the United Capitol National Bank and Trust Company, shows capital surplus and undivided profits slightly in excess of \$50,000,000. The deposits were approximately \$276,000,000, and total resources exceeded \$342,000,000, as compared with \$293,000,000 in the statement of April 2.

The statement of Bankers Trust Company of New York as of July 2, is of particular interest as it gives effect for the first time to the new capital structure resulting from the recent issuance of 50,000 shares of additional capital stock at \$750 a share. Under the new set up, Capital is shown at \$25,000,000 surplus at \$50,000,000 and undivided profits at \$25,000,000, bringing the capital accounts to \$100,000,000. Stockholders of record on June 8 were entitled to subscribe for one share of the new stock for every four shares registered in their names on the books of the bank at the close of business on that date. The rights on the stock expired on July 2. The total amount realized from the sale was \$37,500,000 of which \$5,000,000 went to capital, \$30,000,000 to surplus and \$2,500,000 to undivided profits. On the occasion of the bank's twenty-fifth anniversary on March 30 of this year, the annual dividend rate was raised from \$20 to \$30 a share, which rate is expected to be maintained under the new capitalization. The book value of the stock has been increased from \$310 to \$400 a share.

Delmer Runkle, President of the People's National Bank of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., was elected President of the National City Bank of Troy, N. Y., on June 21, to succeed the late William F. Polk. At the same meeting of the directors, Howard S. Kennedy, Chairman of the Board and First Vice-President, resigned the latter office, and Burton K. Woodward was elected First Vice-President in his stead, while William D. Mahoney was made Second Vice-President. The other officers continue as heretofore, namely, Rollin S. Polk, Vice-President and Trust Officer; J. Frank Beebe, Cashier, and Clarence J. Ryan, Assistant Cashier. According to the Troy "Times" of June 21, Mr. Runkle started his banking career in the National State Bank of Troy under Willard Gay. Later he left Troy and went to Hoosick

Falls, N. Y., where he had charge of the Collection Department of the Walter A. Wood Mowing & Reaping Machine Co. for several years. In 1901 he organized the People's National Bank of Hoosick Falls, becoming Cashier and a member of the directorate. He continued as Cashier until 1912 when he was elected President of the institution. Mr. Runkle is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Second Federal Reserve District; President of the Permanent Savings & Loan Association of Hoosick Falls; Vice-President and a director of the Dinkell & Jewell Co. of Tarrytown, N. Y.; trustee of the Troy Savings Bank, &c.

We are advised under date of July 5 that the directors of the National Newark and Essex Banking Co. of Newark, N. J. and the associated Newark and Essex Securities Corp. at the last weekly meeting, proposed an increase of 5,000 shares of Bank stock and 5,000 shares of the Securities Company's stock. The stock will be sold in units of \$320, \$300 to increase the capital and surplus of the Bank and \$20 for the capital stock of the Securities Co. This will make a total addition of \$1,500,000 to the capital and surplus of the Bank and \$100,000 to the capital of the Securities Company, bringing the capital and surplus of the Bank above \$5,500,000 and the Securities Company above \$1,000,000. Chas. L. Farrell, the President, states that the increase will establish a larger ratio of capital assets to the increasing deposits, and will permit investment in the building of new buildings for several branches which are under consideration for different sections of Newark. Stockholders will vote July 24th upon the directors' recommendation.

After months of preparation, the Northside Trust Co. of Atlantic City, N. J., has commenced business. Its building at Arkansas and Arctic Avenues has been completed at a cost of approximately \$175,000. While the trust company is new, its officers and directors have been active in business and financial affairs in the community. Robert M. Johnston is President of the Northside Trust Co. Carroll W. Brown is a Vice-President and W. S. Cochran is Vice-President and Treasurer. The directors are: Carroll W. Brown, Lewis B. Glenn, Ralph Harcourt, Robert M. Johnston, Isaac E. Leonard, Philemon Lewis, George W. Mack, John D. McMullin, Daniel L. W. Murland, Harold M. Parsells, Hilton S. Read, John C. Slape, Hiram Steelman, Frederick Stehle Jr., Charles P. Tilton and James West.

The removal or withdrawals of the present officers and directors of the New Jersey Bankers Securities Co. and the substitution of others who might restore public confidence in the concern, was suggested on July 5 at the hearing before Vice Chancellor John H. Backes in Newark, on the application of stockholders for a receiver for the company, said the "World" of yesterday (July 6), which also stated:

The Vice-Chancellor looked with favor on the suggestion and gave counsel until Tuesday to confer on the plan.

Ralph E. Lum, Newark attorney, who said he represented a number of stockholders of the company, entered the case with a formal application for the appointment of a stockholders' protective committee, rather than a receiver.

"The question now before the Court," Mr. Lum said, "is larger in scope than individual interests and I feel that a protective committee would handle the whole situation more amicably than a receivership."

Backes "Glad to Help."

Saying "I'll be glad to help," Vice-Chancellor Backes suggested that counsel of both sides, Robert H. McCarter for the company, Edward A. Markley for the directors as individuals, and Herbert Hanoeh for the petitioners for the receivership, and Mr. Lum for those desiring the protective committee, confer and report back.

Mr. Lum said his plan would involve some drastic steps and when pressed by the Court for a fuller explanation, added: "It will involve the resignation of directors under criticism in these proceedings and the legislative inquiry."

"Which directors do you mean?" the Court asked.

"You can't tell at this stage of affairs," came a chorus from the lawyers.

The Vice-Chancellor said the identity of the directors who would be asked to withdraw would have much to do with his decision on the proposal. To which Mr. Lum answered:

"Well, to my mind, Harry H. Weinberger should resign; his usefulness to the institution and the public is at an end. I think three directors should withdraw and make way for the appointment of three new directors who would represent independent stockholders. I think, Your Honor, that Senator Edward I. Edwards and Supreme Court Justice James F. Minturn should remain, as they can be counted upon to vote constructively upon any matters brought up by the Stockholders' Committee."

Favors Entire New Board.

Vice Chancellor Backes replied he thought it best to arrange for an entire new board. "Great harm has been done by scandal," he said, "public confidence must be restored, for public confidence is the company's most valuable asset. It can be restored, but only by wiping the slate clean."

Mr. McCarter, prior to the move by Mr. Lum, had argued in defense of the conduct of the officers and directors of the company in buying its own stock in the open market, in buying stock from Mr. Weinberger, the President, and in selling it to the public and listing in its surplus unearned in-

crement from securities owned by the company. He pleaded that the appointment of a receiver would mean ruin for the company, and presented a petition from holders of 89,131 shares of stock, of the 408,000 shares outstanding, asking that the receivership be denied.

The Board of the Securities Co. includes Mr. Weinberger, Frederick N. Bidwell, Secretary; David G. Smith, Treasurer; Senator Edwards, Chairman; Justice Minturn, Mayor John Roegner of Passaic, Frank Campbell, William W. Evans, former Speaker of the Assembly.

The filing of quo warranto proceedings against the company was announced in Trenton press dispatches June 20 which said:

The New Jersey Bankers' Securities Company, which controls several banks in New Jersey and which was prominently mentioned during the recent investigation by the legislative committee of the State Department of Banking and Insurance, will have to fight in the courts to continue in business, Attorney General Edward Katzenbach announced to-night, following the filing of two quo warranto proceedings this afternoon. The company will have about twenty days to file an answer, and then the Supreme Court will set a date for a hearing.

During the investigation it was alleged that the company had been purchasing its own capital stock with its capital. The action of the Attorney General was taken to-day following several conferences with Assistant Attorney General Richard C. Plummer and D. Frederick Burnett, counsel to the Banking and Insurance Committee.

From Associated Press accounts from Trenton June 26 we take the following:

Officers of the Newark Clearing House Association are to face questioning by the legislative commission investigating the Department of Banking and Insurance at its session here next Monday (July 2).

Decision by the commission to request their appearance resulted from testimony given at the hearing yesterday by Charles M. Myers, a director of the Washington Trust Co. of Newark, during his recital of events leading to the purchase by the directors of stock held by the New Jersey Bankers Securities Co.

The Clearing House Association was brought into the hearing when Mr. Myers was pressed as to why the directors had purchased the stock. He stated that T. L. R. Crooks, the President, had told the directors on June 14 that the Clearing House would cease to handle the bank's checks unless the holding company relinquished its control. He also declared there had been intimation from some bankers that "we ought to be clear of the securities company."

The witness said that Harry H. Weinberger, President of the holding company, was present at the meeting and offered to resign, or else resell the stock to the directors, if it would relieve the bank of any embarrassment. He stated that the repurchase price was \$75 a share, the same price as was received when control was sold a few days later to Clifford F. MacEvoy and associates.

As the securities company paid \$85 a share for many of the 18,000 shares resold the directors, D. Frederick Burnett, commission counsel, asserted that the company had suffered a loss of \$180,000 on the transaction based on its statement of last January.

On July 2 with additional testimony on the financial operations of the New Jersey Bankers Securities Co. before it, the legislative committee investigating the Department of Banking and Insurance adjourned until July 16, unless called to meet prior to that time, it is learned from Trenton Associated Press advices July 3. It was added:

The adjournment was taken yesterday because of the session of the Legislature next Tuesday.

At the next session D. Frederick Burnett, committee counsel, said he expected to complete his inquiry into the securities company, with the exception of recalling some of its officers. He indicated they would not be asked to testify further, until the Court of Chancery had disposed of the application for a receivership for the concern, which is now pending before it.

Counsel yesterday attacked as "false and misleading" figures contained in a statement issued by the company to its stockholders last January. He contended that the records disclosed that a sum of \$1,335,578, represented as a surplus, had been acquired by a "paper" write-up of securities, and that the actual earned surplus was \$37,818.

Nathan Silverman, committee accountant, testified that company records did not show the basis of the write-up in valuations. He said that sales of stock of the Washington Trust Co. of Newark, purchased at between \$72 and \$96 a share, had disclosed a loss of \$80,054 on 6,158 shares sold at \$72.

Describing the payment of \$102,247 dividends at 25 cents a share on 408,989 shares of stock in May, the witness stated that Harry H. Weinberger, president of the securities company, had told him the money was raised by the sale of 3,000 shares of stock of the Hobart-Service Trust Co. of Passaic.

Consolidation of the Mechanics' National Bank of Trenton, N. J., and the First National Bank of that city went into effect on July 2, according to advices by the Associated Press from Trenton on that day, printed in the New York "Herald Tribune" of July 3. The new institution, which has resources of more than \$38,000,000 will be known as the Mechanics-First National Bank. Former Governor Edward O. Stokes, heretofore President of the Mechanics' National Bank, is Chairman of the Board of the enlarged bank. The proposed union of these banks was noted in the "Chronicle" of April 14, page 2262.

On Monday of this week, July 2, the proposed union of the Merchants National Bank of Baltimore and the Citizens National Bank of that city became an accomplished fact. The new institution—the First National Bank of Baltimore—has capital resources of \$10,000,000 and total resources of \$88,000,000. The personnel of the new organization is as follows: Albert D. Graham, Chairman of the Board; Morton M. Prentis, President; James D. Harrison, G. Harry Barnes, Harry B. Wilcox, J. Cleveland Wands, Daniel J. Emich, James W. McElroy, George S. Sloan, Thomas Swann, Harry E. Ford, and Samuel W. Tschudi,

Vice-Presidents; Joseph Oberle, Cashier, and Frank M. Dushane, Charles K. Hann, Magruder Powell, Walter Dushane, Harry W. Owings, Hober B. Shaffer, Howard Ritter, and Edward K. Dunn, Assistant Cashiers.

The Board of Directors is composed of:

- William G. Baker Jr., Watts & Co.
- R. Howard Bland, President United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.
- M. C. Byers, President Western Maryland Railway Company.
- Thomas E. Cottman, Cottman Company.
- E. Asbury Davis, E. A. Davis & Sons.
- James M. Easter, President Daniel Miller Company.
- James A. Gary Jr., Vice-President James S. Gary & Son.
- John S. Gibbs Jr., President Gibbs & Co.
- Albert D. Graham, Chairman of the board.
- Leonard L. Grief, L. Grief & Bor.
- Walter Hopkins, President Brigham-Hopkins Company.
- John C. Legg Jr., Mackubin, Goodrich & Co.
- Edwin W. Levering Jr., Vice-President United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.
- Eugene Levering, Director First National Bank.
- A. Leslie Lewis, President A. Lewis & Sons, Inc.
- W. Bladen Lowndes, President Fidelity Trust Company.
- W. M. McCormick, McCormick & Co.
- Austin McLanahan, President Savings Bank of Baltimore.
- Gustavus Ober Jr., President G. Ober & Sons Co.
- Morton M. Prentiss, President.
- Blanchard Randall, Gill & Fisher.
- Lawrason Riggs, Attorney-at-Law.
- Edward L. Robinson, President Eutaw Savings Bank.
- Samuel C. Rowland, Capitalist.
- Morton Samuels, President M. Samuels & Co.
- George M. Shriver, Vice-President Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

George Weems Williams, Marbury, Gosnell & Williams.

The main banking quarters of the new institution are at Light and Redwood Streets, and branches are maintained at South and Water Streets; Liberty and Lombard Streets; Broadway and Eastern Avenue, and at Pratt and Hanover Streets. References to the proposed consolidation of the Merchants National Bank and the Citizens National Bank appeared in our issues of May 19, page 3072; May 26, page 3247, and June 23, page 3882.

Albert T. McAllister of the banking firm of A. T. McAllister, has been elected a Vice-President of the newly organized Guardian Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 27. Mr. McAllister is a son of the late E. R. McAllister, former Chairman of the Board of the Franklin Fourth Street National Bank of Philadelphia.

Alexander Dunbar, a Vice-President and Cashier of the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A., Pittsburgh, died suddenly on June 26 at the Homeopathic Hospital, that city, following an operation. Mr. Dunbar, who was fifty-three years of age, was born at Steubenville, Ohio, and began his banking career with the National Exchange Bank of that place, in 1893. In 1901 he joined the Carnegie Steel Co. in order to acquire experience in the accounting system of a large corporation. Two years later with A. M. Moreland, Secretary of the Carnegie Steel Co., he formed the Moreland Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, becoming Secretary-Treasurer of the institution. When the company was merged with the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. in 1906, the deceased banker became Secretary of the enlarged institution, and subsequently Secretary and Treasurer. In 1910 he became Cashier of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh, and in 1913 Cashier of the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A. Later he was made a Vice-President, while retaining the Cashiership, the positions he held at his death. Mr. Dunbar served as Secretary of all Liberty Loan campaigns in western Pennsylvania during the World War and was prominent in charitable and civic work in Pittsburgh. He was President of the Clearing House Section of the American Bankers' Association and a Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association.

The following in regard to enlargement of the capital of the Security Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia appeared in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 28:

Stockholders of the Security Title & Trust Co. yesterday (June 27) authorized an increase in the capital of the company from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. The directors of the company voted to increase the capital from \$200,000 to \$750,000 by the issuance of 11,000 shares of stock of \$50 par value. Stockholders of record June 27 have the right to subscribe to the new stock at \$70 a share. From the proceeds of this offering \$50 a share will be credited to capital account, \$10 to surplus and \$10 to undivided profits. The last day for the payment of subscriptions will be July 4.

The same paper, furthermore, reported that Albert H. Ladner, Roy A. Paynter and Arthur H. Kinsley were elected directors of the institution and that its new office at 260 South 15th Street will be opened on July 11. Purchase of control of the Security Title & Trust Co. by a syndicate

headed by Allan N. Young was noted in our issue of June 2, page 3045.

The Acton State Bank, Acton, Ind., the closing of which on June 19 was reported in the "Chronicle" of June 29, page 3882, was reorganized on June 28, when the State Banking Department issued a new charter for the institution, according to the Indianapolis "News" of June 29. The new bank is capitalized at \$25,000. J. A. Swails will be President and W. C. Raper, Cashier, it was stated.

A charter was issued on June 29 by the Indiana State Banking Department to the Fountain-Parke State Bank of Kingman, Ind., representing a consolidation of the old Kingman State Bank and the Citizens State Bank of Kingman, according to the Indianapolis "News" of June 30. The new bank is capitalized at \$25,000.

Closing of the Citizens' State Bank of Noblesville, Ind., by the State Banking Department, on June 22, following the discovery of a shortage of \$147,100 in the institution's funds caused by the systematic embezzlements of its head bookkeeper, Omar G. Patterson, over a period of 21 years, was reported in a dispatch from that place to the Cincinnati "Enquirer." Upon the discovery of the shortage by bank examiners, Patterson, it appears, left the bank and going to his room in a hotel, drank poison which ended his life several hours later in the day. In the interval before his death the following statement (as contained in the advices) was written and signed by the bookkeeper:

"For several years I have been taking money from the Citizens' State Bank until the total sum so taken by me is \$147,100. I have covered up this shortage and kept it from the officers and directors by making false daily statements from the ledgers which were in my charge. I make this statement in order that the public may know of the bank's present financial difficulties."

The closed institution is capitalized at \$100,000 and has resources in excess of \$1,000,000, according to the dispatch. It was founded in 1869 and is said to be the oldest bank in Central Indiana.

Subsequently, the Indianapolis "News" in its issue of June 30 reported that a charter had been granted by the State Banking Department the previous day (June 29) to a new bank organized to succeed the closed institution, bearing the same title and capitalized at the same amount, \$100,000. Officers of the new organization were given as William E. Dunn, President; Lucius Wainwright, First Vice-President; L. N. Joseph, Second Vice-President; Earl Baker, Third Vice-President, and Harry Craig, Cashier. Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Joseph are Indianapolis men, it was said.

The steady growth of the Union Trust Co., Chicago, is indicated by the statement of condition as of June 30, showing deposits of more than \$100,000,000. This is the first time that the published statement has shown deposits above the \$100,000,000 mark. Deposits of the Union Trust Co., Chicago, have increased as follows:

Jan. 1 1922-----	\$42,587,341	Jan. 1 1926-----	\$73,762,621
Jan. 1 1923-----	54,349,736	Jan. 1 1927-----	77,029,633
Jan. 1 1924-----	58,095,424	Jan. 1 1928-----	94,520,947
Jan. 1 1925-----	64,751,711	June 30 1928-----	100,361,960

C. H. Sweet was elected President of the Central National Bank of Tulsa, Okla., on June 5 to succeed his father-in-law, J. E. Crosbie, who resigned and was made Chairman of the Board, according to a dispatch from Tulsa on June 5 to the Dallas "News." Mr. Crosbie, pioneer oil operator, was one of the first Oklahoma oil men to enter the Burkburnett area of Texas when it developed and also was active in the Panhandle field, the dispatch said.

Guy R. Alexander, for the past ten years Assistant Treasurer of the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis, was elected Treasurer by the directors on June 27, according to an announcement by George W. Wilson, the bank's President, as reported in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of June 28. Mr. Alexander joined the Mercantile Trust Co. in 1907 and in 1912, four years after the Mercantile National Bank was organized, was made Assistant Cashier of that institution. Upon the merger in 1918 of the Mercantile National Bank with the trust company he became Assistant Treasurer and has served in that capacity until his present promotion to Treasurer. Mr. Alexander succeeds Edward Buder, whose death occurred recently.

A dispatch from Jefferson City, Mo., on June 27 to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," reported the closing on that

day of two small Missouri banks by their respective directors, namely, the Bank of Marling (Montgomery County), and the Farmers' Bank of Farley (Platte County), bringing the total number of bank failures in the State so far the present year up to twenty-one. The latter bank was closed during an examination of the institution by State Bank Examiner, Fred Heidt. Continuing, the dispatch said:

The Bank of Marling's trouble lies in the impairment of its capital by reason of "frozen" assets, according to information received by the State Finance Department, while bad loans are said to have caused the closing of the Farley bank.

State Bank Examiner R. A. Miller has been placed in charge of the Marling bank. This institution was chartered in 1908. It has a capital of \$10,000, surplus of \$2,000, loans of \$36,000, deposits of \$25,000, bills payable \$5,000, and total resources, \$42,197. J. R. Mudd is President and H. P. King Cashier.

Heidt has been placed in charge of the Farley bank.

The bank, according to its last sworn statement as of April 12, 1928, had loans of \$72,000, deposits of \$64,000, capital, \$20,000; bills payable, \$7,000, and total resources, \$94,300. Henry Lutte is President and R. H. Baumgardt cashier.

Advices from Jefferson City, Mo., on June 22, to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" stated that failure of the Commercial State Bank of Kirksville, Mo., an institution chartered in July 1920, was reported on that day to the State Finance Commissioner, S. L. Cantley, by F. A. Giles, a State Bank Examiner. Mr. Giles was placed in charge of the bank assets, the dispatch said, until such time as the matter of reopening its determined or liquidation of its affairs decided upon. Continuing, the dispatch said:

This is the nineteenth bank failure of the year in Missouri. It is believed that capital of the bank was impaired through loans that are slow and cannot be collected.

The last sworn statement of condition of the bank was made as of April 12 1928 and showed the following:

Capital, \$50,000, with no surplus fund; bills payable, \$41,000; total deposits, \$178,179; cash on hand and due from other banks and bankers, \$18,521; real estate owned, \$11,500; bonds owned, \$38,700; total loans, \$174,819; total resources, \$270,787.25.

J. H. Myers is President and Carl E. Magee Cashier of the bank.

A dispatch on the same day (June 22) from Jefferson City to the Kansas City "Star" with regard to the failure stated that the institution was closely affiliated with the Baring State Bank at Baring, Mo., which failed on June 8.

Purchase by the Moscow Mills Savings Bank, Moscow Mills, Lincoln County, Mo., of the assets and business of the Liberty Bank of that place, was reported in a dispatch from Jefferson City to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" on June 25. Acquisition of the Liberty Bank, it is said, makes the enlarged institution the sole bank in the town. The consolidation which, it is understood, is the fortieth of the kind in Missouri during the present year, will be approved by the State Finance Commissioner. The two institutions represent total resources of approximately \$400,000, and have total deposits of more than \$200,000. John E. Richards is President of the Moscow Mills Savings Bank, and Fred Karrenbrock, Cashier.

The Tug River National Bank of Iaeger, West Va. (capital \$50,000), was placed in voluntary liquidation on Jan. 23. The institution has been absorbed by the First National Bank of Iaeger.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors and the Advisory Boards of the South Carolina National Bank of Charleston, S. C., June 26, a resolution was adopted recommending an increase in the capital stock of the bank from \$1,100,000 to \$1,500,000, through the issuance of 4,000 additional shares. All of the proposed additional capital stock will be offered to the present shareholders pro rata and negotiable "rights" to subscribe will be issued upon approval of the proposed increase by the shareholders at a special meeting to be called for this purpose, notice of which will be sent out in due course. It is proposed that the new stock will be offered shareholders at \$210 per share of which amount \$200 will be applicable to payment for the stock of the bank and \$10 will be applied to the increase in the capital of the South Carolina Security Company, which is affiliated with the South Carolina National Bank and owned pro rata by the shareholders of the bank, so as to maintain the existing relationship of the stock of the two institutions.

With the market price of the stock of the South Carolina National Bank quoted at 260 to 270, the offering of the new stock at the proposed price will result, the bank advises us, in a substantial "melon" to shareholders as the "rights" to

subscribe should sell for approximately \$10 to \$12 per share of stock now owned. Each shareholder will have the "right" to buy 4/11 of a new share at \$210 or four shares for each eleven shares now owned.

It is stated by the management that the increase was decided upon because of the substantial and continued increase in the business of the bank and because of the desire to provide at all times large capital assets as a security for depositors as well as for the benefit of the many business concerns doing business with the bank. Since 1923 the deposits of the South Carolina National Bank have increased from \$7,866,000 to more than \$28,000,000. After the proposed capital increase the capital will be \$1,500,000, surplus and undivided profits approximately \$1,750,000, and an additional sum carried in special reserve. A dividend of 4% and an extra dividend of 1% was declared payable to shareholders on June 30.

At the same meeting Louis R. Eisenmann, who has for many years been connected with the bank and who has for some time been Assistant Cashier and Manager of the bond department, was elected a Vice-President and will remain in charge of the bond department. Albert P. Lyons was elected an Assistant Cashier and C. W. Haynes, who is in charge of the bond department of the Columbia Branch was elected an Assistant Cashier.

Edward F. LeBreton, an Assistant Vice-President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, has been elected to the Executive Council of the American Institute of Banking, educational division of the American Bankers' Association. He was elected to this important post at the Institute's annual convention held this year at Philadelphia, June 18 through the 22nd. Mr. LeBreton, whose candidacy was sponsored by the New Orleans Chapter, is well known in banking circles throughout the country. He has been actively engaged in Institute work for seventeen years, holding during that period many offices in the New Orleans Chapter and serving on several committees of the national organization.

Consolidation of the National Bank of Denison, Texas, and the Citizens' National Bank of that place, under the title of the latter, effective, at the close of business June 20, was reported in advices from Denison on that date to the Dallas "News." The enlarged bank occupies the building of the Citizens' National Bank and is capitalized at \$150,000 with surplus of \$50,000. Its resources, it is understood, are in excess of \$2,000,000. W. S. Hibbard, heretofore President of the National Bank of Denison, is Chairman of the Board of the new organization. The National Bank of Denison was organized in 1890, while the Citizens' National Bank was founded in 1921 and nationalized four years later.

The Los Angeles "Times" of June 29 stated that according to an announcement the previous day by Erle M. Leaf, the President, formal opening of the National Bank of Commerce of Los Angeles, formerly the People's National Bank, would take place on that and the following day (June 29 and 30). The change in the title of the bank, it was said, would be effective with the opening. Other officers of the bank in addition to Mr. Leaf are: J. H. Coverly, Max E. Socha and S. P. Veselich, Vice-Presidents, and W. E. Clarke, Cashier. Reference to the affairs of this bank was made in our issues of June 2 and June 16, pages 3406 and 3710, respectively.

The Seaboard National Bank of Los Angeles announced this week plans for an increase in the bank's capitalization from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 and the reduction of the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$25 a share, according to advices from Los Angeles on July 5 to the "Wall Street News." A meeting of the stockholders of the institution will be held on Sept. 11 to vote on the propositions. The dispatch goes on to say:

George L. Brown, President, states that surplus funds will be increased from \$100,000 to \$600,000, giving the bank a total working capital of \$2,600,000. Through the reduction of par value the number of shares outstanding after giving effect to the doubling of capitalization will be increased from 10,000 to 80,000.

More than two-thirds of stockholders have already approved the proposals of directors and none of new shares, will be offered the public. Application will be made to list the stock on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange. An affiliated investment banking corporation will also be organized with further expansion plans to be announced in near future.

The following news item, under date of June 30, has been received from the Los Angeles First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles:

Douglas E. C. Moore and H. C. Barroll have been elected Directors of the First Securities Co., according to an announcement issued by Henry M. Robinson yesterday (June 29). Mr. Moore is Assistant Counsel and Director of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. and is likewise an officer and director of several other important corporations. Mr. Barroll is Vice-President of the First Securities Co. and the Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank.

Announcement was made in San Francisco at the United Security Bank & Trust Co. on June 28 that plans were complete for the immediate consolidation of the San Diego State Bank of San Diego and the Market Street State Bank of that city under the title of the former, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of June 29. The consolidated bank, it was said, is controlled by the United Security Bank & Trust Co. Opening of a new main office and the addition of another branch office, giving the consolidated bank four offices in San Diego, were also announced, it was said. The new main office would open July 2, it was stated, and the branch now under construction would be occupied during the autumn. The enlarged bank is capitalized at \$500,000 with surplus of \$100,000. Officers of the institution are as follows: Emil Klicka, President; Gordon Gray, Vice-President and Attorney; Alda M. Ferris, Vice-President, and H. M. Sammis, Vice-President and Cashier. Reference to the proposed merger of these San Diego banks was made in our issue of June 16, page 2710.

The Bank of Italy has published its report of condition for the first half of 1928. Resources have grown to more than \$804,000,000; deposits have reached \$666,900,000, and the combined profits of the bank, National Bankitaly Company and their subsidiaries have reached a new high level for a half year's operations at \$11,127,676. James A. Bacigalupi, President of the bank, in commenting on the statement, says:

The report of condition is one in which the stockholders of our institution may take justifiable pride. The gain in resources is even more generous than had been anticipated and marks the first time the totals have gone beyond \$800,000,000.

In addition to the large gains in deposits, the bank has increased its letter of credit and acceptance account to more than \$24,000,000. The enlarged volume of international business as well as extensive operations in the field of foreign travel, to which the Bank of Italy has devoted itself, is shown in the current figures. The bond investment, amounting to \$230,000,000 (of which amount \$158,000,000 is represented by U. S. Liberty bonds and other Government securities), together with \$103,000,000 actual cash on hand and in banks, are referred to as giving the institution a liquidity of more than 50%. The number of its depositors is shown as 1,347,357, a gain of 57,000 during the past six months.

Announcement of the appointment of O. A. Carlson as Controller of the recently organized Oregon Bancorporation of Portland was made on June 26 by Frank C. Bramwell, President of the holding company, according to the Portland "Oregonian" of June 27. Mr. Carlson has resigned as an examiner for the Oregon State Banking Department to accept the new office. The "Oregonian" reported Mr. Bramwell as saying:

Oregon Bancorporation has established the office of controller for the purpose of technically supervising all the business and to keep an active check on all loans and investments and to outline and install a general system which not only will provide increased efficiency, but render better service to the public. Examinations of all affiliated institutions will be conducted by Mr. Carlson at various and regular intervals so we may know daily just what transpires in connection with all the institutions of the system. We are sure we have appointed a man who understands all phases of the banking business and who will require all affiliated institutions to conduct their business upon sound and conservative principles.

With regard to Mr. Carlson's career the paper mentioned had the following to say:

Mr. Carlson leaves a position as examiner of the State Banking Department to take up this work with the corporation. He had been with the banking department one year, but his experience in the business extends back to 1909.

Mr. Carlson took a position in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D. C., in 1909. Subsequently he served as a national bank examiner with headquarters in Minneapolis for 5 years. He next served as examiner of the Federal Reserve bank to conduct examinations of member banks of the ninth, or Minneapolis district. When a branch Federal Reserve bank was established at Helena, Mont., he was named manager. On leaving that, position he was attached to the State Banking Department of Montana.

The newly appointed official of the bancorporation next moved to California, where he helped organize and was Vice-President of a bank which a little more than a year ago was absorbed by the Pacific Southwest Trust & Savings bank of Los Angeles. Following this deal he came to Oregon and took the position from which he is now resigning.

THE CURB MARKET.

An advance in call money to 10% was reflected in unsettled conditions in Curb Market trading at the opening of the week, and resulted in a break in prices. Later, however, when monetary conditions got back to normal there was a sharp recovery though profit-taking at the close practically offset the earlier gain. Aluminum Co. com. dropped from 150 to 140½, but sold back to 150. Auburn Automobile eased off from 115 to 111¾, recovered to 117¾ and closed to-day at 115. Bancitaly Corp. declined from 124½ to 111½, sold up to 123¾ and finished to-day at 121½. Checker Cab Mfg. com. rose from 32½ to 36. Deere & Co. com. gained over 13 points to 389¾ and sold finally at 350. Tubize Artificial Silk, class B, advanced from 505 to 570 and closed to-day at 568. Elsewhere price changes were small. Among the utilities Elec. Bond & Share Sec. fell from 102¾ to 99¾, recovered to 105 and ends the week at 103. Oils were very quiet. Galena Signal Oil new pref. dropped from 82½ to 78½, the final transaction to-day being at 79¼. Humble Oil & Ref. weakened at first from 78¼ to 77, recovered to 80⅞ and finished to-day at 79. Vacuum Oil after early loss from 74⅞ to 73⅞ sold up to 76½ and ends the week at 76¼. Gulf Oil weakened for 125 to 122⅞, advanced to 132 and closed to-day at 130⅞. Noranda Mines was heavily traded in up from 46⅞ to 64, the close to-day being at 59.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 95.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended July 6.	*STOCKS (No. Shares).				BONDS (Par Value).	
	Indus. & Miscell.	Oil.	Mining.	Total.*	Domestic.	Foreign Government.
Saturday	128,930	19,050	60,400	208,380	\$927,000	\$155,000
Monday	295,334	50,833	82,503	428,670	1,840,000	581,000
Tuesday	349,640	58,220	111,800	519,660	1,342,000	795,000
Wednesday	HOLIDAY					
Thursday	271,385	55,540	201,020	527,945	1,540,000	472,000
Friday	271,150	64,560	189,400	525,110	1,910,000	357,000
Total	1,316,439	248,203	645,123	2,209,765	\$7,559,000	\$2,360,000

* In addition, rights were sold as follows: Saturday, 10,200; Monday, 15,900; Tuesday, 40,600; Thursday, 33,200; Friday, 23,900.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Price fluctuations in the New York stock market have been somewhat irregular the present week, but the active list as a whole has shown an advancing tendency. The noteworthy feature of the week was the advance of call money on Monday to 10%, though subsequently the rate again tumbled to 5%. On Saturday and again on Monday the market was dull, but following the Fourth of July holiday the tone improved and prices moved vigorously forward. Motor stocks have attracted considerable attention and except for a moderate downward reaction in the forepart of the week have gradually worked upward. Steel, radio and aeronautical issues have also enjoyed further gains. The Federal Reserve Bank's weekly report, issued after the close of the market on Thursday, showed an increase in brokers' loans amounting to \$147,812,000 since the middle of last week. The two-hour session of the stock market on Saturday was dull and irregular, though several of the more active of the so-called speculative issues reached higher levels. The industrial shares developed considerable strength and advances ranging from 1 to 3 points were registered by the leaders. The motor shares also made substantial gains, General Motors selling up to 190, followed by Mack Truck, which gained 4½ points to 96. Brisk advances were made by Dodge Bros. pref. and Chrysler, which moved forward more than 3 points to 74¼. Public Utilities moved upward under the leadership of Consolidated Gas, which gained more than 5 points to 152½, and Peoples Gas, which registered a gain of 6 points at 180. Cerro de Paseo was the star of the copper issues and moved into new high ground at 78¾, though most of the other issues were dull and neglected. General Electric ran upward about 3 points and brisk advances took place in a number of the specialties, particularly Coca Cola, Union Bag & Paper, Collins & Aikman, Vulcan Detinning and General Railway Signal.

Prices were fairly firm during the early trading on Monday, though some selling came into the market following the advance of call money to 10%, the highest level reached since 1920. General Motors at 183 was down over 7

points, for the day. Radio Corp. at 175 was off about 10 points, Wright Aeronautical receded 6 points to 140, and Case Threshing Machine dipped 10 points to 335. Both General Electric and American Smelting were lower by 3 points. Consolidated Gas gradually worked upward and closed at 153½. Montgomery Ward and Sears-Roebuck advanced as the result of the favorable June earnings statements. On Tuesday the market turned upward and many of the speculative leaders again moved confidently forward to higher levels. General Motors assumed the leadership of the motor group and at 188 had recorded a gain of nearly 3 points for the day. United States Steel common moved up with the leaders and gained more than 3 points to 139¾. Radio Corporation advanced 8 points and crossed 185, followed by American Can with a gain of nearly 3 points. Copper stocks were particularly strong, Cerro de Pasco again being conspicuous in the buying in expectation of favorable dividend action later. American Smelting & Refining moved up several points and Kennecott and Greene-Cananea were in strong demand at improving prices. International Nickel rallied above the previous close and reached its final at 94. Montgomery Ward and Sears-Roebuck extended their gains over 2 points each and International Harvester advanced about 5 points. Railroad stocks led by Texas & Pacific again resumed their upward stride and Missouri Pacific and Western Maryland recorded further progress upward.

The market continued to move vigorously forward on Thursday as trading was resumed following the Fourth of July holiday, the drop in the call money rate to 5% stimulating buying all along the line. General Motors, for instance, sold above 195 in the early trading and closed at 193 with a net gain of 1¼ points. Radio advanced more than 4 points to 158½ and United States Steel common crossed 140. Sharp gains ranging from 2 to 10 points were also recorded by some of the more active speculative issues, including, among others, General Electric, Du Pont, International Harvester and Curtiss Aeroplane. Wright Aeronautical was especially noteworthy for its sharp advance of 16½ points. Copper stocks were again strong and active. Kennecott broke into new high ground for the present movement. The railroad stocks moved to the front under the guidance of Texas & Pacific, which reached a new peak at 172½. New York Central also advanced and Bangor & Aroostook sold up to 74, as compared with its previous close at 67. Specialties, as a rule, followed the upward trend, and such favorites as Case Threshing Machine and Texas Gulf Sulphur moved briskly forward.

On Friday stock prices fluctuated somewhat uncertainly during the early trading, but turned definitely downward during the liquidation that came into the market in the final hour. Radio Corporation slipped back 4 points to 186 and Sears-Roebuck and Montgomery Ward about 2 points. General Motors opened down 2 points, but rallied to its previous close and General Electric reacted downward more than a point. Specialties were featured by Simmons Company which scored a net advance of about 4 points. Midland Steel Products extended its gain over 13 points and both Wright and Curtiss bounded forward about 4 points. The strong stocks of the railroad group were Missouri-Kansas-Texas and Kansas City Southern, both of which closed with substantial gains. Copper stocks lost all of the buoyancy that characterized this group earlier in the week. The final tone was weak.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended July 6.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	747,970	\$3,472,000	\$1,146,000	\$213,000
Monday	1,661,510	7,488,000	2,624,000	571,000
Tuesday	1,792,810	6,664,000	2,936,000	2,747,000
Wednesday		HOLIDAY		
Thursday	2,268,038	4,848,000	2,561,000	3,733,000
Friday	1,974,300	5,742,000	1,872,000	2,425,000
Total	8,444,628	\$28,214,000	\$11,139,000	\$9,689,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended July 6.		Jan. 1 to July 6.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stocks, No. of shares..	8,444,628	6,971,710	413,525,476	280,104,745
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$9,689,000	\$6,346,050	\$110,518,750	\$182,085,450
State and foreign bonds	11,139,000	8,917,200	451,179,765	460,168,400
Railroad & misc. bonds	28,214,000	32,544,000	1,416,237,525	1,206,528,050
Total bonds.....	\$49,042,000	\$47,807,250	\$1,977,936,040	\$1,848,781,900

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND
BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended July 6 1928.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*12,099	\$12,250	a21,643	\$10,500	1,067	\$15,500
Monday	*24,415	23,000	a43,120	13,500	1,476	15,200
Tuesday	*47,036	13,200	a53,840	27,231	1,267	24,400
Wednesday			Holiday			
Thursday	*36,682	26,000	a52,340	42,600	1,708	15,700
Friday	28,985	16,000	a16,987	15,400	4,438	37,000
Total	149,217	\$90,450	187,930	\$109,231	9,956	\$107,800
Prev. week revised	131,181	\$120,300	135,394	\$131,680	13,518	\$93,100

a In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 2,500; Monday, 4,700; Tuesday, 8,400; Thursday, 3,000; Friday, 2,600.

*In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,286; Monday, 9,988; Tuesday, 14,393; Thursday, 10,494.

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings the present week show a very heavy increase but this is due to the fact that last year the end of the month and the first of the month payments fell in the previous week, while the present year the bulk of these payments appear in this week's clearings. 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, July 7) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 33.9% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$12,116,940,417, against \$9,052,106,185 for the same week in 1927. At this centre, there is a gain for the five days ending Friday of 59.3%, a new high daily mark was reached on Tuesday, when the clearings aggregated \$2,413,000,000. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended July 7.	1928.	1927.	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,549,000,000	\$4,109,000,000	+59.3
Chicago	654,260,967	482,206,279	+35.7
Philadelphia	480,000,000	382,000,000	+35.4
Boston	404,000,000	411,000,000	-1.7
Kansas City	100,473,651	102,379,476	-2.0
St. Louis	107,900,000	109,600,000	-1.6
San Francisco	180,077,000	142,811,000	+26.1
Los Angeles	159,393,000	128,827,000	+23.6
Pittsburgh	177,695,376	125,352,832	+41.6
Detroit	147,009,037	111,117,960	+32.3
Cleveland	117,337,771	94,141,460	+24.7
Baltimore	93,371,756	111,153,602	-16.0
New Orleans	58,856,636	40,837,346	+44.0
Thirteen cities, five days	\$9,229,375,194	\$6,350,426,975	+45.3
Other cities, five days	1,034,741,820	971,672,345	+4.5
Total all cities, five days	\$10,264,117,014	\$7,322,099,320	+40.2
All cities, one day	1,852,823,403	1,730,006,805	+7.1
Total all cities for week	\$12,116,940,417	\$9,052,106,185	+33.9

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 June 30. For that week there is a decrease of 7.7%, the 1928 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$10,955,299,008, against \$11,880,829,986 in the same week of 1927. This decrease, however, is due to the fact that last year the end of the month and the first of the month payments fell in this week, while the present year these payments fell in the following week. Outside of this city the clearings show a decrease of 9.7%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a loss of 6.3%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is a loss of 7.3%, in the Boston Reserve District of 24.7% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 7.3%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are smaller by 8.3%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 1.1% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 11.5%. The Chicago Reserve District falls 8.4% behind and the St. Louis Reserve District 5.8%, while on the other hand the Minneapolis Reserve District has a gain of 2.7%. This latter district is the only one out of the twelve that has an increase. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a decrease of 7.3%, the Dallas Reserve District of 3.2% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 3.0%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week End, June 30 1928.	1925.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Federal Reserve Dist.					
1st Boston... 12 cities	491,743,494	653,124,357	+24.7	698,252,424	442,960,213
2nd New York... 11 "	7,034,143,966	7,540,482,594	+7.3	6,872,730,228	5,752,188,571
3rd Philadelphia... 10 "	557,156,939	611,973,374	+9.5	668,554,528	500,483,085
4th Cleveland... 8 "	412,407,107	449,904,690	+9.2	442,013,832	360,245,528
5th Richmond... 6 "	175,283,955	177,274,702	+1.1	253,458,932	207,996,669
6th Atlanta... 13 "	187,637,515	189,500,377	+1.0	212,955,181	202,702,000
7th Chicago... 20 "	958,324,346	1,046,233,044	+9.2	1,105,693,703	987,353,499
8th St. Louis... 8 "	204,829,337	217,535,126	+6.2	230,654,688	194,113,563
9th Minneapolis... 7 "	111,660,565	108,731,821	-2.7	127,853,169	112,610,735
10th Kansas City... 12 "	220,315,149	255,617,884	+16.1	263,869,110	225,560,977
11th Dallas... 5 "	64,876,075	67,018,178	+3.2	75,537,702	54,961,504
12th San Fran... 17 "	546,420,560	563,381,839	+3.1	573,918,110	452,224,484
Total... 129 cities	10,955,299,008	11,880,829,986	+7.7	11,555,492,407	9,543,402,830
Outside N. Y. City	4,044,051,966	4,497,830,999	+9.7	4,845,388,063	3,931,348,088
Canada... 31 cities	429,604,942	355,396,059	+20.9	265,966,559	273,649,515

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve Districts of the clearings for the month of June. For that month there is an increase for the whole country of 15.9%, the 1928 aggregate of the clearings being \$55,275,894,886, and the 1927 aggregate \$47,689,198,950. Although this year's total for the month of June of \$55,275,894,886 does not establish a new high monthly total it is the highest total ever reached in the month of June in any year. New York City is responsible for the greater part of the increase, its gain being 24.6%. Outside of this city the increase is only 3.7%. In the New York Reserve District (including this city) the totals for the month are larger by 24.2%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 9.1% and in the Cleveland Reserve District by 1.9%. The Boston Reserve District has a loss of 9.1%, the Richmond Reserve District of 3.2% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 1.8%, the latter due in part to the falling off at the Florida points, Miami having suffered a decrease of 35.6%, Tampa, 11.4% and Jacksonville of 9.8%. The Chicago Reserve District records 3.3% increase and the Minneapolis Reserve District, 8.2%, while the St. Louis and the Kansas City Reserve Districts both have trifling losses, the decrease being 0.9% in both districts. The Dallas Reserve District is favored with an increase of 1.0% and the San Francisco Reserve District with an improvement of 20.2%.

Federal Reserve Dist.	June, 1928.	June, 1927.	Inc. or Dec.	June, 1926.	June, 1925.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston... 14 cities	2,328,922,381	2,551,559,483	+9.1	2,407,603,510	2,059,823,314
2nd New York... 14 "	35,532,218,640	28,608,491,390	+24.2	24,922,491,582	24,666,960,349
3rd Philadelphia... 14 "	2,839,708,693	2,603,448,463	+9.1	2,684,282,550	2,500,686,117
4th Cleveland... 15 "	1,965,190,316	1,927,647,521	+1.9	1,842,232,528	1,780,886,675
5th Richmond... 10 "	853,438,137	881,341,529	+3.2	979,889,247	940,012,676
6th Atlanta... 18 "	828,668,108	843,889,232	+1.8	968,830,034	992,443,604
7th Chicago... 29 "	4,794,433,228	4,641,192,396	+3.3	4,546,256,198	4,524,051,982
8th St. Louis... 10 "	970,337,759	979,978,692	+0.9	1,002,847,521	980,873,716
9th Minneapolis... 13 "	597,045,633	542,602,761	+8.2	574,390,619	591,472,100
10th Kansas City... 16 "	1,219,528,537	1,230,532,819	+0.9	1,243,960,831	1,199,320,455
11th Dallas... 12 "	484,814,323	480,214,461	+1.0	504,050,534	460,376,507
12th San Fran... 28 "	2,871,790,525	2,388,300,081	+20.2	2,422,796,633	2,230,798,328
Total... 193 cities	55,275,894,886	47,689,198,950	+15.9	44,099,611,887	43,223,725,823
Outside N. Y. City	20,537,152,874	19,813,451,614	+3.7	19,904,622,301	19,213,882,108
Canada... 31 cities	2,067,432,620	1,655,158,023	+24.2	1,462,096,809	1,237,621,200

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the six months back to 1925:

Federal Reserve Dist.	Six Months.				
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston... 14 cities	15,071,215,922	14,644,469,265	+2.9	13,946,882,773	12,380,898,659
2nd New York... 14 "	201,067,218,625	160,478,548,925	+25.3	154,157,760,734	145,397,069,417
3rd Philadelphia... 14 "	15,581,520,511	15,233,975,379	+2.3	15,904,961,892	15,592,238,486
4th Cleveland... 15 "	11,170,151,794	11,034,488,548	+1.2	10,602,998,827	10,178,624,600
5th Richmond... 10 "	4,936,176,250	5,132,033,491	-3.9	5,484,588,217	5,205,115,877
6th Atlanta... 18 "	5,302,703,517	5,435,667,966	-2.4	6,721,034,158	6,040,170,867
7th Chicago... 29 "	27,917,227,083	26,387,050,303	+5.8	26,276,843,036	25,421,363,383
8th St. Louis... 10 "	5,856,518,158	5,792,610,927	+1.1	6,018,732,967	5,749,318,450
9th Minneapolis... 13 "	3,282,993,985	2,922,476,707	+11.2	3,225,665,310	3,322,682,059
10th Kansas City... 16 "	7,212,071,865	7,251,193,725	-0.5	7,039,836,075	6,965,501,675
11th Dallas... 12 "	3,016,905,234	3,147,478,358	-4.1	3,154,906,879	3,047,521,169
12th San Fran... 28 "	15,233,774,557	14,450,129,837	+12.7	14,236,193,007	12,854,103,002
Total... 193 cities	316,678,474,506	271,910,103,432	+16.5	266,769,402,873	252,157,497,647
Outside N. Y. City	119,873,444,070	115,476,889,374	+3.8	116,577,878,203	110,315,570,920
Canada... 31 cities	11,765,095,608	9,234,465,967	+24.9	8,318,366,239	7,562,982,164

CLEARINGS FOR JUNE, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 30.

Clearings at—	Month of June.			Six Months.			Week Ended June 30.					
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
First Federal Reserve District—Boston												
Maine—Bangor	3,785,106	3,714,842	+1.9	18,644,790	21,078,315	-11.5	554,840	636,000	-12.8	886,870	711,455	
Portland	16,496,378	15,914,338	+3.7	99,183,046	94,240,878	+5.2	3,487,082	4,259,800	-18.1	5,036,003	3,318,481	
Mass.—Boston	2,040,608,516	2,304,088,921	-11.4	13,340,314,279	13,131,830,430	+1.6	439,000,000	591,000,000	-25.7	630,000,000	384,000,000	
Fall River	5,971,110	8,452,443	-29.4	49,081,039	50,771,568	-3.3	999,402	1,799,955	-44.5	2,146,643	1,909,479	
Holyoke	2,768,876	3,873,588	-28.5	18,600,671	22,766,734	-18.3						
Lowell	5,149,444	5,763,231	-10.7	30,938,638	32,013,297	-3.2	1,063,532	1,282,092	-17.1	1,065,622	1,084,428	
New Bedford	4,631,924	5,049,029	-8.3	38,141,272	31,573,180	+20.8	890,296	1,104,622	-19.4	1,291,939	1,195,394	
Springfield	25,275,808	23,559,897	+7.3	150,144,778	143,014,348	+5.0	5,683,940	6,072,857	-6.7	5,621,718	6,783,733	
Worcester	16,827,435	15,884,112	+5.9	93,723,324	93,835,610	-0.1	3,420,803	4,411,652	-22.5	4,978,235	4,275,370	
Conn.—Hartford	78,263,307	65,997,854	+18.6	502,442,098	390,445,189	+28.7	14,500,191	15,247,713	-4.9	21,454,178	16,296,512	
New Haven	42,157,312	34,369,303	+22.7	230,687,270	196,892,431	+20.3	8,857,303	8,689,337	-3.8	8,915,207	7,810,461	
Waterbury	12,243,200	13,471,700	-9.1	67,909,700	65,515,100	+3.7						
R. I.—Providence	71,590,700	58,003,100	+23.4	412,806,000	351,289,000	+17.5	13,149,000	17,595,000	-25.3	15,548,309	15,574,900	
N. H.—Manchester	3,156,265	3,416,585	-7.6	18,598,920	19,199,685	-3.1	657,105	1,025,829	-36.0	1,304,709	779,849	
Total (14 cities)	2,328,922,381	2,551,559,483	-9.1	15,071,215,922	14,644,469,265	+2.9	491,743,494	653,124,357	-24.7	698,252,424	443,740,062	

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of June and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

City	June				Jan. 1 to June 30	
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1925.
(000,000s omitted)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York	34,739	27,876	24,195	24,018	196,805	156,433
Chicago	3,183	3,194	3,087	3,165	19,081	18,100
Boston	2,041	2,304	2,139	1,804	13,342	12,411
Philadelphia	2,651	2,424	2,500	2,576	14,472	14,142
St. Louis	635	629	655	654	3,704	3,897
Pittsburgh	823	834	780	748	4,649	4,524
San Francisco	1,042	811	816	757	5,866	4,836
Cincinnati	345	328	334	320	2,004	1,911
Baltimore	479	487	564	526	2,727	2,808
Kansas City	567	612	603	575	3,370	3,369
Cleveland	593	562	527	528	3,297	3,155
New Orleans	227	225	229	223	1,476	1,438
Minneapolis	358	324	345	360	1,984	1,722
Louisville	160	157	157	155	998	928
Detroit	912	779	779	737	4,823	4,301
Milwaukee	189	188	188	176	1,074	1,120
Los Angeles	952	773	765	675	5,358	4,783
Providence	72	58	57	59	413	351
Omaha	194	176	177	188	1,132	1,022
Buffalo	236	239	243	234	1,362	1,333
St. Paul	135	127	140	137	774	738
Indianapolis	101	100	107	64	598	599
Denver	145	136	140	137	870	793
Richmond	184	202	209	215	1,111	1,214
Memphis	77	90	89	78	525	543
Seattle	223	201	199	185	1,261	1,147
Hartford	78	66	75	53	502	390
Salt Lake City	79	75	76	71	454	429
Total	51,420	43,977	40,176	39,428	294,071	249,488
Other cities	3,856	3,712	3,924	3,805	22,607	22,422
Total all	55,276	47,689	44,100	42,233	316,678	271,910
Outside New York	20,537	19,813	19,905	19,214	119,873	115,477

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for June and the six months of 1928 and 1927 are given below:

Description.	Month of June.		Six Months.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stock, number of shares	*63,886,110	47,778,544	415,666,003	271,807,154
Railroad & misc. bonds	\$165,820,200	\$164,668,000	\$1,127,375,150	\$1,165,494,050
State, foreign, &c., bonds	87,405,500	57,015,300	440,622,625	449,346,200
U. S. Govt. bonds	23,748,000	34,253,250	101,042,750	175,405,700
Total	\$256,974,700	\$255,936,550	\$1,669,040,	

CLEARINGS—(Continued).

Clearings at—	Month of June.			Six Months.			Week Ended June 30.					
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Second Federal Reserve District—New York—												
N. Y.—Albany	28,208,350	25,643,585	+10.0	164,023,765	166,249,254	-1.3	5,506,022	7,539,789	-27.0	8,640,080	6,827,954	
Binghamton	5,820,433	5,425,460	+7.3	34,439,637	31,836,318	+8.2	1,005,423	1,572,317	-36.1	1,467,867	1,513,862	
Buffalo	236,461,611	239,010,969	-1.1	1,362,375,983	1,333,007,478	+2.2	47,448,891	61,250,928	-22.5	66,148,760	56,403,609	
Elmira	5,081,719	5,351,316	-5.0	28,202,549	28,454,919	-0.9	1,099,991	1,533,890	-28.3	1,581,962	1,323,690	
Jamestown	5,704,728	6,356,417	-10.3	34,205,828	37,033,429	-7.6	1,086,747	1,326,609	-18.0	1,323,565	1,376,413	
New York	34,738,742,012	27,875,747,336	+24.6	196,805,030,436	156,433,214,058	+25.8	6,911,247,042	7,382,936,987	-6.3	6,710,104,344	5,612,054,742	
Niagara Falls	7,298,200	5,779,738	+26.3	39,171,251	29,859,012	+31.2	12,163,716	17,664,008	-31.1	19,500,469	17,767,347	
Rochester	76,194,262	69,560,318	+9.5	388,466,231	367,716,687	+5.7	*10,000,000	10,029,757	-0.3	10,949,516	7,898,426	
Syracuse	34,110,026	32,441,332	+5.1	176,764,755	165,919,625	+6.5	4,565,533	3,778,691	+20.8	3,449,558	4,114,233	
Conn.—Stamford	19,132,298	20,965,611	-8.7	103,525,473	98,066,339	+5.6	870,198	1,508,987	-42.3	997,022	1,402,208	
N. J.—Montclair	5,331,512	4,488,053	+18.8	24,659,939	22,942,368	+7.5	7,762,207	7,571,691	+2.5	7,736,739	7,604,014	
Newark	156,057,668	122,075,461	+27.8	763,061,640	685,940,207	+11.2	39,150,403	51,341,261	-23.7	48,562,085	41,506,087	
Northern N. J.	204,617,489	188,084,074	+8.8	1,098,822,404	1,042,538,552	+5.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Oranges	9,457,712	7,561,720	+25.1	44,468,260	40,711,099	+9.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (14 cities)	35,532,218,640	28,608,491,390	+24.2	201,067,218,625	160,478,548,925	+25.3	7,034,143,966	7,540,482,594	-7.3	6,872,730,228	5,752,188,571	
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia												
Pa.—Allentown	6,713,022	7,607,206	-11.8	39,383,984	42,862,838	-8.1	1,468,851	1,687,545	-13.0	1,751,890	1,404,442	
Bethlehem	24,455,178	18,356,653	+33.2	120,170,587	114,596,246	+4.9	4,945,967	4,824,282	+2.5	4,952,597	4,885,527	
Chester	5,728,609	6,347,583	-9.8	33,271,902	36,716,687	-9.4	1,176,604	1,587,838	-25.9	1,632,516	1,594,698	
Harrisburg	21,178,834	20,498,267	+3.4	116,961,929	121,507,873	-3.7	---	---	---	---	---	
Lancaster	9,688,056	9,724,694	-1.4	61,901,501	58,993,681	+4.9	1,974,523	2,275,847	-13.3	2,412,486	2,794,330	
Lebanon	2,742,103	2,861,505	-4.8	16,673,030	16,727,296	-0.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Norristown	4,942,224	5,191,911	+4.4	26,902,043	23,665,746	+13.7	---	---	---	---	---	
Philadelphia	2,651,000,000	2,424,000,000	+9.4	14,472,000,000	14,143,000,000	+2.3	540,000,000	577,000,000	-6.4	651,000,000	515,000,000	
Reading	19,062,999	18,455,114	+3.3	111,685,647	110,302,752	+1.2	3,974,189	5,091,100	-21.9	5,694,389	4,126,808	
Scranton	28,117,513	26,373,713	+6.6	172,836,701	163,289,278	+5.8	5,096,369	6,539,638	-22.1	7,483,236	7,297,722	
Wilkes-Barre	11,202,393	18,101,948	-38.1	100,723,223	105,717,986	-4.7	3,992,440	3,597,386	+11.0	3,634,605	4,442,765	
York	4,423,328	7,832,666	+20.3	52,612,061	47,539,281	+10.7	1,711,756	1,798,647	-4.8	2,256,270	1,932,709	
N. J.—Camden	12,926,239	12,781,281	+1.1	66,492,935	74,368,776	-10.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Trenton	32,528,195	25,990,922	+25.2	190,004,968	174,687,039	+8.8	7,762,207	7,571,691	+2.5	7,736,739	7,604,014	
Total (14 cities)	2,839,608,693	2,603,448,463	+9.1	15,581,520,511	15,233,975,379	+2.3	567,156,939	611,973,374	-7.3	688,554,528	550,483,085	
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland												
Ohio—Akron	29,803,000	30,815,000	-3.3	172,584,000	160,878,000	+7.3	5,785,000	6,517,000	-11.2	6,107,000	5,587,000	
Canton	19,467,883	18,232,538	+6.8	111,025,560	106,583,183	+4.2	3,627,115	3,695,039	-1.8	3,802,428	3,712,808	
Cincinnati	344,725,604	327,908,578	+5.1	2,004,414,658	1,911,079,239	+4.9	75,699,947	72,279,225	+4.7	81,315,426	64,002,471	
Cleveland	592,589,349	561,947,280	+5.5	3,296,874,059	3,164,543,776	+4.2	127,909,406	134,244,902	-4.7	134,651,619	114,030,868	
Columbus	73,603,200	76,184,900	-3.4	456,836,600	450,177,700	+1.5	14,535,300	18,838,400	-22.8	19,389,800	13,932,510	
Hamilton	5,883,089	7,339,481	+57.3	29,145,548	24,239,457	+20.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Lorain	1,948,775	1,920,354	+1.5	10,344,628	11,470,423	-9.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Mansfield	8,645,948	9,503,980	-9.0	49,854,600	51,963,191	-4.1	1,812,857	1,863,073	-2.7	1,969,283	2,100,864	
Youngstown	25,769,652	25,442,253	+1.2	149,253,878	145,341,785	+2.7	5,607,197	5,980,194	-6.2	4,912,030	5,877,976	
Pa.—Beaver Co.	3,099,706	3,368,433	-8.0	17,855,172	18,763,200	-4.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Franklin	1,310,000	1,345,243	-2.6	7,682,885	8,151,780	-5.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Greensburg	7,910,741	6,138,580	+28.9	39,391,965	36,132,938	+9.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Pittsburgh	822,912,034	833,997,983	-1.3	4,648,770,130	4,787,486,514	-2.9	177,430,285	206,486,857	-14.1	189,866,246	151,000,791	
Ky.—Lexington	7,370,715	7,060,764	+4.4	58,283,311	58,010,201	+21.4	---	---	---	---	---	
W. Va.—Wheeling	20,150,620	20,442,154	+0.5	117,834,600	109,677,261	+7.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (15 cities)	1,965,190,316	1,927,647,521	+1.9	11,170,151,794	11,034,498,648	+1.2	412,407,107	449,904,690	-8.3	442,013,832	360,245,528	
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond												
W. Va.—Huntington	5,808,931	5,622,818	+3.3	32,123,604	34,921,687	-9.0	1,064,350	1,226,059	-13.2	1,655,307	1,410,854	
Norfolk	22,723,664	23,725,533	-4.2	137,581,397	145,771,299	-5.6	4,884,471	5,157,956	-5.3	8,303,918	9,182,012	
Richmond	184,246,000	201,792,000	-8.7	1,111,013,964	1,213,839,272	-8.5	41,320,000	46,119,000	-10.4	53,676,000	44,567,000	
N. C.—Raleigh	9,798,866	12,569,445	-22.0	65,515,345	69,346,442	-5.5	2,002,239	1,718,202	+16.5	*2,200,000	2,072,435	
S. C.—Charleston	10,422,709	9,424,191	+10.6	61,497,847	61,523,957	-0.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Columbia	8,734,227	8,224,356	+6.2	57,081,440	50,450,660	+13.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Md.—Baltimore	479,204,804	486,981,810	-1.6	2,726,838,696	2,808,079,717	-2.9	100,221,784	94,401,412	+6.2	166,543,833	121,388,368	
Frederick	1,953,733	2,063,995	-5.3	12,082,293	12,315,717	-1.9	---	---	---	---	---	
Hagerstown	3,614,514	3,421,945	+5.7	21,502,338	21,315,087	+0.9	25,791,111	28,652,073	-10.0	31,079,874	29,376,000	
D. C.—Washington	126,930,689	127,516,336	-0.5	710,936,326	714,439,659	-0.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (10 cities)	853,438,137	881,341,529	-3.2	4,936,173,250	5,132,003,491	-3.8	175,283,955	177,274,702	-1.1	263,458,932	207,996,669	
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta												
Tenn.—Chattanooga	38,480,722	37,285,800	+3.2	222,054,888	208,030,050	+6.7	7,695,860	7,017,753	-9.3	6,380,055	6,037,225	
Knoxville	13,295,763	*15,500,000	-14.2	89,398,820	85,721,833	+4.3	2,870,633	*4,000,000	-28.2	4,172,250	*3,400,000	
Nashville	94,977,164	95,638,767	-0.7	588,280,266	573,952,123	+2.5	18,413,634	20,979,290	-12.2	21,360,096	18,685,654	
Ga.—Atlanta	197,230,637	198,249,612	-0.5	1,296,743,093	1,282,715,581	+1.1	42,546,628	45,673,250	-6.8	45,673,250	49,981,118	
Augusta	6,981,930	7,659,130	-8.8	48,604,656	51,605,938	-5.8	1,642,898	1,860,936	-11.7	1,727,848	1,363,364	
Columbus	4,196,616	4,176,734	+0.5	27,817,423	27,584,800	+0.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Macon	8,473,272	7,955,433	+6.5	54,988,134	50,669,707	+9.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Fla.—Jacksonville	72,033,082	79,823,047	-9.8	456,180,633	564,700,941	-19.2	1,762,219	1,957,280	-10.0	1,798,404	3,004,699	
Miami	11,716,000	18,186,000	-35.6	93,044,000	184,000,000	-49.6	14,398,955	17,651,343	-18.4	25,794,875	20,600,973	
Tampa	16,573,589	18,709,869	-11.4	103,607,772	136,417,696	-24.1	1,990,000	3,408,000	-41.6	11,843,609	17,364,882	
Ala.—Birmingham	102,656,283	102,101,850	+0.2	630,370,024	625,852,746	+0.7	21,807,705	24,362,559	-10.5	25,074,111	22,221,664	
Mobile	5,824,197	5,118,911	+2.2	44,357,034	53,643,289	-17.3	1,456,202	2,058,655	-29.3	2,347,615	1,626,391	
Montgomery	7,111,000	7,312,600	-2.7	44,315,000	47,712,484	-7.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Miss.—Hattiesburg	8,383,152	6,395,151	+31.1	53,012,767	43,670,357	+21.4						

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Clearings at—	Month of June.			Six Months.			Week Ended June 30.					
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Ninth Federal Reserve District—												
Minneapolis	38,672,153	40,609,230	-4.8	186,556,651	177,189,214	+5.3	6,196,461	7,072,258	-12.4	6,764,922	7,308,076	
Duluth	358,256,066	323,773,600	+10.7	1,984,089,309	1,721,712,493	+15.2	73,154,438	66,867,000	+9.4	81,907,556	73,247,518	
Rochester	3,118,553	3,182,438	-2.0	15,965,305	15,160,995	+5.3						
St. Paul	135,416,878	126,883,457	+6.7	774,152,921	737,780,406	+4.9	26,243,736	28,572,852	-8.2	32,520,568	27,065,911	
No. Dak.—Fargo	8,678,287	8,141,674	+6.6	51,338,353	47,602,261	+7.8	1,622,027	1,927,026	-15.8	1,918,860	1,381,000	
Grand Forks	5,955,000	5,846,000	+1.9	33,420,000	33,238,000	+0.5						
Minot	1,663,529	1,465,981	+13.5	3,182,952	7,416,643	+23.8						
So. Dak.—Aberdeen	5,635,485	3,162,171	+9.2	32,777,513	28,470,991	+15.1	1,155,328	1,039,142	+11.2	1,478,319	1,066,453	
Sioux Falls	7,276,475	7,847,434	-7.3	43,721,282	60,114,348	+11.1						
Mont.—Billings	2,686,831	2,413,145	+11.3	16,510,710	43,180,150	+11.9	526,575	490,543	+7.3	556,842	442,746	
Great Falls	4,656,162	3,813,370	+22.1	29,050,767	21,405,287	+35.7						
Helena	14,360,393	12,800,390	+12.2	82,151,343	71,093,390	+15.6	2,762,000	2,763,000	-0.1	2,706,102	2,099,031	
LeWinstown	667,821	663,891	+0.6	4,076,779	3,473,160	+17.4						
Total (13 cities)	587,043,633	542,602,781	+8.2	3,262,993,985	2,922,476,707	+11.7	111,660,565	108,731,821	+2.7	127,853,169	112,610,735	
Tenth Federal Reserve District—												
Kansas City	1,694,388	1,880,726	-9.9	10,906,721	10,555,780	+3.3	302,230	339,301	-10.9	776,378	456,558	
Fremont	2,389,861	1,780,595	+34.2	14,104,658	11,463,118	+23.0	459,628	371,912	+23.6	518,694	522,015	
Hastings	2,389,861	2,139,522	+21.1	130,724,668	125,715,372	+4.0	6,126,115	4,874,744	+25.7	5,494,304	4,775,014	
Lincoln	193,861,754	176,326,198	+9.9	1,132,293,102	1,021,919,450	+10.8	40,497,201	38,004,871	+6.6	40,772,393	37,186,503	
Omaha	9,378,934	10,456,311	-10.3	53,463,926	60,114,348	+11.1						
Kan.—Kansas City	17,939,421	13,985,515	+28.3	95,761,563	80,796,498	+18.5	3,738,084	2,842,123	+31.5	3,270,082	3,957,064	
Topeka	40,424,036	37,045,909	+9.1	227,288,254	205,186,223	+10.8	9,518,472	8,803,521	+8.1	12,779,191	9,758,130	
Wichita	5,823,698	6,012,206	-3.1	35,092,640	40,783,643	-14.0						
Mo.—Joplin	567,453,489	612,302,659	-7.3	3,370,253,979	3,609,737,631	-6.6	125,135,702	147,059,437	-14.9	142,442,846	115,542,239	
Kansas City	30,007,000	29,527,738	+1.6	182,543,391	168,559,711	+8.3	5,991,637	6,241,582	+4.0	6,619,576	7,351,963	
Okla.—McAlester												
Oklahoma City	119,321,559	122,691,656	-2.8	724,688,461	747,440,446	-3.0	26,164,500	27,174,959	-3.7	28,032,891	24,625,955	
Tulsa	51,552,800	49,588,691	+4.0	294,847,854	303,469,980	-2.8						
Colo.—Colorado Spgs.	6,390,191	5,385,197	+18.7	34,265,749	29,951,394	+14.4	1,110,216	782,552	+41.9	780,764	608,006	
Denver	144,778,264	136,088,754	+6.5	869,963,616	801,971,042	+8.5	a	a	a	a	a	
Pueblo	6,124,208	5,529,242	+10.8	35,873,283	32,862,684	+9.2	1,271,364	1,112,088	+14.3	1,239,197	1,119,224	
Total (16 cities)	1,219,528,507	1,230,532,919	-0.9	7,212,071,865	7,251,193,726	-0.5	220,315,149	237,607,085	-7.3	242,726,316	205,902,671	
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—												
Dallas	7,428,846	6,408,623	+15.9	43,553,230	39,653,481	+9.8	1,139,041	1,399,328	-18.6	1,601,671	1,714,294	
Austin	8,318,000	8,701,000	-4.4	51,410,000	52,016,000	-1.2						
Beaumont	200,643,340	190,192,864	+5.5	1,265,721,434	1,235,526,434	+2.4	42,523,407	43,582,169	-2.4	46,665,609	32,487,594	
Dallas	23,478,880	20,524,509	+14.4	142,751,054	121,929,788	+17.1						
El Paso	53,027,590	51,566,135	+2.8	329,865,402	303,173,241	+8.8	12,379,878	9,560,577	+29.4	12,195,126	10,733,165	
Galveston	19,133,000	30,663,000	-37.6	123,386,000	252,022,000	-51.0	4,425,000	7,097,000	-37.6	9,819,000	5,504,929	
Houston	135,610,679	135,602,214	+0.1	820,513,180	897,237,757	-8.6						
Port Arthur	2,468,128	2,797,554	-11.8	14,650,149	15,981,584	-8.3						
Texarkana	2,254,080	2,401,820	-6.2	15,229,921	14,870,209	+2.4						
Wichita Falls	10,460,013	11,394,000	-8.2	67,057,013	79,336,000	-15.5						
La.—Shreveport	21,992,373	19,962,742	+10.2	142,767,851	135,731,864	+5.2	4,408,749	5,379,104	-18.0	5,316,296	4,521,522	
Total (12 cities)	484,814,929	480,214,461	+1.0	3,016,905,234	3,147,478,358	-4.1	64,876,075	67,018,178	-3.2	75,537,702	54,961,504	
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—												
Seattle	*3,400,000	3,940,000	-13.7	20,751,000	24,821,000	-16.4						
Bellingham	223,456,278	200,642,512	+11.4	1,261,263,209	1,146,690,736	+10.0	44,200,933	45,056,175	-1.9	45,926,133	36,276,083	
Spokane	57,651,000	54,249,000	+6.3	333,789,000	310,347,000	+7.6	11,800,000	12,900,000	-8.5	12,584,000	9,664,000	
Yakima	6,168,907	5,830,644	+5.8	35,459,274	34,679,934	+2.2	1,227,588	1,169,322	+5.0	1,532,242	1,159,360	
Idaho—Boise	5,176,381	4,759,872	+8.7	29,839,597	27,489,449	+8.5						
Ore.—Eugene	2,305,610	2,169,000	+6.3	11,764,610	13,133,750	-10.4						
Portland	169,847,978	155,143,105	+9.5	935,540,806	955,869,720	-2.2	36,253,706	34,177,564	+6.1	41,373,883	21,608,258	
Udahn—Ordain	5,714,272	5,559,452	+2.8	38,805,097	34,009,171	+14.1						
Salt Lake City	78,746,041	74,877,856	+5.2	454,212,985	429,209,080	+5.8	17,375,343	19,681,606	-11.7	18,461,835	13,620,017	
Nev.—Reno	3,081,788	3,374,329	-9.9	16,865,900	17,021,452	-9.9						
Ariz.—Phoenix	15,797,000	12,460,000	+26.8	94,819,000	75,070,900	+26.3						
Calif.—Bakersfield	5,648,796	5,204,780	+8.5	33,221,637	35,445,973	-2.4						
Berkeley	20,677,216	19,876,189	+4.0	130,716,527	127,133,888	+2.8						
Fresno	15,618,542	14,138,748	+10.5	92,251,213	96,896,129	-4.8	3,228,053	3,169,154	+1.9	4,312,831	3,918,819	
Long Beach	35,116,983	30,914,570	+13.6	207,213,160	186,460,455	+11.1	7,106,251	6,664,823	+6.6	7,149,597	5,996,837	
Los Angeles	951,882,000	773,282,000	+23.1	5,357,580,000	4,782,881,000	+12.0	187,361,000	188,161,000	-0.4	187,597,000	145,198,000	
Modesto	3,961,604	3,428,582	+15.5	22,968,896	20,838,967	+10.2						
Oakland	89,616,705	76,991,447	+17.7	527,193,924	485,914,024	+8.5	16,430,914	17,960,211	-8.5	22,668,400	18,189,214	
Pasadena	28,378,953	29,567,803	-4.0	191,117,957	183,882,210	+3.9	5,651,266	6,589,676	+14.1	6,573,095	5,048,768	
Riverside	4,730,343	4,688,000	+0.9	28,856,402	32,143,672	-10.2						
Sacramento	33,659,419	34,441,163	-2.3	186,865,536	200,125,251	-6.6	5,937,182	5,617,599	+5.7	7,525,075	8,426,245	
San Diego	24,548,131	22,712,507	+8.1	144,552,538	155,844,680	-7.2	4,897,083	5,787,139	+15.4	6,837,968	5,659,361	
San Francisco	1,042,088,621	810,517,000	+28.6	5,863,833,733	4,835,963,925	+21.3	196,640,000	207,283,000	-5.1	201,185,000	171,426,990	
San Jose	13,693,935	10,377,059	+31.1	79,974,163	67,944,963	+19.3	2,648,503	3,161,570	-16.2	3,923,585	2,714,570	
Santa Barbara	7,403,536	6,305,228	+18.8	43,902,050	36,745,137	+19.5	1,313,520	1,566,166	-16.1	1,443,140	1,443,140	
Santa Monica	10,036,951	9,946,245	+1.1	57,895,298	57,106,045	+1.4	1,895,118	2,087,734	-9.2	2,371,226	1,835,716	
Santa Rosa	2,228,695	1,897,890	+17.0	12,780,155	12,052,220	+6.0						
Stockton	11,154,900	11,105,100	+0.5	67,741,400	68,309,200	-0.8	2,445,100	2,348,100	+4.1	2,453,900	2,382,300	
Total (28 cities)	2,871,790,555	2,388,300,081	+20.2	16,283,774,557	14,450,129,837	+12.7	546,420,560	563,381,839	-3.0	573,918,910	452,224,544	
Grand total (193 cities)	55,275,894,886	47,689,198,950	+15.9	316,678,474,506	271,910,103,432	+16.5	10,955,299,008	11,863,054,635	-7.7	11,534,349,613	9,523,754,524	
Outside New York	20,537,152,874	19,813,451,614	+3.7	119,873,444,070	115,476,889,374	+3.8	4,044,051,966	4,480,115,648				

Government Receipts 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 June 1928 and 1927 and the 12 mos. of the fiscal years 1927-28 and 1928-29:

Receipts.	Month of June		Twelve Months	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Ordinary—				
Customs	44,162,157	48,987,505	568,986,188	605,499,983
Internal revenue:				
Income tax	458,102,633	474,535,133	2,173,952,557	2,224,992,800
Miscell. internal revenue	62,534,417	55,116,873	621,018,666	644,421,542
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds Govt.-owned securities—				
Principal obligations—				
Principal	20,833,507	19,131,960	47,841,167	45,699,573
Interest	69,924,158	69,866,971	161,084,776	160,389,600
Railroad securities	1,937,004	40,479,227	164,407,076	89,737,959
All others	342,054	162,695	9,153,393	63,474,987
Trust fund receipts (re-appropriated for invest't)	6,007,565	4,109,853	63,395,444	48,476,631
Proceeds sale of surplus property	648,857	3,338,156	8,770,251	18,068,530
Panama Canal tolls, &c.	2,093,533	2,064,558	28,141,475	25,768,390
Receipts from misc. sources credited direct to appropriations	769,874	1,376,652	8,519,116	14,361,494
Other miscellaneous	11,571,587	23,521,369	187,078,043	188,502,953
Total ordinary	678,927,346	742,690,952	4,042,348,156	4,129,394,441
Excess of ord. receipts over total exp. chargeable against ordinary receipts	274,320,357	378,974,256	398,828,281	635,809,922
Excess of total exp. chargeable against ord. receipts over ordinary receipts				
Expenditures.				
Ordinary (checks and warrants paid, &c.)—				
General expenditures	185,872,656	157,458,208	1,953,479,041	1,857,858,564
Int. on public debt	89,863,602	80,147,528	731,764,476	787,019,578
Refund of receipts:				
Customs	2,014,639	2,292,712	21,856,901	20,320,524
Internal revenue	13,607,785	14,392,137	148,286,060	117,412,173
Postal deficiency	14,034,558	13,219,382	32,080,203	27,263,191
Panama Canal	952,432	654,291	10,448,880	8,305,345
Operations in special acc'ts:				
Railroads	36,063	84,628	6610,722	1,042,746
War Finance Corporation	666,711	2150,317	33,813,041	627,065,782
Shipping Board	5,701,874	347,561	34,881,713	19,011,397
Alien property fund	6693,185	1,122,707	6351,151	6496,118
Adjusted-service ctf. fund	6284,556	6550,571	111,817,840	115,219,352
Civil service retirement fund	673,244	688,467	109,272	6425,195
Investment of trust funds:				
Govt. Life Insurance	3,528,263	2,994,631	61,701,569	47,315,973
Dist. of Col. Teachers' Retirement	75,011	49,968	513,918	289,981
Foreign Service Retirement	6160,039	66,000	671,061	87,268
General Railroad Conting't	2,404,291	65,254	1,179,957	870,678
Total ordinary	316,813,439	272,944,396	3,103,264,855	2,974,029,675
Public debt retirem'ts chargeable against ord. receipts:				
Sinking fund			354,741,300	333,528,400
Purchases and retirements from foreign repayments	17,632,500	18,259,500	19,068,000	19,254,500
Received from foreign governments under debt settlements	70,161,050	67,011,800	162,736,050	159,961,800
Received for estate taxes			1,500	
Purchases and retirements from franchise tax rec'ts (Fed. Reserve & Fed. Intermediate Credit banks)			618,367	1,231,835
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.		5,501,000	3,089,803	5,578,310
Total	87,793,550	90,772,300	540,255,020	519,554,845
Total expenditures chargeable against ord. receipts	404,606,989	363,716,696	3,643,519,875	3,493,584,519

Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.
 a The figures for the month include \$80,785.57 and for the fiscal year 1928 to date \$1,342,135.76 accrued discount on war-savings certificates of matured series, and for the corresponding periods last year the figures include \$148,507.03 and \$2,401,478.49, 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. The difference between the amount appropriated and amount charged under ordinary expenditures above is due to variations in the working cash balance required.

Treasury Money Holdings.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of April, May, June and July 1928:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury	Apr. 1 1928.	May 1 1928.	June 1 1928.	July 1 1928.
Net gold coin and bullion	\$ 318,745,479	\$ 331,772,189	\$ 337,802,942	\$ 313,920,118
Net silver coin and bullion	13,881,355	14,297,757	18,574,705	15,105,541
Net United States notes	5,780,167	4,409,614	4,499,870	3,021,104
Net national bank notes	15,836,393	15,054,023	18,075,454	19,526,096
Net Federal Reserve notes	902,260	983,930	1,321,445	1,576,535
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	169,210	33,722	64,966	101,210
Net subsidiary silver	2,953,612	3,449,805	3,308,638	2,802,145
Minor coin, &c.	6,022,158	4,648,401	4,926,112	16,196,244
Total cash in Treasury—	364,290,634	374,599,441	388,574,132	372,248,993
Less gold reserve fund	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088
Cash balance in Treas'y	208,251,546	218,560,353	232,535,044	*216,209,905
Dep. in spec'l depositories, acct. Treasury bonds, Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	421,620,000	172,841,000	13,706,000	245,754,000
Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks	32,023,808	36,184,130	56,679,695	23,959,959
Dep. in national banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.	7,985,747	6,927,574	7,118,984	7,043,957
To credit disb. officers	21,058,915	20,631,410	19,553,454	19,902,070
Cash in Philippine Islands	696,480	473,830	623,620	760,834
Deposits in foreign depts.	453,384	522,875	431,188	526,122
Dep. in Fed'l Land banks				
Net cash in Treasury and in banks	692,089,880	456,141,172	335,647,985	514,156,847
Deduct current liabilities	247,273,119	257,190,650	280,816,283	248,629,866
Available cash balance	444,816,761	198,950,522	54,831,702	265,526,981

*Includes July 1 \$7,777,338.54 silver bullion and \$2,858,386.40 minor coin; &c. not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood June 30 1928 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of June 30 1928.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.			
GOLD.			
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold coin	695,926,365.38	Gold cts. outstanding	1,513,694,339.00
Gold bullion	2,519,338,504.60	Gold fund, F. R. Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913, as amended June 21 1917)	1,387,650,413.30
		Gold reserve	156,039,088.03
		Gold in general fund	157,881,029.65
Total	3,215,264,869.98	Total	3,215,264,869.98
Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,303,600 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.			
SILVER DOLLARS.			
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Silver dollars	480,358,495.00	Silver cts. outstanding	471,726,693.00
		Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding	1,303,600.00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund	7,328,202.00
Total	480,358,495.00	Total	480,358,495.00
GENERAL FUND.			
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold (see above)	157,881,029.65	Treasurer's checks outstanding	4,610,822.46
Silver dollars (see above)	7,328,202.00	Deposits of Government officers:	
United States notes	3,021,104.00	Post Office Department	5,821,811.07
Federal Reserve notes	1,576,535.00	Board of trustees, Postal Savings System:	
Fed'l Reserve bank notes	101,210.00	5% reserve, lawful money	6,442,670.87
National bank notes	19,526,096.00	Other deposits	1,435,672.96
Subsidiary silver coin	2,802,145.46	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	51,867,211.65
Minor coin	2,858,386.40	Deposits for:	
Silver bullion	7,777,338.54	Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fd., gold)	150,632,176.90
Unclassified, Collections, &c.	13,337,858.05	Redemption of national bank notes (5% fund, lawful money)	24,879,312.00
Deposits in F. R. banks	23,959,959.22	Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act May 30 1908	2,430.00
Deposits in special depositories account of sales of certificates of indebtedness	245,754,000.00	Uncollected items, exchanges, &c.	2,937,758.14
Deposits in foreign depositories:		Net balance	265,526,980.79
To credit of Treasurer United States	112,893.03		
To credit of other Government officers	413,228.65		
Deposits in nat'l banks:			
To credit of Treasurer United States	7,043,957.07		
To credit of other Government officers	19,902,070.26		
Deposits in Philippine Treasury:			
To credit of Treasurer United States	760,833.60		
Total	514,156,846.93	Total	514,156,846.93

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$332,512,856.40. Book credits for which obligations of foreign governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629.05.

Under the acts of July 14 1890, and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national-bank and Federal reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$45,039,852.

\$932,115 in Federal Reserve notes and \$19,472,396 in national-bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States June 30 1928.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States June 30 1928, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Bonds—	
Consols of 1930	\$599,724,050.00
Panama's of 1916-1936	48,954,180.00
Panama's of 1918-1938	25,947,400.00
Panama's of 1961	49,800,000.00
Conversion bonds	28,804,500.00
Postal savings bonds	14,812,380.00
Total bonds	\$768,132,510.00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947	\$1,939,154,150.00
Third Liberty Loan of 1928	1,228,848,600.00
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938	6,294,043,600.00
Total Liberty Loans	9,462,046,350.00
Treasury bonds of 1947-1952	\$762,320,300.00
Treasury bonds of 1944-1954	1,042,401,500.00
Treasury bonds of 1946-1956	491,212,100.00
Treasury bonds of 1943-1947	494,704,750.00
Total Treasury bonds	2,790,638,650.00
Total bonds	\$13,020,817,510.00
Treasury Notes—	
Series A-1930-1932, maturing Mar. 15 1932	\$1,215,153,200.00
Series B-1930-1932, maturing Sept. 15 1932	615,095,700.00
Series C-1930-1932, maturing Dec. 15 1932	607,399,650.00
Adjusted Service—Series A-1930	31,500,000.00
Series A-1931	53,500,000.00
Series B-1931	70,000,000.00
Series A-1932	123,400,000.00
Series A-1933	123,400,000.00
Civil Service—Series 1931	31,200,000.00
Series 1932	14,400,000.00
	14,800,000.00
	152,000.00
Total Treasury Notes	2,900,000,550.00
Treasury Certificates—	
Series TD 1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	\$261,761,000.00
Series TD2 1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	201,544,500.00
Series TM 1929, maturing Mar. 15 1929	216,371,500.00
Civil Service Retirement Fund Series	360,947,000.00
Foreign Service Retirement Fund Series	211,784,000.00
Total Treasury Certificates	1,252,408,000.00
Treasury Savings Certificates—	
Series 1923, issue of Sept. 30 1922	\$27,431,326.85
Series 1923, issue of Dec. 1 1923	23,302,602.90
Series 1924, issue of Dec. 1 1923	93,734,192.70
Total Treasury Savings Certificates	144,468,122.45
Total interest-bearing debt	\$17,317,694,182.45

Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased—	
Old debt matured—Issued prior to April 1 1917	\$2,023,210.25
Certificates of indebtedness	32,747,500.00
Treasury notes	32,350.00
3 1/4 % Victory notes of 1922-23	2,201,450.00
4 1/4 % Victory notes of 1922-23	2,030,900.00
Treasury savings certificates	3,162,700.00
Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1927-1942	3,146,950.00
	45,335,060.26
Debt Bearing No Interest—	
United States notes	\$246,681,016.00
Less gold reserve	156,039,088.03
	\$190,641,927.97
Deposits for retirement of national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes	
Old demand notes and fractional currency	45,039,852.00
Thrift and Treasury savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c.	2,045,486.54
	3,536,692.21
	241,263,958.72
Total gross debt	\$17,604,293,201.43
a Net redemption value of certificates outstanding.	

Public Debt of United States—Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of April 30 1928.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued April 30 1928, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1927:

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.			
April 30 1928. April 30 1927.			
Balance end month by daily statement, &c.	198,950,521	236,212,774	
Add or Deduct—Excess or deficiency of receipts over or under disbursements on belated items.	-808,506	-2,467,711	
	198,142,015	233,745,063	
Deduct outstanding obligations:			
Matured interest obligations	50,762,875	56,765,233	
Discounting officers' checks	71,806,632	76,173,345	
Discount accrued on War Savings Certificates	6,630,590	8,102,235	
Settlement warrant checks	2,567,714	2,347,810	
Total	131,767,811	143,388,623	
Balance, deficit (-) or surplus (+)	+66,374,204	+89,356,440	

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.			
Interest April 30 1928. April 30 1927.			
Title of Loan—	Payable	\$	\$
2s Consols of 1930	Q-F	599,724,050	599,724,050
2s of 1916-1936	Q-F	48,954,180	48,954,180
2s of 1918-1938	Q-F	25,947,400	25,947,400
3s of 1961	Q-M	49,800,000	49,800,000
3s Conversion bonds of 1946-1947	Q-J	28,894,500	28,894,500
Certificates of Indebtedness	J-J	1,235,250,700	1,123,135,000
3 1/4s First Liberty Loan, 1932-1947	J-D	1,397,686,700	1,397,687,000
4s First Liberty Loan, converted	J-D	5,155,650	5,155,650
4 1/4s First Liberty Loan, converted	J-D	532,820,200	532,873,350
4 1/4s First Liberty Loan, second converted	J-D	3,492,150	3,492,150
4s Second Liberty Loan, 1927-1942	M-N	2,848,550	2,848,550
4 1/4s Second Liberty Loan converted	J-J	1,676,399,950	1,676,399,950
4 1/4s Third Liberty Loan of 1928	M-S	1,405,183,150	1,257,998,350
4 1/4s Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938	A-O	6,294,045,100	6,314,456,950
4 1/4s Treasury bonds of 1947-1952	J-D	762,320,300	763,948,300
4s Treasury bonds of 1944-1954	J-D	1,042,401,600	1,047,987,500
3 1/4s Treasury bonds of 1946-1956	J-D	491,212,100	494,898,100
3 1/4s Treasury bonds of 1943-1947	J-D	494,704,750	326,736,096
4s War Savings and Thrift Stamps	J-D	156,468,285	156,468,285
2 1/4s Postal Savings bonds	J-D	14,812,380	13,229,660
5 1/4s to 5 1/2s Treasury notes	J-D	2,958,809,600	2,044,144,600
Aggregate of interest-bearing debt		17,547,682,695	18,675,401,386
Bearing no interest		239,199,753	240,754,896
Matured, interest ceased		60,805,040	25,012,255
Total debt		17,847,687,488	18,941,168,537
Deduct Treasury surplus or add Treasury deficit		+66,374,204	+90,356,440
Net debt		17,781,313,284	18,850,812,097
a The total gross debt April 30 1928 on the basis of daily Treasury statements was \$17,847,691,931.08, and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, &c., was \$4,442.65.			
b No deduction is made on account of obligations of foreign Governments or other investments.			

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 133.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c., are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at western lake and river ports for the week ended last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	<i>bbbls. 196lbs. bush.</i>	<i>60 lbs. bush.</i>	<i>56 lbs. bush.</i>	<i>32 lbs. bush.</i>	<i>bush. 48lbs.</i>	<i>bush. 56lbs.</i>
Chicago	208,000	364,000	923,000	336,000	44,000	11,000
Minneapolis	—	954,000	115,000	251,000	229,000	65,000
Duluth	—	571,000	2,000	15,000	33,000	16,000
Milwaukee	63,000	19,000	235,000	37,000	123,000	11,000
Toledo	—	238,000	94,000	60,000	—	—
Detroit	—	20,000	37,000	11,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	43,000	343,000	80,000	—	4,000
St. Louis	108,000	277,000	637,000	210,000	10,000	—
Peoria	46,000	14,000	423,000	176,000	30,000	—
Kansas City	—	615,000	538,000	16,000	—	—
Omaha	—	143,000	190,000	98,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	70,000	86,000	14,000	—	—
Wichita	—	882,000	61,000	2,000	—	—
Sioux City	—	27,000	138,000	48,000	1,000	—
Total wk. '28	425,000	4,247,000	3,822,000	1,354,000	470,000	107,000
Same wk. '27	425,000	7,653,000	5,273,000	2,772,000	601,000	324,000
Same wk. '26	369,000	8,797,000	2,146,000	1,465,000	465,000	186,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1927	22,537,000	429,064,000	293,856,000	157,187,000	33,788,000	36,207,000
1926	22,282,000	326,857,000	218,036,000	138,340,000	21,567,000	30,142,000
1925	20,763,000	326,329,000	223,753,000	211,909,000	69,600,000	22,939,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, June 30, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	<i>Barrels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>
New York	235,000	864,000	56,000	42,000	275,000	107,000
Philadelphia	18,000	19,000	4,000	7,000	—	—
Baltimore	15,000	61,000	16,000	44,000	150,000	—
Norfolk	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	48,000	—	63,000	21,000	—	—
Galveston	—	5,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	46,000	3,578,000	67,000	3,085,000	708,000	402,000
Boston	31,000	12,000	—	6,000	—	—
Total wk. '28	394,000	4,537,000	206,000	3,205,000	1,133,000	509,000
Since Jan. 1 '28	11,744,000	80,661,000	61,546,000	14,236,000	15,205,000	9,758,000
Week 1927	307,000	3,667,000	73,000	553,000	979,000	2,234,000
Since Jan. 1 '27	11,007,000	128,164,000	5,589,000	14,528,000	20,649,000	19,813,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, June 30 1928, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Barrels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>	<i>Bushels.</i>
New York	1,330,066	—	75,571	—	94,331	352,369
Boston	17,000	—	8,000	—	16,000	—
Philadelphia	108,000	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	260,000	—	—	58,000	26,000	374,000
Norfolk	—	—	1,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	—	—	14,000	—	—	—
Montreal	3,796,000	—	63,000	588,000	243,000	698,000
Houston	—	—	1,000	—	—	—
Total week 1928	5,511,066	—	162,571	638,000	379,331	1,424,369
Same week 1927	2,913,884	139,000	133,550	640,492	394,236	295,000

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1927 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	<i>Week June 30 1928.</i>	<i>Since July 1 1927.</i>	<i>Week June 30 1928.</i>	<i>Since July 1 1927.</i>	<i>Week June 30 1928.</i>	<i>Since July 1 1927.</i>
United Kingdom	61,473	3,970,357	1,949,563	80,163,372	—	2,317,895
Continent	76,084	5,790,717	3,561,503	163,548,649	—	6,831,390
So. & Cent. Amer.	1,000	391,555	—	385,000	—	307,000
West Indies	2,000	470,000	—	51,000	—	880,000
Other countries	22,014	710,798	—	1,554,003	—	—
Total 1928	162,571	11,333,427	5,511,066	245,702,024	—	10,336,285
Total 1927	133,550	12,233,325	2,913,844	300,284,284	139,000	5,735,570

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 30, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.						
United States—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Bush.
New York	51,000	45,000	234,000	2,000	50,000	—
Boston	—	—	—	1,000	—	—
Philadelphia	86,000	34,000	33,000	150,000	1,000	—
Baltimore	110,000	87,000	20,000	1,000	8,000	—
New Orleans	182,000	133,000	28,000	5,000	—	—
Galveston	415,000	1,000	—	7,000	—	—
Fort Worth	305,000	158,000	50,000	3,000	10,000	—
Buffalo	2,897,000	1,778,000	667,000	1,031,000	260,000	—
afloat	133,000	183,000	—	—	—	—
Toledo	930,000	23,000	32,000	—	4,000	—
Detroit	169,000	28,000	76,000	6,000	3,000	—
Chicago	5,055,000	7,262,000	1,548,000	498,000	65,000	—
Milwaukee	6,000	1,256,000	77,000	8,000	10,000	—
Duluth	11,661,000	—	28,000	581,000	118,000	—
Minneapolis	11,455,000	58,000	272,000	138,000	51,000	—
Sioux City	103,000	72,000	18,000	—	14,000	—
St. Louis	576,000	639,000	28,000	2,000	19,000	—
Kansas City	2,635,000	1,559,000	—	61,000	1,000	—
Wichita	453,000	10,000	—	—	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	86,000	311,000	—	—	—	—
Peoria	—	116,000	47,000	—	—	—
Indianapolis	101,000	795,000	24,000	—	—	—
Omaha	535,000	951,000	38,000	1,000	3,000	—
On Lakes	935,000	—	—	—	—	—
On Canal and River	43,000	—	—	—	71,000	—
Total June 30 1928	38,922,000	15,999,000	3,225,000	2,495,000	688,000	—
Total June 23 1928	41,065,000	18,376,000	4,281,000	2,530,000	921,000	—
Total July 2 1927	22,107,000	34,427,000	17,790,000	1,143,000	1,128,000	—

Note.—Bonded grain not included above Oats, New York, 3,000 bushels; Baltimore, 3,000; Buffalo, 116,000; total, 122,000 bushels, against 19,000 bushels in 1927; Barley, New York, 28,000; Buffalo, 98,000; Buffalo afloat, 132,000; Canal, 462,000; on Lakes, 125,000; total, 845,000 bushels, against 218,000 bushels in 1927. Wheat: New York, 1,057,000 bushels; Boston, 164,000; Philadelphia, 748,000; Baltimore, 268,000; Buffalo, 7,807,000; Buffalo afloat, 946,000; Duluth, 73,000; on Lakes, 1,222,000; Canal, 1,762,000; total, 14,047,000 bushels, against 7,951,000 bushels in 1927.

Canadian—						
Montreal	5,459,000	—	1,239,000	554,000	439,000	—

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous.			
Aetna Standard Engineering, com.	*62 1/4%	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 25
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 25
Amer. Basic Business Shares Corp.	*\$1.24		
American Chair, com. (quar.)	*75c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 12
American Cigar, com. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
Amer. European Securities, pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Amer. Mach. & Fdy., com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
American Thermos Bottle, com. A (qu.)	*25c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Ameritrol Holding Corp., com. A (quar.) (No. 1)	25c.	July 5	
Preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	2	July 5	
Amsterdam Trading Co.	75c.	July 20	Holders of rec. July 16
Atlantic Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Baldwin Bond & Mgt., pref.	3 1/2	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30
Balding Corticelli, Ltd., com.	3 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Borden Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Brunswick-Balke-Coll Co., com. (qu.)	75c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 5
Bunte Bros., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 25
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 25
Byers (A. M.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*75c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
Canadian Bronze, Ltd., com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Carr Fastener, com. (quar.)	*50c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 10
Common (extra)	*\$1	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 10
Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp. (quar.)	\$1.25	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 12
Chic., Wilm. & Franklin Coal, pfd. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
Cleveland Builders Supply (quar.)	50c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 29
Cleuet, Peabody & Co., com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 21
Conley Tank Car, com. (quar.)	50c.	June 30	June 21 to June 30
Preferred (quar.)	2	June 30	June 21 to June 30
Consol. Royalty Oil (quar.)	*20c.	July 25	*Holders of rec. July 15
Cook Bay Lumber, 1st pref.	*87 1/2	July 25	*Holders of rec. July 15
Credit Alliance Corp., com. & cl. A (qu.)	\$1.25	July 15	Holders of rec. July 3
Common & class A (extra)	\$1.25	July 15	Holders of rec. July 3
Davega, Inc. (quar.)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Dominion Pow. & Mill. Corp., pfd. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 3	Holders of rec. June 28
Economy Grocery Stores (quar.)	25c.	July 16	Holders of rec. July 2
Enamel & Htg. Prod., Ltd. (qu.) (No. 1)	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
Equitable Cas. & Surety (qu.) (No. 1)	25c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner (quar.)	*\$1	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Exchange Buffet Corp. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	July 31	Holders of rec. July 16a
Fajardo Sugar (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 19
Federated Business Publications, com.	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Firestone Fire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	\$2	July 20	Holders of rec. July 10
General Laundry Machinery	*40c.	July 14	*Holders of rec. June 29
General Stock Yards, com. (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Globe-Wernicke Co., 6% pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	July 16	*Holders of rec. June 30
Gorham Manufacturing, 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Grand (F. & W.) 5-10-25 cent Stores—Common (quar.) (No. 1)	25c.	July 20	Holders of rec. July 14
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
Hammermill Paper, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 31
Hart & Cooley Co., com. (extra)	*50c.		
Hershey Chocolate, prior pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 25
Convertible preferred (quar.)	*\$1	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 25
Holly Oil (quar.)	25c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Honestake Mining (monthly)	*50c.	July 25	*Holders of rec. July 20
Hood Rubber, preference (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Hoover Steel Ball (quar.)	*30c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. July 28
Industrial Bankers of Amer., com. (qu.)	*75c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 7
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 7
Internat'l Acceptance Bank (quar.)	*\$1.50	July 16	*Holders of rec. July 5
International Cigar Mach'y, com. (qu.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Internat. Nickel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 12
Internat. Products Corp., pref. (quar.)	3	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Kaufmann Dept. Stores, com. (quar.)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 10
Kawneer Co. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30
Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Keystone Steel & Wire, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 5
Lessings, Inc. (extra)	*5c.		
Lit Brothers (quar.)	*50c.	Aug. 20	*Holders of rec. July 10
Loew's Boston Theatres (quar.)	*15c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 14
Motion Picture Capital Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 11
Mullins Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 16
National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
National Dept. Stores, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 16
National Tea, 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
New York Merchandise, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Oil Shares, Inc., pref. (No. 1)	75c.	July 16	Holders of rec. July 5
Oppenheid, Collins & Co. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 27
Packard Motor Car (extra)	*\$1	July 31	*Holders of rec. July 14
Monthly	*25c.	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Monthly	*25c.	Oct. 31	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Monthly	*25c.	Nov. 30	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Packer Corporation (quar.)	62 1/2c.	July 15	Holders of rec. July 5
Palmolive-Peet Co., com. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 29
Parke, Austin & Lipscombe, Inc.—Conv. partic. pref. (quar.)	*50c.	July 16	*Holders of rec. July 2
Pick (Albert) Barth & Co., partic. pf. (qu.)	43 1/2c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 25
Pickwick Corp., com. (quar.)	*20c.	July 25	*Holders of rec. July 16
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 11
St. Lawrence Paper Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. July 7
Salt Creek Producers (quar.)	75c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
Schutter-Johnson Candy A conv. pf. d.	60c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Richfield Oil, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 20
Common (extra)	*25c.	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 20
Sears, Roebuck & Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 20
Shares Holding Corp., class A (quar.)	43 1/2c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
Class A (extra)	12 1/2c.		
Slover Mfg. & Engine, com. (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 7
Superheater Co. (quar.)	\$1.50	July 16	Holders of rec. July 5
Tide Water Oil, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 13
Tobacco Products Corp., class A (qu.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 25
United Pacific Corp., partic. pf. (qu.)	15c.	July 16	Holders of rec. July 2
U. S. Fidelity & Guar. (Balt.), (quar.)	\$2.25	July 16	Holders of rec. July 3
U. S. & Foreign Secur. Corp., 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 11
U. S. Safe Deposit Co.	5	July 2	Holders of rec. June 30
Valmo Corp., com. & pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Common & partic. preferred (extra)	*40	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Vick Chemicals (quar.)	25c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 20
Warner Gear, com. (quar.)	75c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 20
Common (extra)	75c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 20
Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 7
Zenith Radio Corp., com. (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, pref.	\$2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 11a
Preferred (extra)	\$1.50	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 11a
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 27a
Preferred	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a
Atlantic Coast Line RR., com	\$3.50	July 10	Holders of rec. June 15a
Common (extra)	\$1.50	July 10	Holders of rec. June 15a
Baltimore & Ohio, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio (quar.)	1	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a
Stamped stock (quar.)	1 1/2	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam) (Continued).			
Canada Southern	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a
Central RR. of N. J. (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 3a
Extra	2	July 10	Holders of rec. July 9a
Chicago Indianap. & Louisv., com	2 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 23
Common (extra)	1	July 10	Holders of rec. June 23
Preferred	2	July 10	Holders of rec. June 23a
Cincinnati Northern	5	July 20	Holders of rec. July 13a
Clev. Clin. Chic. & St. L., com. (quar.)	2	July 20	Holders of rec. June 29a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 20	Holders of rec. July 16
Cuba RR., preferred	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 '29
Preferred	3	Feb. 1 '29	Holders of rec. Aug. 28
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	*2 1/2	Sept. 20	*Holders of rec. July 7a
Delaware Lack. & Western (quar.)	\$1.50	July 20	Holders of rec. July 9a
Detroit River Tunnel	3	July 16	Holders of rec. July 9a
Georgia RR. & Banking (quar.)	*2 1/2	July 16	*Holders of rec. June 30
Great Northern, preferred	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 27a
Kansas City Southern, pref. (quar.)	1	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a
Little Schuylkill Nav. RR. & Coal.	1	July 14	June 16 to July 15
Louisville & Nashville	3 1/2	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 16a
Mahoning Coal RR., common	\$12.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
Michigan Central	20	July 28	Holders of rec. June 29a
New York Central RR. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a
Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 19	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Adjustment preferred (quar.)	2	Aug. 18	Holders of rec. July 31a
Northern Central	\$2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30a
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29
Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	4 1/2	July 10	June 23 to July 10
Old Colony (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Pennsylvania RR. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Pere Marquette, prior preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 6a
Five per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 6a
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a
Pittsburgh & West Va. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 16a
Reading Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 9	Holders of rec. July 12a
First preferred (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 13	Holders of rec. Aug. 23a
Second preferred (quar.)	50c.	July 12	Holders of rec. June 21a
Second preferred (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 11	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
St. Louis-San Francisco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Southern Ry., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. July 19a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. July 19a
United T. I. RR. Canal (quar.)	*2 1/2	July 10	*Holders of rec. June 20
Virginian Ry., preferred	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Wabash Ry., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 24	Holders of rec. July 25a
Public Utilities.			
Alabama Power, \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Amer. Dist. Teleg. of N. J., com. (qu.)	\$1	July 16	Holders of rec. June 15a
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 15a
Amer. & Foreign Power, 2d pref., ser. A	\$1.75	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
American Gas (quar.)	2	July 13	Holders of rec. June 30
Amer. Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 9
Amer. Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	2 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 20a
Amer. Water Works & Elec. com. (qu.)	25c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Common (one-fortieth sh. com. stk.)	1/4	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
\$6 first pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Associated Gas & Elec., cl. A (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.)	2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 23
Bell Teleg. of Pa., 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 20a
Brooklyn-Manhattan Tran., com. (qu.)	\$1	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 5 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 5 '29	Holders of rec. Apr. 1 '29a
California-Oregon Power, com. (quar.)	\$1.75	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30
Canadian Northern Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Central Hudson Gas & Elec., com.	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. June 30
Central N. Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Central Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
Central & S. W. Utilities, com. (quar.)	75c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Ches. & P. Tel. of Balt., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Chicago Rapid Transit, pr. pf. A (qu.)	65c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 17a
Prior preferred A (quar.)	65c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
Prior preferred B (quar.)	60c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 17a
Prior preferred B (quar.)	60c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
Cin. Newport & Cov. L. & Tr., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30
Cleveland Elec. Illuminating (quar.)	2 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 29
Columbia Gas & Elec., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 20a
6% preferred, series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug.	

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Pacific Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	50c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a	Bastian-Blessing Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Pacific Lighting, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a	Beech-Nut Packing (quar.)	60c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 25a
Pacific Telep. & Teleg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30	Bigelow-Hartford Carpet, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 19
Penn-Ohio Edison, com. (quar.)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 19
7% prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20	Blaw-Knox Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 21
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30	Bloch Brothers Tobacco, com. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Aug. 15	Aug. 10 to Aug. 14
Penn-Ohio Securities Corp., com. (qu.)	18c.	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 14	Common (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Nov. 15	Nov. 10 to Nov. 14
Pennsylvania-Ohio P. & L., \$6 pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Sept. 25 to Sept. 29
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Dec. 26 to Dec. 30
7.2% preferred (monthly)	60c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20	Bloomington Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20	Bohacq (H.C.) Co., new no par com. (qu.)	*62 1/2c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 16
Peoples Gas Light & Coke (quar.)	\$1	July 17	Holders of rec. July 2a	Bon Ami Co., class A (quar.)	\$1	July 30	Holders of rec. July 15a
Philadelphia Company, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	July 31	Holders of rec. July 2a	Brewers & Distillers of Vancouver, Ltd. com. (interim)	5c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 5
Common (extra)	\$1.50	Sept. 31	Holders of rec. July 2a	Bristol-Myers Co. (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 19
5% preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a	Quarterly	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Philadelphia Rapid Transit (quar.)	\$1	July 31	Holders of rec. July 16a	Broadway Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 11
Philadelphia Western Ry., pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30a	Brompton Pulp & Paper, com. (qu.)	50c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Power Corp. of Canada, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30	Bucyrus-Erie Co., common (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Participating preferred (quar.)	75c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Puget Sound Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 15a	Convertible preference (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Prior preference (No. 1)	\$1.05	July 16	Holders of rec. June 15a	Bush Terminal, common (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a
Quebec Power (quar.)	50c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30	Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a
Shawinigan Water & Pow., com. (quar.)	50c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 23	7% debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 29a
Southeastern Power & Light, com. (qu.)	25c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30	Canada Dry Ginger Ale (quar.)	75c.	July 16	Holders of rec. July 2a
Southern Calif. Edison, orig. pref. (qu.)	50c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 20	Canadian Brewing (quar.)	50c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred series C (quar.)	34 1/2c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 20	Canadian Car & Fdy., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 10	Holders of rec. June 26
Southern Calif. Gas, 6% pref. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30a	Canadian Fairbanks Morse, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Southern Canada Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 20	Preferred (account accum. dividends)	h3	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Southern Counties Gas, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30	Can Industrial Alcohol, cl. B (quar.)	38c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Southern New England Telep. (quar.)	2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a	Canfield Oil, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Standard Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	July 25	Holders of rec. June 30	Common (quar.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
7% prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. June 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Standard Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
United Gas & Electric Co., pref.	2 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30	Central Alloy Steel, com. (quar.)	50c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 23a
United Gas Improvement (quar.)	\$1	July 14	Holders of rec. June 15	Central Investors Corp., cl. A (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. May 1a
United Lt. & Pow., old A & B com. (qu.)	60c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16	Class A (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Jan 25	*Holders of rec. May 1a
New class A & B com. (quar.)	12c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16	Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 29	*Holders of rec. July 14
Western Power Corp., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a	Chicago Towel, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	July 7	*Holders of rec. June 22
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 25a	Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
West Penn Electric Co., 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 20a	Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd., com.	30c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 20a	Chrysler Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
West Penn Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 5a	Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 5a	Cities Service, common (monthly)	1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
West Penn Rys., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25	Common (payable in common stock)	1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Winnipeg Electric Co. (quar.)	*\$1	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 10	Preferred and pref. BB (monthly)	1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
York Rys., common (quar.)	75c.	July 16	Holders of rec. July 6a	Preferred B (monthly)	5c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Preferred (quar.)	62 1/2c.	July 31	Holders of rec. July 20a	City Investing, common	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Banks.				City Stores, class A (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
West New Brighton	4	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30	Class B	5	July 16	Holders of rec. July 2a
Trust Companies.				Cleveland Stone (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Title Guarantee & Trust (extra)	5	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 22	Climax Corp. cl "A" (No. 1)	*25c.	July 20	*Holders of rec. July 2
Fire Insurance.				Connecticut Investment Trust—			
Continental (par \$10)	\$1	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a	Preferred trustee shares	3 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30
\$25 par stock	\$2.50	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a	Class A (quar.)	13c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30
Fidelity-Phenix (par \$10)	\$1	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a	Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
\$25 par stock	\$2.50	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a	Prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
Niagara Fire (quar.)	\$1	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30	Consol. Min. & Smelting of Canada, Ltd.	\$1.25	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Miscellaneous.				Bonus	\$5	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Abitibi Paper & Paper, com. (quar.)	\$1	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30a	Continental Motors (quar.)	20c.	July 30	Holders of rec. July 15
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 20	Holders of rec. July 10a	Corn Products Refg., com. (quar.)	50c.	July 20	Holders of rec. July 2a
Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a	Common (extra)	50c.	July 20	Holders of rec. July 2a
Air Reduction, Inc., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 14	Holders of rec. July 2a
New common (quar.)	50c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a	Corno Mills	3	July 12	Holders of rec. July 2
Akron Rubber Reclaiming, com. (quar.)	50c.	July 15	Holders of rec. July 5	Creamery Package Mfg., com. (qu.)	*50c.	July 10	*Holders of rec. July 2
Alliance Realty (quar.)	62 1/2c.	July 20	Holders of rec. July 11a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 10	*Holders of rec. July 2
Allied Chem. & Dye Corp. com. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 11a	Cresson Consol. Gold Min. & Milling	10c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a
Alpha Portland Cement, com. (qu.)	*75c.	July 14	Holders of rec. June 26	Crosley Radio (stock dividend)	25c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Aluminum Manufactures, com. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Crosley Radio Corp. (quar.)	25c.	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Common (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Quarterly	25c.	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Cruicible Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. July 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Cuba Company, pref.	3 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
Amerada Corp. (quar.)	50c.	July 31	Holders of rec. July 16a	Cudahy Packing, com. (quar.)	\$1	July 14	Holders of rec. July 5a
American Art Works, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30	Cuneo Press, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
American Can, com. (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31a	Curtis Publishing, common (monthly)	*50c.	Aug. 2	*Holders of rec. July 20
American Coal, com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	July 12 to Aug. 1	Common (monthly)	50c.	Sept. 2	Holders of rec. Aug. 20a
American Glue, pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14	Common (extra)	*50c.	Sept. 10	*Holders of rec. Aug. 20
American Hardware Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Darby Petroleum (quar.)	25c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Quarterly	\$1	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20a
Amer. Home Products (monthly)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a	Denison Mfg., debenture stock (quar.)	\$2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
American Ice, com. (quar.)	50c.	July 25	Holders of rec. July 6a	Preferred (quar.)	*1.75	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 6a	Detroit Motorbus (quar.)	*\$20.	July 16	*Holders of rec. June 30
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 20	Diamond Match (quar.)	2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Amer. Linseed, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Diagraph Products Corp., pt. (qu.)	2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Amer. Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Diversified Investments (K. C., Mo.)	1 1/2	July 14	Holders of rec. July 2
American Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Class A	\$1	July 14	Holders of rec. July 2
Common (quar.)	1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Class A (extra participating dividend)	\$1	July 14	Holders of rec. July 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Class C	\$1	July 14	Holders of rec. July 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Dodge Bros., Inc., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	July 15	Holders of rec. June 27a
American Metal, common (quar.)	75c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a	Dome Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 21a	Dominion Engineering Works (quar.)	75c.	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30
American Meter (quar.)	*\$1.25	July 31	*Holders of rec. July 18	Dominion Textile, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Amer. Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	*75	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a	Dunhill International (quar.)	\$1	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Common (payable in common stock)	*75	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30	Quarterly	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30	Quarterly	\$1	Jan 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (qu.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a	Du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. & Co.	\$1	Apr 15	Holds. of rec. Apr. 1 29a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 13a	Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 10a
Amer. Smelt. & Refg., com. (quar.)	\$2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 13a	Eastern Bankers Corp., common	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 3a	Common (extra)	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
American Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c.	July 14	Holders of rec. July 2a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 30
American Sumatra Tob., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
American Type Founders, com. (quar.)	2	July 14	Holders of rec. July 5a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb 129	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 14	Holders of rec. July 5a	Eastern Steamship Lines, pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	July 16	Holders of rec. July 3a
Amer. Vitrified Prod., common (quar.)	*50c.	July 16	*Holders of rec. July 5	Eaton Axle & Spring, com. (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20	Electrical Products, common (No. 1)	*\$1	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 25
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 20	Holders of rec. July 14a	Elgin National Watch (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
Angle Steel Tool (quar.)	20c.	July 15	Holders of rec. July 5	Ely-Walker Dry Goods, 1st pfd	3 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 3
Quarterly	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	2nd preferred	3	July 15	Holders of rec. July 3
Artloom Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Emsco Derrick & Equipment	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 10
Common (quar.)	75c.	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 17a	Fair (The), com. (monthly)	20c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Common (monthly)	20c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
Asbestos Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30	Common (monthly)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Associated Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	63c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 21a
1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 11a	Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, com. (qu.)	25c.	Oct. 1	-----
2d preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 11a	Common (quar.)	50c.	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Aug. 17a
Atlantic Coast Fisheries, com. (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 1					

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. The table contains numerous entries for various companies and their financial details.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 5, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appear on page 33, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 3 1928.

Table with 10 columns for dates (July 3 1928, June 27 1928, June 20 1928, June 13 1928, June 6 1928, May 29 1928, May 23 1928, May 16 1928, July 6 1927) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total liabilities, etc.).

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." The latter term was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discount acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 3 1928

Table with columns for bank locations (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Mtnneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran.) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, Deposits, Total U. S. Gov't securities, etc.).

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, July 6 1928.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 63.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended July 6, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Includes Railroads, Industrials, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Par, Shares, \$ per share, \$ per share, \$ per share, \$ per share. Includes Railroads, Industrials, and Miscellaneous.

* No par value.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various realty and surety companies.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Banks—N.Y., Bid, Ask, Banks—N.Y., Bid, Ask, Tr. Cos.—N.Y., Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and trust companies.

*State banks. †New stock. ‡Ex-dividend. §Ex-stock div. ¶Ex-rights.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various U.S. Treasury certificates.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a foot-note at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, June 30, July 2, July 3, July 4, July 5, July 6. Lists various bond prices and sales.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.86 23-32 @ 4.86 1/2 for checks and 4.87 1-16 @ 4.87 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.86 7-16 @ 4.86 1/2; sixty days, 4.83 @ 4.83 1/4; ninety days, 4.81 3/4 @ 4.82; and documents for payment, 4.82 1/2 @ 4.83 1/4; cotton for payment, 4.86, and grain for payment, 4.86.

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables. Lists foreign exchange rates for various currencies.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 63.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 95.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows of stock prices per share.

Main table of stock prices with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927'. Includes various stock names like Electric Boat, General Electric, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, June 30, Monday, July 2, Tuesday, July 3, Wednesday, July 4, Thursday, July 5, Friday, July 6); 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 1921. Lowest, Highest.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates from Saturday, June 30, to Friday, July 6, and rows for various stock prices per share.

Table with columns for Sales for the Week, Indus. & Miscel. (Con.), and New York Stock Exchange, listing various stock companies and their share prices.

Table with columns for PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, On basis of 100-share lots, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927, listing lowest and highest prices for various stocks.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday to Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various companies like Studebaker, Superior Oil, and others with their respective prices and ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. * No par value.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week Ended July 6.										Week Ended July 6.									
Interest	Par/100	Price		Week's		Bonds	Range		Bonds	Interest	Par/100	Price		Week's		Bonds	Range		
		Friday	July 6.	Low	High		Low	High				Low	High	Friday	July 6.		Low	High	Low
U. S. Government.										U. S. Government.									
First Liberty Loan										Czechoslovakia (Rep of) 8s...1951									
3 1/2% of 1932-1947										Sink fund 8s ser B...1952									
Conv 4% of 1932-47										Danish Cons Municip 8s A...1946									
Conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47										Series B s f 8s...1946									
2d conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47										Denmark 20-year extl 6s...1942									
Third Liberty Loan										Deutsche Bk Am part ct 6s...1932									
4 1/2% of 1928										Dominican Rep Cust Ad 5 1/2s '42									
Fourth Liberty Loan										1st ser 5 1/2s of 1926...1940									
4 1/2% of 1933-1938										2d series sink fund 5 1/2s...1940									
Treasury 4 1/2s...1947-1952										Dresden (City) external 7s...1945									
Treasury 4s...1944-1954										Dutch East Indies extl 6s...1947									
Treasury 3 1/2s...1946-1956										40-year external 6s...1962									
Treasury 3 1/2s...1943-1947										30-year external 5 1/2s...1953									
										30-year external 5 1/2s...1953									
State and City Securities.										State and City Securities.									
N Y City—4 1/2s Corp Stock...1960										El Salvador (Repub) 8s...1948									
4 1/2s Corporate Stock...1964										Finland (Republic) extl 6s...1945									
4 1/2s Corporate Stock...1966										External sink fund 7s...1950									
4 1/2s Corporate Stock...1972										External s f 6 1/2s...1956									
4 1/2s Corporate Stock...1971										Extl sink fund 5 1/2s...1958									
4 1/2s Corporate Stock...1967										Finnish Mun Loan 6 1/2s A...1954									
4 1/2s Corporate Stock...1965										External 6 1/2s series B...1954									
4 1/2s Corporate Stock...1963										French Republic ext 7 1/2s...1941									
4 registered...1956										External 7s of 1924...1949									
4% Corporate stock...1959										German Republic ext l 7s...1949									
4% Corporate stock...1958										Gras (Municipality) 8s...1954									
4% Corporate stock...1957										Gr Brit & Ire (UK of) 5 1/2s 1937									
4s registered...1936										40-year conv 5 1/2s...1929									
4 1/2% Corporate stock...1957										5% War Loan E option '29 1947									
4 1/2% Corporate stock...1957										Greater Prague (City) 7 1/2s...1952									
3 1/2% Corporate st...May 1954										Greek Government s f sec 7s...1964									
3 1/2% Corporate st...Nov 1954										Sinking fund sec 6s...1968									
New York State Canal 4s...1960										Haiti (Republic) s f 6s...1952									
4s Highway...Mar 1962										Hamburg (City) 6s...1946									
										Heidelberg (Germany) ext 7 1/2s 50									
										Hungarian Munic Loan 7 1/2s 1945									
										External s f 7s...Sept 1 1946									
										Hungarian Land Inst 7 1/2s '61									
										Hungary (King of) s f 7 1/2s 1944									
										Irish Free State extl s f 5s 1960									
										Italy (Kingdom of) ext l 7s...1951									
										Italian Cred Consortium 7s 1937									
										Extl sec s f 7s ser B...1947									
										Italian Public Utility ext 7s 1952									
										Japanese Govt E loan 4s...1931									
										30-year s f 6 1/2s...1954									
										Leipzig (Germany) s f 7s...1947									
										Lower Austria (Prov) 7 1/2s...1950									
										Lyons (City of) 15-year 6s...1934									
										Marseilles (City of) 15 yr 6s 1934									
										Mexican Irrigat Assing 4 1/2s 1943									
										Mexico (U S) extl 6s of 1899 E '45									
										Assenting 5s of 1899...1945									
										Assenting 5s large...1945									
										Assenting 4s of 1904...1945									
										Assenting 4s of 1910 large...1945									
										Assenting 4s of 1910 small...1945									
										Treas 6s of '13 assent (large) '33									
										Small...1945									
										Milan (City, Italy) ext l 6 1/2s '52									
										Montevideo (City of) 7s...1952									
										Netherlands 6s (lat prices)...1972									
										30-year external 6s...1954									
										New So Wales (State) ext 5s 1937									
										External s f 5s...Apr 1951									
										Nepal Loan extl s f 6s...1943									
										20-year external 6s...1944									
										30-year external 6s...1952									
										40-year s f 5 1/2s...1965									
										External s f 5s...Mar 15 1963									
										Nuremberg (City) extl 6s...1952									
										Oslo (City) 30-year s f 6s...1955									
										Sinking fund 5 1/2s...1946									
										Panama (Rep) extl 5 1/2s...1953									
										Extl sec s f 6 1/2s...1961									
										Peru (Republic of)									
										Extl s f sec 7 1/2s (of 1926)...1956									
										Extl s f sec 7s...1960									
										Nat Loan extl s f 6s...1960									
										Poland (Rep of) gold 6s...1940									
										Stabilization loan s f 7s...1947									
										Extl sink fund g 8s...1950									
										Porto Alegre (City) 8s...1961									
										Extl guar sink fd 7 1/2s...1966									
										Queensland (State) extl s f 7s 1941									
										25-year external 6s...1947									
										Rio Grande do Sul extl s f 8s 1946									
										Extl s f 7s of 1926...1946									
										Rio de Janeiro 25-yr s f 8s...1946									
										Extl s f 6 1/2s...1953									
										25-year extl 8s...1947									
										Rome (City) extl 6 1/2s...1952									
										Rotterdam (City) extl 6s...1964									
										Saarbruecken (City) 6s...1953									
										Sao Paulo (City) s f 8s...Mar 1952									
										Extl s f 6 1/2s of 1927...1957									
										San Paulo (State) extl s f 7s 1936									
										External sec s f 8s...1950									
										External s f 7s Water L'n...1956									
										Santa Fe (Prov. Arg. Rep.) 7s 1942									
										Seine, Dept of (France) extl 7s '42									
										Serbs, Croats & Slovenes 8s 1962									
										Soissons (City of) extl 6s...1936									
										Styria (Prov) extl 7s...1946									
										Sweden 20-year 6s...1939									
										External loan 5 1/2s...1954									
										Swiss Confed'n 20-yr s f 8s...1940									
										Switzerland Govt ext 5 1/2s...1946									
										Tokyo City 5s loan of 1912...1952									
										Extl s f 5 1/2s guar...1961									
										Tollma (Dept of) extl 7s...1947									
										Trondheim (City) 1st 5 1/2s...1957									
										Upper Austria (Prov) 7s...1945									
										External s f 6 1/2s...June 15 1957									
										Uruguay (Republic) extl 8s 1946									
										External s f 6s...1960									
										Yokohama (City) extl 6s...1961									

On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. The table is organized into sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

b Due Feb. 1

Main table containing two columns of bond listings. Each column includes columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and other financial details. The listings cover various types of bonds including U.S. Stock Exchange, U.S. Government, and Corporate bonds.

d Due May. e Due June. f Due August.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended July 6. Table with columns: Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

INDUSTRIALS

Table of industrial bonds including Adams Express, Ajax Rubber, Alaska Gold, etc. Columns: Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended July 6. Table with columns: Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "r".

Main table of financial data with columns for Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds, and various individual securities like American Gas & Electric, Atlantic Coast Line, etc.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ‡‡ Ex-rights. ††† Canadian quotation. §§ Sale price.

Outside Stock Exchanges.

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange, June 30 to July 6, both inclusive:

Table of Boston Bond Record transactions with columns for Bond Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Outside Stock Exchanges with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock transactions for various companies including Philia Electric, Tono-Belmont Develop, and various bonds. Columns include Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock transactions for various companies including Amer Multigraph, Allen Ind, Bessemer L & Cem, and various bonds. Columns include Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Baltimore Stock Exchange, including Arundel Corporation, Balt Brick pref, Baltimore Trust Co, and various bonds. Columns include Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, including Amer Wind Glass pref, Arkansas Nat Gas com, and various bonds. Columns include Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, including Amer Laund Mach, Amrens Fox, and Amer Products. Columns include Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Banks, Trust Company, Street Railway, Miscellaneous, Mining, and Street Ry. Bonds. Columns include Stock name, Par value, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists. Columns include Stock name, Par value, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

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 (June 30) and ending the present Friday (July 6). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acetol Products, Aero Supply, Allied Pack, Allison Drug Store, Alpha Port Cement, Aluminum Co., Am Cyan, Com class B, Amer Dept Stores, American Hawaiian, Amer Rayon, Amer Rolling Mill, Am Solvents & Chem, Anchor Post Fence, Anglo-Chile Nitrate, Apeo Mossberg, Armstrong Cork, Associated Dy. & Print., Atlantic Fruit & Sugar, Atlas Imper Diesel, Engine el A, Atlas Plywood, Auburn Automobile, Axton-Fisher, Bahia Corp., Banetailly Corporation, Baumann (Lud) & Co, Belding-Hall Electric, Blyn Shoes, Inc., Bobn Aluminum & Brass, Botany Cons Mills, Bridgport Machine, Brill Corp., Class B, Brillo Mfg., Bristol-Myers Co.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Brit-Am Tob ord bear, British Celanese, Amer deposit receipts, Broadway Dept Stores, Bullard Mach Tool, Butler Bros., Camp, Wyant & Cannon, Carnation Milk Prodc, Carreras Ltd., Caseln Co of America, Caterpillar Tractor, Cavan-Dobbs, Celanese Corp of Am, Centrifugal Pipe Corp, Checker Bag Mfg, Chic Nipple Mfg el A, Childs Co pref, Cities Service, Common, Preferred B, Preferred BB, City Ice & Fuel (Cleve), Clark Lighter conv A, Columbia Aluminum Utensil, Cohen-Hall-Marx Co, Columbia Syndicate, Am dep rets for ord stk, Consoil Dairy Products, Consoil Film Indus, Consoil Laundries, Cons Ret Stores Inc, Copeland Products Inc, Courtaulds Ltd-Amer Dep ret for ord reg, Crosse & Blackwell, Crow, Miller & Co, Crown Will'te Pan v t c, Cuban Tobacco v t c.

Table with multiple columns: Right's (Concluded), Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, and various stock listings. Includes sub-sections like Public Utilities, Other Oil Stocks, and Mining Stocks. Each entry lists company names, prices, and dates.

Main table with columns: Bonds (Continued) Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bonds (Concluded) Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with 8 columns: Company Name, Gross from Railway 1928, Net from Railway 1927, Net after Taxes 1928, Net after Taxes 1927, and various other financial metrics for companies like Northwestern Pacific, Pennsylvania System, etc.

American Railway Express Co. Table with 5 columns: Month of 1928, 1927, 12 Mos. End. 1928, and May 31-1927. Rows include Revenues, Expenses, and Operating income.

Engineers Public Service Co. (And Subsidiary Companies) Table with 5 columns: Month of 1928, 1927, 12 Mos. End. 1928, and May 31-1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, and Operating income.

The Pullman Co. Table with 5 columns: Month of 1928, 1927, 5 Mos. End. 1928, and May 31-1927. Rows include Sleeping Car Oper., Berth revenue, and Total revenues.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table with 7 columns: Company Name, Month of May 1928, Net Oper. Revenue, 12 Months Ending May 31-1927, Net Oper. Surplus, and May 31-1927. Lists companies like Baton Rouge Electric Co, Blackstone Valley G & E Co, etc.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. Table with 5 columns: Month of 1928, 1927, 12 Mos. End. 1928, and May 31-1927. Rows include Oper. rev.—Gas dept., Total oper. revenues, and Net income.

Southern California Edison Co. Table with 5 columns: Month of 1928, 1927, 12 Mos. End. 1928, and May 31-1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Expenses, Taxes, and Total exp. & taxes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other reports of steam railroads, public utilities, industrial and miscellaneous companies published since and including June 2 1928.

Railroads—

Table listing railroad companies and their values, including Boston & Albany RR, Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry, etc.

Public Utilities—

Table listing public utility companies and their values, including Alabama Power Co, Alabama Water Service Co, etc.

Industrials (Continued)

Table listing industrial companies and their values, including American Furniture Mart Bldg Corp, American Ice Co, etc.

Industrials

Table listing industrial companies and their values, including Algonquin Printing Co, All-American Radior Corp, etc.

Industrials (Continued)

Table listing industrial companies and their values, including Leslie-Calf. Salt Co, Loew's Inc, etc.

Industrials (Continued)

Table listing industrial companies and their values, including Rockland & Rockfort Lime Corp, (Wm. A.) Rogers, Ltd., etc.

Industrials (Concluded)

Table listing industrial companies and their values, including Simpson, Ltd., "Snia Viscosa" (Societe Nazionale), etc.

International Mercantile Marine Co. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

The advance figures for the year 1927 were published in the issue of June 2, p. 3459. The final report is signed by President P. A. S. Franklin under date of June 21, who says in substance:

Results.—The net result of operating the International Mercantile Marine Co. and its subsidiary companies (American Line, Red Star Line, Atlantic Transport Line, Panama Pacific Line and Leyland Line) for the year 1927 shows a profit of \$561,054 after deducting depreciation, as compared with a loss of \$1,483,139 for the year 1926.

Table showing gross result including insurance fund profits and miscellaneous credits for 1927 and 1926.

Table showing net result before providing for interest on I. M. M. Co. bonds and depreciation on steamers for 1927 and 1926.

Table showing net result after providing for interest on I. M. M. Co. bonds and depreciation on steamers for 1927 and 1926.

The above figures include transfers from subsidiary company reserves set up against contingencies which no longer exist, amounting in the year 1926 to \$848,750, and in the year 1927 to \$1,382,250.

Table showing total net earnings of I. M. M. Co. plus dividends from subsidiary companies after deducting taxes and general expenses for 1927 and 1926.

Cash Position.—The cash position of the company is very satisfactory as shown by the balance sheet.

Outlook.—The outlook for the passenger business for the year 1928 is about the same as last year; the freight outlook is not so encouraging but we are hopeful for an improvement.

The White Star Agreement has been extended for a period of six months, until January 1 1930.

White Star Payment.—The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. which purchased the Oceanic Steam Navigation Co. shares, has, up to Dec. 31 1927, paid in all £4,650,000 having anticipated in full the payments due June 30 1928 and June 30 1929, and £150,000 on account of the final instalment of £2,500,000 due in 1936.

Of this entire amount received, about \$11,000,000 has been used for the purchase of the company's bonds and retirement of same under the sinking fund provision of the mortgage, and this policy will be continued, provided the bonds can be secured at a satisfactory price, unless directors decide to use part of the proceeds for the construction or acquisition of other shipping properties or for the improvement of present properties.

Because of the amount at which the Oceanic properties (White Star Line) have been carried on the company's books, their sale for £7,000,000 necessitated alterations and adjustments in the consolidated balance sheet, which shows a capital impairment of \$29,355,865 as of Dec. 31 1927, instead of a surplus of \$17,147,069, as of Dec. 31 1926.

Capital Readjustment Plan.—Since the last annual meeting of the stockholders, the special meeting to consider the readjustment and reclassification of the company's capital stock was held on Sept. 29 1927, at which meeting the stockholders of each class present, by a practically unanimous vote, approved the readjustment as proposed, by a practically unanimous vote, approved the readjustment as proposed, by a practically unanimous vote, approved the readjustment as proposed...

It is a matter of sincere regret to the board of directors that the plan proposed which had been so generally accepted, and which in their opinion would have been so beneficial to the company and its stockholders, was rendered unavailable for the reasons above stated.

Tonnage.—The new American flag steamship "California" was delivered to company Jan. 13 1928, and has been operating successfully in the Panama Pacific Line, between New York and San Francisco.

The steamship "Virginia," the second new passenger and freight steamer for the Panama Pacific Line, is under construction by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. and is expected to be ready to take her place in the service, sailing from New York for San Francisco, the early part of Dec. 1928.

During 1927 and first half of 1928 the following steamers, being no longer useful in any of the company's services, were sold and delivered for breaking up purposes: "Alexandria," 27 years old; "Manhattan," 29 years old; "Menominee," 30 years old; "Kroonland," 25 years old; "Columbia," 36 years old; "Oxonian," 30 years old, and "Finland," 26 years old. The above steamers were all sold at prices in excess of their book values.

COMBINED EARNINGS OF THE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include Gross voyage earnings, net earnings, profit before depreciation, and total assets.

Sur. as of bal. sheet—\$17,119,593 1927; \$17,147,069 1926; \$19,552,622 1925; \$22,039,440 1924. The foregoing includes the earnings from operations, viz.: American, Red Star, Atlantic Transport, Panama Pacific and Leyland lines, together with dividends received from partly owned companies; also White Star for the years 1924, 1925 and 1926.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (Including Constituent Companies). [American, Red Star, Atlantic Transport, Panama Pacific, and Leyland Lines; also White Star for 1924, 1925 and 1926].

Large balance sheet table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include assets (investments, cash, receivables, etc.) and liabilities (preferred stock, common stock, etc.).

*Balance at Dec. 31 1926, \$152,950,667; deduct properties of White Star Line sold, \$69,050,849; steamships and other property retired from service less additions during year, \$987,505; and deduct reserve for depreciation, \$35,447,899; balance Dec. 31 1927, \$47,464,413. a After deducting \$8,275,000 in treasury. b After deducting \$10,128,200 in treasury. c Originally \$40,000,000, less retired by sinking fund, \$15,870,000; balance, \$24,130,000. d Excess of book value of properties and good-will of White Star Line over proceeds of sale written off \$46,475,460. —Will profit and loss surplus \$17,119,594, leaving balance deficit of \$29,355,865.—V. 126, p. 3459.

Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.

(15th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927).

STATISTICS OF COMBINED COMPANIES FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include miles of track, passengers carried, total consumers, gas consumers, and telephones in operation.

COMBINED REVENUE STATEMENT OF PARENT CO. (BRAZILIAN TRAC., LT. & POW. CO.) AND OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES.

Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include gross earnings, net earnings, total revenue, and total deductions.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET (CO. AND SUBS. COS.) DEC. 31.

Includes Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light & Power Co., Ltd. (and its subsidiary, Brazilian Tel. Co.), Sao Paulo Tramway, Light & Power Co., Ltd., and Sao Paulo Electric Co., Ltd., and Brazilian Hydro-El. Co., Ltd.]

Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include assets (properties, securities, etc.) and liabilities (capital stock, bonds, etc.).

Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include capital stock, bonds, debentures, and various reserves.

* This reserve includes provision for depreciation and renewals of physical assets of companies owned or controlled by subsidiary companies.

a In addition there are bonds outstanding of companies owned or controlled by the subsidiary companies, equivalent to \$7,458,696, on which the yearly interest charge, amounting to \$373,424 is provided out of the revenue of the subsidiary companies.—V. 126, p. 1657.

Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.

(21st Annual Report of the Trustees—Year Ended Dec. 31'27.)

TRUSTEES STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include receipts from Leonard Iron Mining Co., North Star Iron Co., Arthur Iron Mining Co., Grant Iron Mining Co., Harrison Iron Mining Co., Tyler Iron Mining Co., Van Buren Iron Mining Co., Polk Iron Mining Co., total receipts, expenses, dividends, and total surplus.

DEVELOPED MINES, OPERATED BY OTHERS, SHOWING (1) WHETHER HELD ON FREEHOLD OR LEASEHOLD, (2) SHIPMENTS AND MINIMUMS. ALSO ROYALTIES RECEIVABLE BY TRUST.

Table with columns: Mine, Interest of Trust, Number of Shipped, Gross Tons, Royalty to Trust, 1927 Minimum Tons. Lists various mines like Mahoning, Ulica, Leetonia, etc.

Grand totals: 7,786,065 153,357,558 4,511,667

Nos. 1 to 38 Operating Interests.—(1) Mahoning Ore-Steel Co. (Pickands, Mather & Co.); (2) Crete Mining Co. (Pickands, Mather & Co.); (3) Leetonia Mining Co. (Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.); (4) Corigan, McKinley Steel Co.; (5-14) Butler Bros. (lease covering No. 14 surrendered to State of Minnesota during 1927); (15) Mace Iron Mining Co.; (16) Mead Iron Co. (M. A. Hanna Co.); (17-24) Hanna Ore Mining Co.; (25) Dean Iron Co.; (26-27) Orewell Iron Co. (Inland Steel Co. and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.); (28-30) Inter-State Iron Co. (Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.); (31) Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.; (32-36) Mesaba-Cliffs Iron Mining Co. (lease covering No. 32 surrendered to fee owners during 1927); (37) International Harvester Co.; (38) Idle (not now under lease).

Total shipments and royalty rates are shown in this table, the proportions of the trustees being indicated where their interest is less than the whole. (a) Lease to Butler Brothers provides for exhaustion of mine before June 30 1931. (b) Includes both freeholds and leaseholds.

CONSOL. INCOME OF THE TRUST AND THE TRUSTEES' INTEREST IN INCOME OF THE PROPRIETARY COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Calendar Years (1927, 1926, 1925), Net royalty and ore sales income, Interest, dividends and other income, Total income, Taxes, Miscellaneous expenses and losses, x Balance, Salaries and expenses, net, of the trust, Dividends, Balance, surplus, x Trustees' interest in the net distributable income of proprietary companies.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31. (Trustees Great Northern Iron Ore Properties and their interests in proprietary cos.)

Table with columns: 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Assets: Min. & non-min. lands & leases, Automobiles, furniture, office buildings, etc., Advance royalty disbursements, Advance account Alworth lease, Advance under mining contracts, Butler Bros., \$23,307; Orewell Iron Co., \$373,472, Def'd accts., chiefly royalty susp., Securities—Notes Mesaba Cliffs Iron Mining Co., Stock: Mace Iron Mining Co. (total issue, \$50,000), Stock: Mesaba Range Townsite Co. (total issue, \$2,000), Stock: Leonard Iron Mining Co. (purch. by trustees for cash), Cash (trustees, \$144,566; proprietary cos., \$1,867,220), Royalties rec., \$106,853; accts. rec., \$52,987, Interest receivable, Royalty ore in stock pile. Total assets: \$45,334,020 \$47,402,698 \$49,998,083 \$54,278,425. Liabilities: Capital stock, Current liabilities (notably unpaid taxes, estimated, \$377,493), Deferred accts. (chiefly advance royalty collected, \$1,658,546), Surplus paid in, earned, &c.: Paid-in sur. at date of acqui., \$23,569,618; earned surp. by development, \$15,755,785; paid-in surplus (non-mineral lands), \$483,132, Undivided surp., prop'y cos., \$1,846,293; undist. receipts, trustees, \$198,416. Total liabilities: \$45,334,020 \$47,402,698 \$49,998,083 \$54,278,425. The balance sheet shows only such amounts as represent the interest of the trustees after elimination of outside stock holdings in the North Star Iron Co. of West Virginia.—V. 126, p. 1047.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Repair of Locomotives.—Locomotives in need of repair on the Class I railroads of this country on June 15 totaled 8,850 or 14.8% 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 429 locomotives compared with the number in need of such repairs on June 1, at which time there were 8,421 or 14.1%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on June 15 totaled 4,920 or 8.2%, an increase of 248 compared with June 1, while 3,930 or 6.6% were in need of running repairs, an increase of 181 compared with the number in need of such repairs on June 1. Class I railroads on June 15 had 7,093 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 7,161 on June 1.

Repair of Freight Cars.—Freight cars in need of repair on June 15 totaled 147,990 or 6.6% of the number on line. This was a decrease of 3,369 under the number reported on June 1 at which time there were 151,359 or 6.7%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on June 15 totaled 107,448 or 4.8%, a decrease of 909 compared with June 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 40,542 or 1.8%, a decrease of 2,460 compared with June 1. Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on June 15 had 327,499 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced. This was an increase of 9,129 cars compared with June 8, at which time there were 318,370 cars. Surplus coal cars on June 15 totaled 110,744, a decrease of 1,799 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 163,577, an increase of 10,567 for the same period. Reports also showed 26,139 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 153 cars under the number reported on June 8, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 17,683, an increase of 427 for the same period.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 30.—(a) Loadings of revenue freight again in excess of one million cars a week.—p. 4003.

Carolina Southern Ry.—Securities.—The I.-S. C. Commission on June 27 authorized the company to issue (a) \$25,000 of common stock and (b) \$25,000 of preferred stock (of the par value of \$100 a share); said stock to be sold and (or) otherwise disposed of at par, the stock or the proceeds thereof to be used to pay existing obligations, to provide funds for proposed expenditures and to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures.—V. 124, p. 3490, 2583.

Cripple Creek Central Ry.—Stockholders Meeting July 23.—

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held at the principal office of the corporation in Portland, Me., on July 23 for the following purposes: (a) To authorize the directors to declare a capital asset distribution of 14%, amounting to \$14 per share, to the preferred stockholders of the company, or to approve, ratify and confirm the action of the board of directors in heretofore declaring such capital asset distribution and to ratify, approve and confirm the action of the board of directors heretofore taken from time to time in declaring a capital asset distribution of 1%, or \$1 per share on the preferred stock, amounting in all to 36% or \$36 per share on the preferred stock. (b) To vote upon the question of reduction of the capital stock of the corporation reducing the par value of the preferred shares from \$100 to \$50 par value and changing the common shares from \$100 par value to "no par value."

The letter of Pres. A. E. Carlton to the stockholders was given in V. 126, p. 4077.

Denver & Salt Lake Ry. Co.—Annual Report.—

Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1927. Freight revenue \$3,546,551 Net operating revenue \$734,784 Passenger revenue 305,165 Tax accruals 87,730 Mail 112,453 Uncollectible revenue 1,005 Express 48,788 Hire of equipment (net) 33,858 All other revenue 97,328 Net railway oper. income \$679,907 Total operating revenue \$4,110,286 Miscellaneous rent income 5,723 Maintenance of way & struc. 1,108,933 Income from U. S. gov. bonds 58,631 Maintenance of equipment 1,217,467 Traffic 21,667 Income from unfunded securities & accounts 24,388 Transportation 919,422 General 122,320 Total operating & oth. inc. \$768,649 Tramp. for inv't (credit) 14,276 Rent for leased roads 1,600 Miscellaneous rents 106 Interest on funded debt: 1st mortgage bonds 138,500 Income mortgage bonds 495,000 Interest on unfunded debt 824 Miscellaneous income charges 844 Total operating expenses \$3,375,502 Net income \$131,875

V. 126, p. 1346.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Construction.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 29 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a line of railroad extending from a connection with its main line at Cairo in a general southerly direction to a connection with its main line at a point about 3 miles south of Lima, a distance of 9.272 miles, all in Allen County, Ohio. The report of the Commission says in part: The cost of constructing the proposed line is estimated at \$4,047,000. The new yard, including enginehouse and water and coaling facilities, is estimated to cost \$2,746,000. The applicant proposes to obtain funds necessary for these purposes from the sale of bonds at par. It is expected that construction will be begun early in 1929 and that all the work will be completed by the end of 1930.—V. 126, p. 3292.

Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$216,136 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1919.—V. 123, p. 575.

Federal Valley RR.—Notes.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 23 authorized the company to issue \$27,003 of promissory notes to retire maturing notes of the same amount.—V. 125, p. 3476.

Georgia & Florida RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 28 authorized the company to issue in temporary and definitive forms \$807,500 of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, capitalized, and to finance the additional cost of constructing an extension of its railroad from Augusta, Ga., to Greenwood, S. C.; said bonds to be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for short-term notes. The report of the Commission says in part: The Georgia & Florida RR. has duly applied for authority under Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act to issue in temporary and definitive form \$1,000,000 of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series B. The applicant was authorized by our certificate and order issued Dec. 23 1926 to construct an extension of its line of railroad from Augusta, Ga., to Greenwood, S. C., a distance of about 56 miles, and to issue for the purpose of financing the cost thereof \$2,300,000 of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A. The construction of this extension began in March 1927; in May 1928 the line was approximately 65% completed and the applicant expects that the line will be finished by Oct. 1928. The cost of constructing the extension was estimated at \$2,181,000. Revisions of that estimate have since been made because of definite improvements over the original specifications and also because of unforeseen difficulties in excavating, in obtaining material fit for embankments, and for surfacing, and in not being able to complete the line as early as was contemplated. These and other causes, the particulars of which are given in the application, have increased the cost of the extension to a sum now estimated at \$2,931,138.

Section 5 of Article II of the 1st mtge. dated Nov. 1 1926, made by the applicant to the New York Trust Co., as trustee, provided for the authentication and delivery of \$2,300,000 of series A bonds upon deposit with the trustee of a sum in cash equal to 90% of the principal amount of the bonds, or \$2,070,000, which was to be applied toward paying the cost of construct-

ing the extension. The difference between the revised estimate and the proceeds of the series A bonds, \$2,931,138 and \$2,070,000, respectively, is \$861,138. As the basis for the proposed issue of series B bonds, the applicant submits, in addition to the preceding amount of prospective expenditures for construction, \$1,558,444 of expenditures made for additions and betterments from Jan. 1 1927 to Mar. 31 1928, making a total of \$1,016,982.

To reimburse the applicant's treasury for expenditures made for additions and betterments, not heretofore capitalized, and to provide funds to complete the construction of the extension, the applicant proposes to create under and pursuant to the mortgage aforesaid a new series of bonds to be known as first mortgage 6% gold bonds, series B, in the total amount of \$1,500,000, and to issue \$1,000,000 of those bonds.

The applicant has not yet arranged for the sale of the bonds, but states that they will be sold on the best terms obtainable, and asks for authority to sell them at a price to net not less than 90 and int. Pending the sale of the bonds, in order to procure funds to continue the construction of the extension, authority is sought to pledge them as collateral security for short-term notes that the applicant may issue within the limitations of paragraph 9 of Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act without our authority having been first obtained. Since no arrangements have been made for the sale of the bonds, action will be deferred upon that portion of the application asking for authority to sell them until such time as definite information is furnished us in regard to their sale.

The series B bonds will be issued pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 6 of Article II of the 1st mtg., which provides that the principal amount of bonds may be issued under that section for the acquisition of equipment shall not exceed 75% of the cost or value of the equipment and that the principal amount of bonds that may be issued for the other purposes specified therein shall not exceed 80% of the cost or value of the additions and betterments, or improvements acquired. The cost or value, whichever is lower, is to be used in both cases.

Of the \$1,558,444 expended for additions and betterments, \$116,527 was expended for equipment. Deducting that amount from \$1,016,982, the total amount of expenditures constituting the basis for the proposed issue of bonds, leaves \$900,455 applicable to other purposes. Applying the percentages of 75 and 80 mentioned to the specific amounts pertaining to equipment and to other purposes, produces \$67,395 and \$720,364, respectively, a total of \$807,759, or a sum representing the total amount of bonds that the applicant is entitled to have delivered to it under the provisions of the first mortgage in respect of the expenditures submitted in the present application. The amount of bonds to be authorized will therefore be limited to \$807,500.—V. 125, p. 909.

Illinois Central RR.—New Vice-President.—

W. D. Longstreet has been elected Vice-President in charge of traffic, succeeding F. B. Bowes.—V. 126, p. 2465.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—Acquisition of Control.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 26 authorized the acquisition of control by the company of the properties of the Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. Co. of Texas by lease.

The report of the Commission says in part: Under the terms of the proposed indenture of lease to be executed as of Jan. 1 1928, the Oklahoma company will lease and operate the properties of the Texas company, paying as rental therefor the interest on the bonds of the Texas company now or hereafter outstanding, all taxes, assessments, governmental charges, &c., and all necessary expenditures which may be required for the maintenance of the corporate existence of the Texas company. The lease contains the usual provisions for the maintenance of the properties, and it may be terminated by either party upon 30 days' notice in writing to the other, but in no event will it continue in effect more than 10 years from its date. The applicant states that the proposed lease has been approved by the Railroad Commission of Texas.—V. 126, p. 3293.

Mexican Ry. Co., Ltd.—Report Half Year Ended Dec. 31. (Mexican Currency.)

Table with 5 columns: Description, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Pass. rev. (incl. luggage), Express, Goods, Sundry earnings, Total revenue, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Conducting transport'n, General expenses, Balance, surplus.

—V. 125, p. 3055.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Salte Ste. Marie Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 27 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$1,260,000 series O, to be sold at not less than 97.21 and divs. in connection with the procurement of certain equipment.—See also V. 126, p. 3446, 3925.

Northwestern RR. of So. Carolina.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$727,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 124, p. 2903.

Pennsylvania RR.—Stock for Employees Approved.—

The stockholders on June 29 approved the plan to issue \$17,500,000 of new capital stock for sale direct to officers and employees. The directors were authorized to offer the stock for subscription in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

The new stock will be offered at par (\$50 per share) to officers and employees who have had an aggregate service of 6 months or more. Subscriptions will close Aug. 31 1928, and may be for any amount from 1 to 10 shares. Payments may be made at the rate of either \$2 or \$5 per month per share, deductible from the monthly payroll. The minimum period in which it can be paid for in full is 10 months and the maximum period 2 years and one month. Interest at the rate of 6% per annum will be allowed on all installments and credited against the sum required to meet final payments. If for any reason subscriptions are canceled, all the installments will be refunded with interest at 5% per annum.—V. 126, p. 4078

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Control of Charlotte Harbor & Northern.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 26 issued a supplemental order authorizing amendment of lease dated March 1 1928 between the Charlotte Harbor & Northern Ry. and the Seaboard Air Line Ry. The supplemental report of the Commission says:

By our report and order dated Dec. 22 1925, in this proceeding, we authorized the Seaboard Air Line Ry. to acquire control of the Charlotte Harbor & Northern Ry. by purchase of stock and by lease of its properties. In accordance with this authorization the parties executed a short-term lease, which expired March 1 1928, and effective on that date a new lease for 999 years was executed under which the lessee agreed to pay to the lessor, in addition to annual corporate expenses, a sum equal to 6% per annum on the valuation of the leased properties. The result of the application of this provision of the lease is that the lessee will pay to the lessor from the date of the lease to Dec. 31 1928 a sum estimated at \$200,000, which sum will be returned to the lessee in the form of dividends on the stock acquired.

By a supplemental application, filed May 23 1928, the Seaboard Air Line seeks authority to amend the lease in question so as to provide that the payment of a sum equal to 6% per annum on the valuation of the leased properties shall be made only in the event and during continuance of default by it, under its first and consolidated mortgage, under which the stock of the Charlotte Harbor & Northern is pledged. The applicant states that the present method of accounting under the lease produces misleading results, which condition will be eliminated by the proposed amendment.

Abandonment of Branch Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 20 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon a branch line of railroad extending from a connection with its main line at M. P. 452.6 in a southerly direction to the territory known as "Fenwick Island," a distance of 7.91 miles, all in Colleton County, S. C.—V. 126, p. 3926, 3586.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 23 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$288,000 of first terminal and unifying mortgage bonds.

Order Permitting Charles Hayden to Act as Director Revoked.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 29 vacated and set aside its order of May 8 1925 authorizing Charles Hayden, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific RR., to act as director of the St. Louis-Southwestern Ry.—V. 126, p. 4080.

Western Pacific RR.—Bonds Offered.—

Brown Brothers & Co. are offering at market (to yield about 5.09%) \$1,500,000 1st mtg. 5% gold bonds, series A, due Mar. 1 1946. The offering consists of bonds acquired from the Western Pacific RR. Corp. and does not represent new financing by the Western Pacific RR. Bonds are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 126, p. 3926, 3294, 3291.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional \$894,000 ref. mtg. 5% gold bonds, series "B," due Sept. 1 1966, making the total applied for as follows: \$1,697,000 series "A" bonds, and \$2,894,000 series "B" bonds.—V. 126, p. 4080, 3294.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Allied Power & Light Corp. (Del.)—New Officer.—

T. A. Kenney, who was recently elected a director of the Commonwealth Power Corp., has been elected a vice-president and director of the Allied Power & Light Corp., which consolidated the interests of Hodespyl, Hardy & Co., Inc., and Stevens & Wood, Inc. See also, V. 126, p. 3295.

American Gas & Power Corp.—Agent Appointed.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed agent for the payment of the 5% secured gold debenture bond coupons.—See also V. 126, p. 3113, 3295.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$295,863,000 additional capital stock (par \$100) upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$1,328,312,800.

Of the above shares, 1,858,630 were offered to stockholders for cash at par, pursuant to action by the board of directors at a meeting held May 16 1928, and 200,000 shares have been offered for subscription to employees of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and of its subsidiary corporations under authority of the resolution of the stockholders at their annual meeting held on Mar. 29 1921.

Statement of Resources and Liabilities.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and sub-columns for Mar. 31 '28 and Dec. 31 '27. Rows include Stocks of associated companies, Stocks of other companies, Bonds and notes, Long lines plant and equipment, Office furniture and fixtures, Account receivable, Temporary cash investments, Total, Capital stock, Capital stock instalments, Funded debt, Bills payable, Dividend payable, Accounts payable, Interest and taxes accrued not due, Reserve for employees' benefit fund, Reserves for depreciation and contingencies, Surplus (incl. capital stock premiums).

* Include capital stock premium of \$49,177,778 as of Dec. 31 1927 and \$50,623,121 as of Mar. 31 1928.—V. 126, p. 3114, 2473.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Offer to Holders of Scrip Certificates.—

The company in a letter to the holders of scrip certificates for Class A stock says in part: In order to reduce the amount of scrip outstanding, the company has decided to offer to the holders of scrip the privilege of purchasing, for a limited period of time, additional scrip sufficient to make up full shares, at the market price, without the customary charge made for this service of \$1 per share above the market price. Holders who accept this offer will benefit themselves in securing dividends and also the company in relieving it from details of bookkeeping, &c.—V. 126, p. 4080, 3587.

Associated Public Utilities Corp.—Trustee.—

The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for an authorized issue of \$5,000,000 30-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures.—V. 126, p. 4080.

Atlantic Gas & Electric Corp.—Trustee.—

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$1,000,000 1st lien coll. trust 6% gold bonds, series A, due June 1 1943.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—New Director, &c.—

Edmund W. Mudge has been elected a director to succeed the late Capt. Chas. W. Brown. The directors have appropriated \$4,211,057 for new construction, making \$17,003,860 for the year to date.—V. 126, p. 2961.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Gas Output.—

Table with 4 columns: In Cu. Ft., 1928, 1927, In Cu. Ft., 1928. Rows for January, February, March.

—V. 126, p. 2307, 1657.

Central New York Utilities Corp.—To Acquire Mohawk Valley Co. Stock from New York Central RR.—Proposed Consolidation.—

The corporation has contracted for the purchase of all the capital stock of the Mohawk Valley Co. owned by the N. Y. Central RR., being 511,430 of the 749,680 shares of capital stock outstanding, at the price of \$75 per share, of which \$5 per share has been paid, the balance of \$70 being payable on Nov. 1 1928, or earlier at the election of the purchaser, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum on the deferred payment less any dividend paid or declared in the meantime on the purchased stock up to the amount of such interest.

The contract provides that a like offer be made to the holders of all the remaining outstanding capital stock of the Mohawk Valley Co. not covered by the contract with the N. Y. Central RR., with the privilege of making an offer payable in securities.

Vice-President R. E. Van Doorn, June 30, says in substance: The corporation accordingly hereby extends to the holders of such remaining stock of the Mohawk Valley Co. an offer (option A) acceptable on or before the close of business July 20 1928, to purchase their shares or cause them to be purchased.

Option A.—For cash, at \$75 per share, \$5 to be paid on deposit of such stock, the balance of \$70 to be payable on or before Nov. 1 1928 or such other date as may be fixed for such payment, with interest at 5% per annum

from the time of deposit of shares with the depository, the Chemical National Bank of New York, to the time of the receipt by it of the deferred payment for account of the depositing stockholder—such payment in each case to be reduced by the amount of any dividends on the deposited stock which may be declared and paid on the deposited stock up to the amount of such interest.

It is planned that the Mohawk Valley Co. will, in due course, and subject to such consent of the New York P. S. Commission as may be necessary, be merged or consolidated with the Rochester Empire Power Corp. and its subsidiaries, which will control also certain of the properties formerly held by Empire Power Corp. or its subsidiaries, including New York Central Electric Corp., Empire Gas & Electric Co., Elmira, Water, Light & RR. Co., etc. It is understood that the foregoing plan is tentative and subject to change in the discretion of the board of directors of the Rochester Empire Power Corp. The properties will continue under their present management, headed by Walter N. Kernan, President of the Mohawk Valley Co.; Robert M. Searle, President of the Rochester Gas & Electric Co., and E. L. Phillips, President of Empire Power Corp. and of Long Island Lighting Co.

We have been requested to extend to such stockholders of the Mohawk Valley Co. an alternative offer which will permit them, by exchange of their shares, to participate in the proposed new program. We therefore offer, in lieu of cash, and subject to the foregoing, to exchange for shares of stock of the Mohawk Valley Co., acceptable on or before July 20 1928, preferred and common shares of the Rochester Empire Power Corp. (see below) on the following basis:

Option B.—Securities.—For each five shares of capital stock of the Mohawk Valley Co., to issue three shares of 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100 (dividends cumulative from July 1 1928) and three shares of common stock (no par value), of the Rochester Empire Power Corp. The pref. stock will be subject to redemption at 105 and divs., and upon dissolution shall be entitled to payment of par and divs. prior to any payment to common stockholders.

It is planned that all stock deposited for exchange pursuant to this offer will be transferred to the Rochester Empire Power Corp. at the same time and as part of the plan of the transfer of the majority stock already contracted for. The consummation of the plan on this basis would, in the opinion of counsel, render the exchange of stock under option B exempt from Federal income taxes.

The capital of the Rochester Empire Power Corp. will consist of 200,000 shares of 6% cum. pref. stock of \$100 par value and 1,600,000 shares of no par value common stock. All of the common stock not taken in exchange by the Mohawk Valley minority stockholders, will be taken by E. L. Phillips and his associates.

The funds necessary to complete the transaction will be provided by the public sale of securities which have been underwritten by a syndicate which includes the Manufacturers Trust Co., W. C. Langley & Co., and Bonbright & Co.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Virginia.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 19 issued a certificate authorizing the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Russell Telephone Co.

On March 16 1928, the Chesapeake company contracted to purchase all of the properties of the Russell company, excepting certain real estate, for \$35,000, payable in cash.—V. 126, p. 2641, 1808.

Coast Counties Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for various financial metrics and amounts for 12 months ended May 31 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating and maintenance, Taxes, Depreciation, Interest charges, Other items, Surplus, 1st preferred dividends, 2d preferred dividends, and Balance re-invested in extens. & betterments & other purposes.

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.—Listed.— There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 114,000 shares (authorized 600,000 shares) without par value, class A stock, with authority to add thereto 16,000 additional shares as notice of their issuance and payment through certain construction work, is had, and with authority to add also 125,000 additional shares as the same may be issued through the conversion of the 6 1/4% convertible gold debentures, series A, due June 1 1943. Compare V. 126, p. 3752, 3927.

Detroit United Ry.—Deposits Still Being Received.— It is stated that over 90% of the outstanding Detroit United Ry. 1st mtge. & coll. trust bonds and Detroit Monroe & Toledo Short Line Ry. 1st mtge. bonds have now been deposited under the Detroit United Ry. reorganization plan. The reorganization committee has not extended the time for deposit but both issues are still being received on deposit under the plan by Central Union Trust Co., New York, pending receipt of instruction from the committee to refuse to accept additional deposits. It is expected that the decree of sale will be extended at an early date and following the sale the reorganized company will commence business and the reorganization will finally be closed.—V. 126, p. 3587, 2962.

Elmira Water, Light & RR. Co.—Control.— See Rochester Empire Power Corp. below.—V. 126, p. 3447. Empire Gas & Electric Co.—Control.— See Rochester Empire Power Corp. below.—V. 125, p. 1323.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of not exceeding \$65,190 common stock (par \$15) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$6,585,155 common stock. The company's statement to the New York Stock Exchange says: Company has acquired all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Agua Pura Co. of Las Vegas, consisting of 2,454 shares (par \$100) and has also acquired \$52,000 out of \$54,000 of first consol. mtge. bonds outstanding, and \$345,000 out of \$346,000 of gen. consol. mtge. bonds outstanding. The Agua Pura Co. is a New Mexico corporation supplying water and ice to the municipalities and inhabitants of the city and town of Las Vegas, New Mexico.—V. 126, p. 3752, 2789.

Florida Power & Light Co.—Transfer Agent.— The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 10,000 shares of \$6 preferred stock.—V. 125, p. 3480.

Illinois Commercial Telephone Co.—Acquisition of Properties Denied by I.-S. C. Commission.—

The I.-S. C. Commission in a decision June 26 denied the application of the company for authority to acquire the properties of the Illinois Southern Telephone Co., the Commercial Telephone Co., the Boone County Rural Telephone Co., and the Belvidere Telephone Co.

The report of the Commission says in part: The Illinois Commercial Telephone Co., the Illinois Southern Telephone Co., the Commercial Telephone Co., the Boone County Rural Telephone Co., and the Belvidere Telephone Co. on April 11 1928 filed a joint application under Section 407 of the Transportation Act, as amended, for a certificate that the acquisition by the Illinois of the properties of the other applicants will be of advantage to the persons to whom service is to be tendered and in the public interest. The Illinois Commerce Commission has entered an order authorizing the proposed acquisition.

The Illinois is not an operating company. It has been organized for the purpose of acquiring and consolidating into a single ownership all of the properties of the other applicants, which will thereafter be operated by it.

No detailed estimate is submitted of the reproduction cost, new, less depreciation, of the various properties. From a recent examination the appraisal engineer finds that they have an average physical condition of about 90%, and this figure was adopted by the Illinois Commission.

A general summary of the estimated cost of reproduction new of the various properties is as follows: Physical properties, \$4,138,947 (which includes 15% for overheads); going value, \$94,670; working capital, \$151,817; total, \$4,685,434. The estimated reproduction cost less the items of overheads,

going value and working capital, is \$3,518,104. Applying a percentage condition of 90 would indicate a value of \$3,166,294 for the physical properties as of Jan. 1 1928.

The total capitalization of the four vendor companies consists of \$1,127,275 capital stock and \$1,504,369 long term debt. Of the latter amount, \$1,462,800 is funded and \$41,569 represents advances from system corporations. The total investment is fixed capital, including construction work in progress, is shown at \$3,943,820 on the consolidated balance sheet of Dec. 31 1927. The combined operating revenues and operating expenses for 1927 were \$934,462 and \$650,984, respectively.

Under authority granted by the Illinois Commission the Illinois proposes to issue \$2,250,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds (see offering in V. 126, p. 2474), 10,000 shares of 6% cumulative preferred stock (see offering in V. 126, p. 2644), and 40,000 shares of common stock, both issues of stock to be without par value. The bonds are to be sold at not less than 92 and the preferred stock at not less than \$90 per share. Under the statutes of Illinois no-par stock may be issued at not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 a share.

In its report the Illinois Commission stated that it was not prepared to accept without further examination the total value set forth in the appraisals that that in its opinion the properties proposed to be acquired have a sound value at least equal to the proposed bond and preferred stock issues, plus the amount of \$200,000, the value of 40,000 shares of no-par stock at \$5 per share.

The bonds and preferred stock are to be sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of the purchase price. The properties are to be acquired for \$2,670,000 in cash, free and clear of all encumbrances, as of Jan. 1 1928, but subject to current liabilities of that date, which are carried on the consolidated balance sheet at \$300,110.98. The working assets and accrued income as of the same date totaled \$206,523.50.

Upon the acquisition of the properties the four vendor companies will be dissolved. The assets, including the cash received from the sale of the properties, together with the non-par common stock of the Illinois, will be distributed to the stockholders of the four companies, who are identical as to each company. The proposed transaction will therefore not effect any change in the beneficial ownership. No written contract for the transfer of the properties has been made.

The testimony is that the advantage to the public will be in the improvement of service, and the simplification of supervision and organization matters; that all the properties will be operated from a central headquarters; and that the bringing of the properties together in one ownership should simplify financing, accounting, the filing of various reports, and will make it possible to obtain money for additions and betterments on a more economical basis. There will be no change in the physical properties. No duplication of properties is involved, and none of the properties will be retired from service.

There is no connection between the properties of the Belvidere and the Boone County, on the one hand, and those of the Southern and the Commercial, except that formed by the Bell toll lines. No evidence was offered to show that the subscribers of the four companies would receive any other or different service from that now furnished, nor to show what advantage they would receive from the proposed consolidation, except as may be implied from general statements concerning the ability of the consolidated company to effect certain economies in overhead expenses and to secure additional money at less cost. The plan of financing proposed would increase largely the securities outstanding in the hands of the public without the addition of any property, so far as shown.

Upon the facts presented we are unable to find that the proposed acquisition will be of advantage to the persons to whom service will be rendered and in the public interest. An order will be entered denying the application. Compare also V. 126, p. 2474, 2644.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of not exceeding \$11,645,100 additional stock (par \$100): (a) not exceeding 13,000 shares on official notice of issuance and payment in full, and (b) 103,451 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for common stock of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp., making the total amount of capital stock applied for \$144,598,900.

Authority for and Purposes of Issue.—(a) At the annual meeting held May 9 1928, the stockholders approved and consented to the issuance of not exceeding in the aggregate \$1,300,000, of the unissued capital stock at not less than \$100 per share, for the purpose of and pursuant to a profit sharing plan to be approved by the board of directors or executive committee for the sale to salaried employees and officers of the corporation and its associated companies other than such as may be directors. At the meeting of the directors held June 14, there was authorized the issuance of 13,000 shares at par (\$100 per share).

(b) At a meeting held Mar. 22 1928, the directors advised the stockholders to authorize the issuance of not exceeding in the aggregate 103,451 additional shares of capital stock in exchange for the common stock of a new company (subsequently organized and called Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp., a Maryland corp.), which contemporaneously shall acquire pref. shares and common shares of the Mackay Cos., a Massachusetts trust, and 4% bonds and debenture stock of the Commercial Cable Co. of New York. At a special meeting of the stockholders held May 9, there was authorized the issuance of not exceeding in the aggregate 103,451 shares in exchange for common stock of a new company (Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.)—V. 126, p. 3754, 3748.

International Utilities Corp. (& Subs.)—Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.—

Balance Sheet table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for years 1927 and 1926. Rows include Fixed cap. accts., Sundry invests., Securities & cash, Cash, Can. Gov. sec., Call loans, Notes rec., Accounts rec'ble, Subs. to bonds & pref. stks., Material & sup., Prepaid expenses, Dis. on sec. & oth. def. items, Organiz. exp. & other intang. assets, Acc. int., rents & divs., Sec. of subsids., Paving & mun. pay. und. long term con., Notes payable., Accts. payable., Custs.' deposits., Prov. for pref. stk. div. pay., Feb. 1 1928 & class A div. pay. Jan. 15 1928, Subs. div. pay., Jan. 15 1928, Liab. for bal. of pay. on prop. acq. sub. to Dec. 31 1927, Accrued taxes., Accrued liabils., Sun. res. accts., Mtn. int. in com. stks. & sur. of subs., Capital stock, Surplus, Call loans pay. instal. due on pref. stk.

Total \$39,933,880 \$33,114,191 Total \$39,933,880 \$33,114,191

x After depreciation of \$2,985,039. y Contracted for and acquired subsequent to Dec. 31 1927. z To be applied against outstanding securities. a Consisting of Funded Debt \$12,385,597; preferred stock including accrued dividends to date \$6,420,777 and subscriptions to preferred stocks \$132,771. b Represented by \$7 cumulative preferred stock—38,568 shares of no par value entitled to \$100 per share in involuntary liquidation, class "A" stock—185,758 shares of no par value entitled to \$60 per share value and warrants entitling holders to purchase 249,788 shares class "B" stock. c Made up as follows: (1) net excess of par value of subsidiaries stocks over cost \$3,827,614; (2) Acquired earned surplus \$476,677, and (3) acquired capital surplus \$663,374, making a total of \$4,967,665 and (4) consolidated surplus paid in, donated and earned (including \$14,140 earnings of subsidiary not available for dividends) \$1,098,190. Our usual comparative income statement was published in V. 126, p. 4081.

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Div. Disbursing Agent.—

The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed dividend disbursing agent of the \$5 cumulative pref. stock.—V. 126, p. 3589.

Amsterdam Trading Co. (Handelsvereenigin "Amsterdam" Holland).—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 75c. per share on the "Amsterdam" shares, payable July 20 to holders of record July 16. An initial dividend of like amount was paid Jan. 20 last.—V. 126, p. 1664, 109.

Androscoggin Mills, Lewiston, Me.—Sale.—

The company has been acquired by the Central Maine Power Co., a subsidiary of the New England Public Service Co., controlled by the Insull interests of Chicago. Control was acquired by purchase of a large majority of stock from some of the large stockholders. The stockholders of Androscoggin Mills at a special meeting on June 26 had authorized the liquidation of the company.

The stockholders will meet on July 9 to vote (a) on rescinding the aforesaid action and (b) on approving the sale to the Central Maine Power Co.—V. 126, p. 3759.

Apponaug Co.—Bankers to Offer Stocks.—

It is expected that offering will be made early next week by Hitt, Farwell & Co. of \$1,081,600, 6 1/2% cumulative pref. stock of \$100 par value, and 36,090 shares of no par value common stock. This financing will not represent any new money to the company. The company, it is stated, is one of the leading concerns in the United States engaged in bleaching, mercerizing, dyeing, printing and finishing such textiles as fine cotton, rayon, celanese and mixed fabrics. The company's business is done entirely on order for the account of mills and converters. At no time does it carry an inventory of fabrics for its own account. Losses from inventory shrinkage and bad debts have been practically negligible for a long period of time.

In 1913 the present company was incorporated. Since then net worth of the business is said to have increased from about \$750,000 to more than \$2,600,000, entirely through reinvestment of surplus earnings in the business.

Arnold Constable Corp.—Rights—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders of record July 5 will be given the right to subscribe on or before July 25 for 111,111 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) at \$35 per share on the basis of one new share for each 2 shares owned. This offering has been underwritten. The proceeds are to be used for extension and enlargement of M. I. Stewart & Co., Inc., a subsidiary, for the erection of a new department store building and to provide for future growth.

The stockholders on June 30 increased the authorized capital stock (no par value) from 225,000 shares to 400,000 shares.—V. 126, p. 3759.

Atlantic Mortgage Co., Durham, N. C.—Bonds Offered.—

—Union Trust Co. of Maryland, Baltimore, are offering at 100 and int., \$1,000,000 1st mtge. collateral trust 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A.

Dated July 1 1928; due semi-annually July 1 1930 to 1938. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Union Trust Co. of Maryland, Baltimore, trustee, or Fidelity Trust Co. of New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date at 101% and int. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%, and to refund any State, County or Municipal securities tax (including any such tax levied by the District of Columbia) not in excess of 5 mills per annum, or, in lieu thereof, all State Income taxes not in excess of 6% per annum, provided application be made according to the terms of the trust indenture.

Guarantee.—Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore, Md., certifies by endorsement on each bond, that it has irrevocably guaranteed the payment of principal and interest of all of the first mortgages held by the trustee as security for the bonds.

Company.—Is engaged in the business of making loans secured by first mortgages on improved fee-simple properties in the State of North Carolina, particularly in that industrially developed part of the State known as the Piedmont Section. Its operations are confined to loans on entirely completed residential or income producing properties.

Security.—Bonds are the direct obligations of company, and are secured by deposit with trustee, of an equal amount of first mortgages on improved fee-simple real estate. These deposited mortgages are guaranteed, principal and interest, by Maryland Casualty Co. In lieu of such mortgages, Atlantic Mortgage Co. may deposit as security for the bonds an equal amount of cash, U. S. Government bonds, or U. S. Government treasury certificates.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Receives Third Installment.—

The company has received another payment in connection with the sale of its holdings of Superior Oil Corp. stock. This is the third instalment on the purchase price, others having been made May 1 and June 1. Final payment is to be made early in August, it is stated.—V. 126, p. 3594.

Atlantic Works, East Boston—Sale.—

The stockholders on July 5 approved the sale of the company to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Ltd.—V. 118, p. 2576.

Atlas Tack Corp.—List of Officers.—

We have just been advised that the list of officers of this corporation given in the "Railway and Industrial Compendium, Industrial Number," of June 15 1928, page 24, is incorrect.

The present officers are as follows: N. McL. Sage, President; E. M. Burgess, Vice-President; G. A. Greene, Treasurer, and Ralph Hornblower, Secretary.—V. 126, p. 3931.

Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc.—Annual Report.—

Thomas F. McCarthy, Pres. says:

As informally announced in Dec. 1927, the Company's canning operations for the season showed a further heavy loss. Because of the large carryover of the 1926 pack the company curtailed its 1927 acreage of corn and peas, expecting a normal yield. Crops were poor, however, and the packs of corn and peas were the smallest in the company's history, and the large carry-over prevented corresponding advances in prices. A shortage also prevailed in company's salmon and tuna canning units; fish were unusually scarce and packs were abnormally small.

The company's operating loss for 1927 amounted to \$1,283,000, of which \$1,217,000 applied to its canning operations, and \$66,000 to the liquidation of its grocery branches. The main grocery plant in Brooklyn broke even, as against a loss in 1926.

As a result of the 1927 canning operations, the company's working capital was further depleted and its financial situation became acute. Drastic action became necessary.

The directors, after most careful consideration, deeming it for the best interest of the company, and at the insistence of lending banks that loans be reduced, decided to sell all canning units, thereby turning loss producing properties into cash, eliminating the hazard of fish catch and vegetable crop, and preventing a possible repetition of heavy canning losses in the future. This necessarily involved heavy capital losses. All plants (except two small and inactive plants still held by the company) have now been sold at the best price obtainable.

The unfavorable situation in the tuna, salmon and vegetable canning industries made it difficult to obtain buyers for the properties.

The sale of the Seacoast Packing Corp. properties was consummated in Jan. 1928.

The sale of the Wilson fisheries properties was completed in April, 1928. The Fane Canning Co. plants were contracted to be sold at the close of the fiscal year (see V. 126, p. 3931). The new interest took over all operations as of May, 1928. Effect has been given to the sale in the statement submitted, the properties sold being eliminated and included in the receivables at the selling price, along with insurance since collected on the Sholbyville plant which was destroyed by fire Feb., 1928.

The loss on the sales of capital assets amounted to \$2,342,000 and the loss on sale of supplies in conjunction with the sale of canning properties amounted to \$156,000.

Notes payable have been reduced from \$4,937,500 a year ago, to \$3,400,000, and since April 30 have been further reduced to \$2,635,000.

The business of the company is now confined to the main plant in Brooklyn, where the company has an advantageous long term lease on a modern concrete building, especially designed and built for the company, with excellent rail and water facilities. Here the company roasts coffee and packs olives, preserves, and many other products in conjunction with its wholesale grocery business.

In consequence of the company's default of at least four quarterly preferred dividends, the preferred shareholders now have the right to elect the majority of the board of directors, and the voting trustees of the common stock have dissolved the voting trust and common stock certificates

are now being issued upon surrender and exchange of voting trust certificates.

Comparative Income Account. Table showing 12 Mos. End. 15 Mos. End. and Years Ended Jan. 31-1926, 1925, 1924.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30. Table showing Assets (Plant & equip., depreciation, etc.) and Liabilities (7% cum. pf. stk., Com. (150,000 sh. no par val.), etc.) for 1928 and 1927.

Total 11,458,281 13,359,051 Total 11,458,281 13,359,051 Note.—Dividends on pref. stock unpaid since Feb. 1 1927.—V. 126, p. 3931.

Australian Iron & Steel, Ltd.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

J. B. Were & Son, Melbourne, Australia, in May last offered 1,000,000 7 1/2% cum. pref. shares at par (£1 per share). We take the following from a prospectus just come to hand:

The company will be registered in Sydney with a nominal capital of £5,000,000 divided into 3,500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, and 1,500,000 7 1/2% cumulative preference shares of £1 each.

For the present, the issued capital of Australian Iron & Steel Ltd. will be £3,100,000, comprising: 2,100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, and 1,000,000 7 1/2% cumulative preference shares of £1 each.

The associated companies holdings of the new company will consist of the ordinary shares as follows:

Hoskins Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. 1,000,000
Dorman Long & Co., Ltd. 600,000
Howard Smith, Ltd. 400,000
Baldwins, Ltd. 100,000

Total 2,100,000 The proposed issue of preference shares will be apportioned as follows:

Reserved for the holders of Hoskins A, B and C preference shs. 325,000
Available for public subscription (with, in addition, any of the 325,000 shs. not taken up by Hoskins pref. shareholders) 675,000

Total 1,000,000 Australian Iron & Steel, Ltd., does not represent a new venture, but is a most important consolidation of soundly established interests with very great experience in the iron and steel industry, which is raising additional capital in order to effect a considerable expansion of existing profitable businesses.

Australian Iron & Steel, Ltd., will acquire the whole of the very extensive undertakings of the well-known Hoskins Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. at Lithgow & Port Kembla and other places in Australia, together with the whole of the Australian business of Dorman Long & Co., Ltd. except the Sydney Harbour Bridge Contract, and these two companies will hold between them £1,600,000 of the paid-up ordinary capital.

The new company is buying from Baldwins, Ltd. (Eng.) a modern steel rolling mill, the purchase consideration for which will be £168,000, of which £100,000 will be taken by Baldwins, Ltd., in ordinary shares fully paid in Australian Iron & Steel Ltd., they will thus become considerably interested in the new company.

Australian Iron & Steel, Ltd. also will have associated with it Howard Smith, Ltd., who will acquire for cash a large holding of ordinary shares, and will act as shipping agents for the company, and as selling agents in various States of the Commonwealth.

The preference capital now being raised is required to provide for the erection and equipment of a modern steelworks and rolling mills at Port Kembla for the manufacture of steel rails, structural steel, bars and sections, together with general machine shops and additional power house units, inclusive of the erection of the steel rolling mills being purchased from Baldwins, Ltd., and the installation of the first units of a de Lavaud Centrifugally Spun Cast Iron Pipe Plant, and to provide the additional working capital necessary for a considerably increased production.

(L. S.) Ayres & Co., Indianapolis.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

The Indiana Trust Co. and Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, recently offered \$450,000 6% cum. pref. stock at 105 and dividends.

The offering is the unpaid balance of \$900,000 purchased of the company by the Indiana Trust Co., \$100,000 of which by agreement, has been subscribed by and allotted to the employes of L. S. Ayres & Co., at the price named.

Dividends payable quarterly. Exempt under present laws from state and local taxes in Indiana and from normal Federal income tax. Dated Feb. 1 1928; the Indiana Trust Co., registrar.

Statement.—As at Jan. 31 1928, without giving effect to the sale of \$900,000 preferred stock.

Assets Current liabilities \$2,880,751 Other assets 443,933 Deferred charges 78,885 Permanent assets 678,825 Total 4,082,394

Total (each side) \$4,082,394 Surplus 1,561,909

Sales and Profits.—The sales of the company have more than kept abreast with the growth of Indianapolis. The average net profits, after all charges except Federal income taxes, for the 3 years ending Jan. 31 1927, were more than 5 times the amount which would be required to pay the dividend on the \$1,500,000 preferred stock. For the year ending Jan. 31 1928, the net profits, after all charges except Federal income taxes amounted to more than 6 times the dividend requirement on the said preferred stock.

Capitalization.—As at Feb. 1 1928, after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the additional \$900,000 preferred stock and converting \$600,000 of accumulated surplus and undivided profits (\$1,561,909) into common stock. Capitalization is as follows:

Common stock \$1,500,000 Preferred stock 961,909 Surplus 1,500,000 Total 3,961,909

Ownership.—Nearly all of the \$1,500,000 common stock and \$600,000 of the \$1,500,000 preferred stock is owned by the Ayres family.—V. 115, p. 2908.

Baldwin Rubber Co.—Listed.—

The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing 50,000 units consisting of 20,000 shares "B" (no par) common stock and 50,000 shares "A" (no par) preferred stocks.—See also V. 126, p. 3759,4085.

Baltimore American Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.—

See National Liberty Insurance Co. below.—V. 126, p. 109.

Bankers Capital Corp.—New Vice-President.—

G. C. Maxwell, formerly assistant vice-president, has been elected vice-president in charge of the trading division.—V. 126, p. 1815.

Bankinstocks Holding Corp., New York.—New Offering, Rights, &c.—

Ralph B. Leonard & Co., New York, state: Since March 31 1928 \$175,000 has been added to working capital through the sale of 10,000 shares of treasury Class "A" stock, making the total Class "A" outstanding 70,000 shares.

Directors of the Bankinstocks Holding Corp. at a meeting held June 15 1928, declared a dividend of 25c. per share, payable July 2 1928, to all stockholders of record at 3 p. m. June 22 1928.

They are also instructed that rights be issued to present holders of Class "A" stock, giving them the right to subscribe for 10,000 shares of new Class "A" treasury stock at \$10 per share, at the rate of one new share for each seven shares now held. No fractional shares will be issued. Holders of rights must subscribe for full shares. Rights will be issued to stockholders of record June 25, and expire at 3 p. m. July 20 1928. After all of the above has been completed, it is planned to give all Class "A" stock voting power, making the stock all one class.

The corporation was incorporated in New York July 27 1927, and commenced operations as of that date. Company is a holding company and is empowered to buy, sell and (or) hold bank and insurance stocks.

The capitalization consists of 100,000 shares of Class "A" stock and 1,000 shares of class B stock. The two classes differ only as to voting power, which is lodged in the class B stock.

Balance Sheet March 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in bank.....	\$68,026	Class "A" stk. (60,000 shs.)	\$60,000
Investments (fin. instit'ns)...	374,962	Class "B" stk. (1,000 shs.)...	1,000
Insurance premiums prepaid	2,982	Earned surplus.....	\$86,489
		Paid in surplus.....	245,500
		Div. pay. Apr. 2 1928.....	15,250
		Reserve for taxes & cont'g....	\$7,731
Total.....	\$445,970	Total.....	\$445,970

Directors are: Ralph B. Leonard, Pres.; Carroll W. Williams, V. Pres.; Herman A. Benjamin, Sec.; Eugene H. Waeldin, Treas.; George C. Morgan; Frank V. Quigley; Ezekiel S. Barclay; Thomas B. Hanson; George Workmaster.

Bansicilia Corp., N. Y. City.—Reclassification of Common Stock—Rights.—

The shareholders on June 18 approved a plan to reclassify and change the 40,000 issued and outstanding shares of common stock without par value into 120,000 class A shares without par value and 40,000 class B shares without par value. The holder of each share of common stock will be entitled to receive in respect thereof upon surrender of the certificate thereof duly endorsed, certificates for three class A shares and one class B share. Certificates for the class A shares and class B shares to be issued in exchange for outstanding certificates for common stock are now ready for delivery at the office of the corporation, 487 Broadway, N. Y. City. Certificates for class A shares represented by outstanding interim certificates will be ready for delivery on and after July 15 1928, in exchange for such interim certificates.

The shareholders approved a proposal to increase the authorized class A shares from 120,000 to 360,000.

The shareholders have also authorized the issue and sale of 40,000 class A shares to the holders of record of class A shares and class B shares at the close of business on June 28 1928, in the ratio of one class A share for each 4 shares, whether class A or class B, held by such record holders, at \$25 per share. Holders of record of common stock at the close of business on said record date who shall not theretofore have exchanged their certificates representing such common stock for certificates representing the class A shares and class B shares issuable in respect thereof, shall be entitled to the same subscription rights with respect to the 40,000 class A shares so offered as they would have been entitled had such exchange been made, that is, such record holders will be entitled to subscribe for one class A share in respect of each share of common stock so held. Rights expire on Aug. 31 next.

The corporation will arrange for the purchase and sale of fractional warrants.

Ignazio Mormino is president and Italo Palermo, Executive Vice-Pres.

Bay Biscayne Bridge Co.—Status & Outlook.—

The following letter dated June 26 has been sent to the holders of the 1st mtge. sinking fund 6 1/2% gold bonds by the protective committee: The bondholders protective committee for the 1st mortgage sinking fund 6 1/2% gold bonds desires to report about the situation as it seems to stand at present. The committee has kept in the closest touch with it. One of its members has recently returned from a study of several days on the ground.

As you know, both the Bay Biscayne Bridge Co. and the Bay Biscayne Improvement Co. are now operated by receivers. The receivers for the Bridge company are R. Marshall Price and Lee C. Robinson (Trust Officer of the Biscayne Trust Co.), both serving as individuals; and for the improvement company, R. Marshall Price and the Biscayne Trust Co. (through its representative, Lee C. Robinson.)

You also recall that all of the Bridge company stock is owned by the Improvement company and the Bridge company bonds were issued under a guaranty of the Improvement company which now takes the form of a guaranty both as to principal and interest. It is, therefore, important that the two receiverships should be conducted in a spirit of cooperation to the end, on the one hand, that the Bridge company may see an enhancement in the values behind the Improvement company guaranty, and on the other hand, that the Improvement company shall see advantage to its island property through the increased patronage of the bridge.

Last winter's tourist season was successful, particularly at Miami Beach, and the prospects for next year are even more favorable—and this despite the fact that the race track and other sporting activities previously so attractive at Miami were shut down due to law enforcement. Plans are in the making for passage of a local option law at the next session (April, 1929) of the State Legislature under which Miami would at once reopen these attractions. This would result in bringing to the city additional tourists.

General liquidation must still run its course, although conditions are better and real estate values are beginning to improve. At Miami Beach, particularly, industrial sales of property have been made and several new residences are under construction. Money has been raised by the sale of Improvement company receivers' certificates for the concrete bulkheading of Venetian Island No. 1 which should validate sales contracts and so bring in funds that, assisted possibly by a further sale of certificates, should result in the progressive improvement of the four Venetian Islands of the Improvement company. This earnest of intention has led to the building of four new residences on one of the islands.

The annual Shriners' convention, when some 30,000 people visited the city, was held at Miami on May 3, 4 and 5; and the Elks will assemble there in July. These conventions and other gatherings scheduled for the summer should prove to be of material benefit to the communities.

The Tamiami Trail has just been opened. This highway extends west from Miami across the Everglades to the west coast of Florida and communicates with the population around Tampa Bay. It will undoubtedly be a much used tourist route and will aid in the general accessibility of Miami and in bringing business to it through the beginning of the development of the Everglades.

Last year the Seaboard Air Line Ry. completed its extension to Miami so that now the city has this connection with the North as well as through the Florida East Coast Ry.

Both Miami and Miami Beach are spending money for improvements under the general policy of avoiding new commitments and concentrating on the completion of present projects.

The Bridge company owns Causeway Island, now completed with concrete bulkhead out of funds provided for that purpose in the original sale

of bonds. We are informed the balance of about \$20,000 in this fund remains unexpended. This island has in all a front footage of some 3,800 feet with a depth of 300 feet. On either side of the approach block on the Miami side of the bridge the company further owns some 800 feet of front footage averaging 125 feet in depth. A reasonable sum is being spent to finish the planting and grassing of these properties to enhance their appearance and desirability. The receivers estimate that a reasonable value of in excess of \$500,000 might be put on these properties.

The arrears of taxes with their penalties have been paid in full to date out of the insurance fund. The total amount of these taxes was just over \$20,000, leaving a balance in the insurance fund of approximately \$50,000. Causeway Island may still be considered as under construction due to the planting which is still going on, so that it is not likely to be taxed during the current year. The receivers are hoping to cut the assessment on the balance of the property in half.

Early in Feb., 1928, the toll charge was raised from 10c. per vehicle to 25c. for a single trip and six tickets for \$1. These schedules were in effect during the balance of the tourist season; but with the seasonal fall-off in business the fares were reduced again on May 10th to a rate of two rides for 25c. and have since reduced the sale of tickets to the rate of 10c. each.

As a result of the winter's operations, the company finds itself with current cash of approximately \$16,000 with which to provide for various current expenses and to take care of a likely deficit in income below operating expenses for at least some of the summer months. In the Fall the trust should recover again so that over a year's period it is anticipated that operating expenses will be more than earned. Every effort is being made to reduce these to the ultimate limit. Operating expenses don't, of course, include interest on bonds.

The account payable as of June 19 1928 of \$23,584 (after the payment of taxes) are made up of two major items of approximately equal amounts, one of which is payable to the Bay Biscayne Improvement Co., which of course can stand, and the other of which is payable to a local contracting company.

Following is a statement of receipts and expenses as reported to the committee for the first five months of 1928 compared with the same period last year:

	1928.	1927.
Gross Income.....	\$28,674	\$32,225
Operating expenses.....	*14,789	24,387
Net income.....	\$13,885	\$7,838

* Exclusive of receivers' fees.

Some very good signs have been painted and put up at appropriate places on Miami Beach directing traffic to the Biscayne Bridge. It is difficult to get the consent of public authorities to the erection of signs on poles along the streets, so that what has been accomplished in Miami Beach is very fortunate. It has so far been impossible to get such consent in Miami. Accordingly, the receivers are endeavoring to rent a few strategic locations on tops of private buildings in order to advertise the bridge on that side.

It is not unlikely that real estate improvements of direct interest to the Bridge company may begin shortly immediately at the Miami terminus of the bridge. If these materialize, much benefit may be expected therefrom.

The County has for a long time had under construction a bridge across Biscayne Bay some four miles north of the Bay Biscayne Bridge at 79th Street. This will very soon be open to traffic. Your committee has not felt that it will have any ill effect on the travel on the Bay Biscayne Bridge but rather that through opening up new routes for tourists it would tend to stimulate traffic in general and so perhaps be of benefit to our bridge.

The committee would like to express its appreciation of the efforts of Messrs. Price and Robinson as receivers of the company in conserving the interests of the bridge property and to express its confidence that these gentlemen are actively working for the best interests of the bondholders. Your committee is working in the closest harmony with the receivers.

Your committee is looking ahead and studying all aspects of the problem carefully from the point of view of the ultimate solution of the difficulties that confront the property. This will inevitably take some time to work out; and in the meantime we bespeak your continued confidence and cooperation. The committee's position will be greatly strengthened by the largest possible deposit of bonds and it therefore earnestly solicits the deposit of those not yet in. \$1,256,000 bonds have been deposited with the committee out of the total of \$1,500,000 bonds outstanding—an expression of confidence in the committee which it keenly recognizes.—V. 126, p. 109.

Beach Hotel Co., Chicago.—Notes Offered.— A. G. Becker & Co. and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 100 and interest, \$1,850,000 1st mtge. 6% gold notes.

Dated June 25 1928; due July 1 1931; (bearing interest from July 1 1928). Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Chicago. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500c. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%, and certain State taxes will be refunded upon proper application.

Data from Letter of Ronald F. Brunswick, Pres. of the Co.

Security.—Notes to be a direct obligation of the company, which owns and operates the Chicago Beach Hotel, and will be secured by a direct closed first mortgage on approximately 418,000 square feet of Chicago real estate, generally conceded to be some of the best land available for hotel and apartment house purposes in the City. The mortgaged property will embrace more than 9 acres of land fronting on Hyde Park Boulevard and extending north to the new Outer Drive, now being built along the shore of Lake Michigan by the Chicago South Park Commissioners. The property to be mortgaged, which is improved with streets, sidewalks, lights, etc., was appraised by Winston & Co., as of June 18 1928, at \$5,908,453 making this a 31% loan.

The Chicago Title & Trust Co. will issue its mortgage title guarantee policy in the sum of \$1,850,000, the total amount of this issue, guaranteeing title of the Beach Hotel Co., to the mortgaged property.

Property.—The property to be mortgaged has available transportation facilities which are perhaps unequalled in the city, its accessibility from the centre of Chicago being a matter of only a few minutes. Express trains between the downtown business, financial and theatrical district and the Hyde Park station of the Illinois Central R.R., about 1/2 block from the property, provide 9 minute service. The new Outer Drive, now being built on made land in Lake Michigan, east and north of the property, will provide a direct boulevard to the Loop—about 10 minutes away by automobile.

Financial.—Within the past year, while the property was being improved the company sold three lots at an aggregate sales price of \$525,000, or an average of approximately \$15 per square foot. The foregoing appraisal made by Winston & Co., is at the average rate of approximately \$14 a square foot. Now that the subdivision and improvement of the property has been completed, the company expects to proceed actively with its sales program. The trust indenture, under which these notes will be issued, will provide for partial releases of the mortgaged property on payment to the trustee of specified release prices, 80% thereof to be applied to the retirement of these notes through purchase at not exceeding the redemption price or through call by lot, the balance of the release price being applied in reduction of other indebtedness of the company.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the retirement of \$1,441,500 first mortgage notes due July 1 1928 and for other corporate purposes.—V. 123, p. 2265.

Becker Steel Co. of America.—Foreclosure Sale.—

The real estate, plant, equipment and patent rights of company located at south side of Kanawha River, immediately below the city of Charleston, W. Va., will be offered for sale July 7, by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, W. Va., at the east front door of the Court House of Kanawha County, Charleston, W. Va. R. Kempt Morton, Special Commissioner, will conduct the sale.

Belding-Corticelli, Ltd.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% on the common stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14. Previously, the company paid semi-annual distributions of 3% on this issue.—V. 126, p. 720

Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Ltd.—Acquisition.—

See Atlantic Works above.—V. 124, p. 3500.

Benjamin Electric Mfg. Co.—Annual Report.
 Period End. Mar. 31—
 Profits for period—
 Depreciation—
 Int. including bond interest—
 Net income—
 Previous surplus—
 Refund of Fed. inc. taxes & int. (prior yrs.)—
 Disc. 1st mtgse gold bonds—
 Life insurance dividends—
 Total surplus—
 Federal taxes (prior years)—
 Com. & disc. 1st pref. stock (prop.)—
 Tax on bonds (2%)—
 1st preferred divs. paid & accrued—
 Profit & loss, surplus—
 —V. 125, p. 389.

	12 Mos.	15 Mos.
Profits for period	\$44,711	\$557,417
Depreciation	156,622	180,797
Int. including bond interest	143,750	186,683
Net income	loss \$255,662	\$189,937
Previous surplus	765,562	655,297
Refund of Fed. inc. taxes & int. (prior yrs.)	48,315	3,026
Disc. 1st mtgse gold bonds	63	4,857
Life insurance dividends		
Total surplus	\$558,279	\$853,117
Federal taxes (prior years)	22,689	32,880
Com. & disc. 1st pref. stock (prop.)	5,259	4,856
Tax on bonds (2%)	—	1,793
1st preferred divs. paid & accrued	36,714	48,026
Profit & loss, surplus	\$493,617	\$765,562

Boeing Airplane Co.—Operations to Date.
 Flying 6,034 miles daily over 3,017 miles of air mail routes twice daily. Boeing Air Transport, operating since July 1 1927, and Pacific Air Transport, operating since Sept. 1 1926, have piled up a total of 2,563,300 miles in the air, according to W. G. Herron, Vice-president in charge of traffic for Boeing Air Transport, which now controls Pacific Air Transport.

The Boeing Air Transport route between San Francisco Bay and Chicago is 1918 miles; Pacific Air Transport, Seattle-Los Angeles route totals 1099 miles.

To date, the Transcontinental route has carried 1,241 passengers over 884,492 passenger miles; the Coast line has carried 1547 persons over 500,000 passenger miles.

Special air mail, express and passenger planes built by the Boeing Airplane Co. of Seattle are now used exclusively on both routes, thus standardizing equipment for facility of operation, the report says.—V. 126, p. 3760.

Book Washington Boulevard Buildings (J. B. Book, Jr., Corp.), Detroit, Mich.—Bonds Offered.—American Bond & Mortgage Co., New York, offered June 27 at 100 and interest, \$3,000,000 1st (closed) mtg. fee 20-year sinking fund 5½% bonds.

Dated June 1 1928; due June 1 1948. Interest (J. & D.) payable at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, corporate trustee; Union Trust Co. of Detroit. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Certain State taxes refundable.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on the two properties hereinafter described:
 Washington Boulevard Bldg: A modern, fireproof, 21-story office building (completed in 1924), located on land owned in fee (60x100 ft.) at the northeast corner of Washington Boulevard and State St., Detroit, Mich.
 Book Tower Arcade: A 2-story and shop building, to be erected on land owned in fee (122x125 ft.) at the northwest corner of Washington Boulevard and State St., Detroit. The building will be connected by an 18-foot arcade with the Book Tower Garage.

Both of these properties are located in the central business district of Detroit on Washinton Boulevard, the leading high-grade retail shopping street, which is a double thoroughfare, 195 feet wide, with a parkway in center. There is a heavy demand for stores and shops on this street, assuring quick rental of the Book Tower Arcade. The properties are within two blocks of the leading hotels, department stores and theatres, and are also near the financial district.

Appraised valuation.—The properties have been appraised as follows: Washington Boulevard Building: Land by S. F. Baker, realtor, at \$1,096,200; building by W. M. Austin, general contractor, at \$1,347,780; land and building by Ezra H. Jones, realtor, at \$2,600,000.
 Book Tower Arcade: Land by S. F. Baker at \$2,287,500. Building by Jos. P. Jogerst, architect, at \$225,700.

On the basis of the above appraisals (average for both being \$5,035,815), this bond issue is less than 60% of the appraised value of the combined properties. The lands, exclusive of buildings are appraised at \$3,383,700, which is 10% more than the entire bond issue.

Earnings.—Based on signed leases now in effect, and on actual building expenses for 1927, exclusive of general and administrative expense of the J. B. Book Jr. Corp., the net annual operating income from the Book Washington Boulevard Buildings amounts to \$200,165, or more than sufficient to cover the combined interest and sinking fund requirements on this entire bond issue. The net annual operating income from the Book Tower Arcade is estimated at \$158,577 making a total combined income of \$358,742, or more than twice the heaviest annual interest charge.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund payments, which will commence in May 1930, will be sufficient to retire at par in excess of \$940,000 of these bonds before final maturity.

Borden Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 50,000 additional shares of capital stock (par \$50) on official notice of issuance in payment for the assets and business or all the capital stock of Gridley Dairy Co., making the total amount applied for to date 1,081,224 shares of an aggregate par value of \$54,061,200.

The officers have entered into a contract with individuals holding a majority in interest of the stock of Gridley Dairy Co. (Wis.), providing for the purchase by the company of all of the issued and outstanding stock of the Wisconsin corporation, namely, 40,000 shares without par value, or in the alternative for the purchase of all the assets and business of the Wisconsin corporation (and the assumption of its liabilities); payment to be made by the issue and delivery of 50,000 shares of the full paid, non-assessable capital stock of the company to the stockholders of the Wisconsin corporation or to the Wisconsin corporation as the case may be. All of the capital stock of the Wisconsin corporation having been deposited with a committee of its stockholders under a suitable agreement, the transaction will take the form of the purchase of its entire issued and outstanding capital stock.—V. 126, p. 4085, 3932.

Boston Postal Service Station (Rawson Realty & Construction Co., Inc.).—Bonds Offered.—Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore and Love, Bryan & Co., Inc., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and interest, \$650,000 1st mtg. 10-year 5½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated July 2 1928; due July 1 1938. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. in part for sinking fund purposes, upon 30 days' notice, to and incl. July 1 1933 at 102 and int. and thereafter at 101 and int. Red. as a whole only on any int. date, upon 30 days' notice, at 101 and int. Interest payable without deduction for that portion of Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Corporation agrees to refund to the holders of these bonds, upon proper and timely application, all state, county and municipal taxes up to ½ of 1% per annum, including the District of Columbia 5 mills tax and the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, on the interest, all as provided in the mortgage.

Location.—The Boston Postal Service Station, being constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the United States Post Office Department, is located on the Southeast corner of Ipswich St. near Boylston St., Back Bay District, Boston. Building: The building will consist of three full stories of about 38,000 square feet per floor, with a basement of about 6,000 square feet, and additional available space on a fourth floor containing about 7,000 square feet, making a total of about 127,000 square feet of floor space. It is of first class fireproof, reinforced concrete and structural steel construction. The various floors are accessible from the street by two modern ramps and all floors are served by a 10 foot by 28 foot Otis Elevator having a capacity of 20,000 pounds. The building will be used for storage and servicing of motor vehicles of the Post Office Department of the City of Boston, and will be one of the largest buildings of its type in the country occupied exclusively by the United States Government.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and building owned in fee. The plot has a frontage of about 367 feet

on Ipswich St. with a depth of about 116.7 feet, being a total ground area of approximately 42,876 square feet. Adequate fire insurance will be carried at all times, payable to the trustee as provided in the mortgage; a surety bond guaranteeing completion of the building will be furnished payable to the trustee.

The land has been independently appraised by Henderson & Ross of Brookline, Mass. at \$289,413, and by Arthur P. Pierce, Jr. of Boston, at \$267,975. The completed building has likewise been appraised by Curtis Brown, Consulting Engineer of Boston, at \$743,000, and by Bernard Miller, architect, Boston at \$764,000.

Earnings.—The United States Government has contracted for the lease of the entire building for a period extending beyond the maturity of these bonds, at an annual rental of \$72,240. The maximum annual interest charge on this issue is \$35,750.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage securing these bonds will provide for a semi-annual sinking fund to begin Jan. 1 1929. The operation of this sinking fund, through purchase in the open market or by redemption, is calculated to reduce this issue to less than \$425,000 at or before maturity.

Bowman-Biltmore Hotels Corp.—Notes Offered.—Otis & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and Peabody, Smith & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and interest, \$1,500,000 3-year 6% gold notes.

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee. Red. all or part by lot on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 on Jan. 1 1929 or July 1 1929; at 101 on Jan. 1 1930 or July 1 1930, and at 100 on Jan. 1 1931; plus int. in each case. Interest payable without deduction for the annual Federal income tax up to 2%, deductible at the source. Upon timely application, the corporation will refund to resident owners the following taxes in respect to the notes: the Penn., Calif. and Conn. 4 mill taxes, the Maryland 4½ mill tax, the Kentucky 5 mill tax, and the Mass. income tax to the extent of 6% per annum on the interest.

Data from the Letter of John McE. Bowman, Pres. of the Corporation:
Company.—Incorporated in New York in 1924. Operates the Biltmore and Commodore Hotels adjoining the Grand Central Terminal, N. Y. City. It controls through stock ownership, the companies owning and operating the Sevilla-Biltmore, Havana, Cuba; the Westchester-Biltmore, Rye, N. Y. and the Bellevue, Belleair, Florida. The Bowman interests also operate the Los Angeles-Biltmore, the Atlanta-Biltmore and the Providence-Biltmore.

Capitalization—
 1st mtg. leasehold 7% S. F. gold bonds, due Mar. 1 1934— \$5,000,000 *\$4,342,300
 7% S. F. secured gold notes, due Dec. 15 1934— 1,250,000 *1,159,500
 6% gold notes, due July 1 1931, (this issue)— 1,500,000 1,500,000
 Preferred stocks and certificates (at par or declared values)— 26,000,000 10,991,270
 Common stock (without par value)— 1,000,000 shs. 406,840 shs.

* Balance retired by sinking fund.
*** Earnings.**—Net earnings of the corporation, after all charges including depreciation, available for interest and Federal taxes for the three years and 4 months' period ended April 30 1928, have been as follows:
 Net Earnings (as above)—
 1925— \$2,158,495 1927— \$1,985,013
 1926— 2,563,292 1928*— 842,408
 * Four months ended April 30.
 Average annual net earnings for the three years and four months' period given above, were \$2,264,762 or equivalent to 4.77 times maximum annual interest requirements on the corporations' entire outstanding funded indebtedness including this issue. Such average net earnings after allowance for interest charges on first mortgage bonds and secured gold notes now outstanding, were equivalent to over 20 times maximum annual interest requirements on this issue of notes.

Assets.—Corporation's balance sheet as of April 30 1928, adjusted to give effect to this financing, shows net assets equivalent to over \$15,000 for each \$1,000 note to be presently outstanding.
Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds will be used to retire current indebtedness, to provide additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.—V. 126, p. 3932, 3302.

Brown Shoe Co.—Balance Sheet April 30.—

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Land, bldgs. & ac.	\$2,593,997	\$2,359,614	Preferred stock	\$4,208,600	\$4,459,600
Lasts, less dep.	1	1	Common stock	—	\$7,800,916
Ins., licenses, &c	1	1	Notes payable	—	2,250,000
Good-will, trade name, &c	—	—	Accts. pay. & ac	1,655,620	1,092,783
Other assets	561,374	469,943	Res. for taxes & contingencies	791,000	731,000
Cash	602,114	949,977			
Accts. receivable	7,118,440	6,508,906			
Prepaid charges	28,990	5,363			
Inventories	7,799,215	6,270,557			
			Tot. (eachside)	\$18,704,136	\$16,564,363

a After allowance for depreciation, x Common stock and surplus, represented by 252,000 shares without par value. Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 126, p. 3302.

Bucyrus (O.) Road Machinery Co.—Sale.

The sale of the plant of the company, formerly the Carrol Foundry, to Edward C. Purvis & Son of Brooklyn, N. Y. was confirmed on June 29 by William C. Beer, referee in bankruptcy, with the consent of the creditors. The purchase price was given at \$52,500, and the buyers will enter into possession on July 10. The plant has been idle for 5 years, during the litigation which followed the Bucyrus company's bankruptcy in 1923. The new owners will manufacture engines, air compressors and weaving machines, employing 50 men.—V. 125, p. 3203.

California Consumers Co.—Increase in Sales.

The company and its subsidiaries report net sales for May of \$205,066 compared with \$203,067 in May 1927. The company's balance sheet as of May 31, shows current assets of \$1,162,908 against current liabilities of \$477,883. Total assets are \$8,641,443. Net sales for the year ended May 31 1928 were \$2,330,539, compared with \$2,262,122 for the year ended Dec. 31 1927.—V. 126, p. 3596.

California Materials, Inc.—Merger.

See Consumers Rock & Gravel Co., Inc.—V. 125, p. 1714.

Camden Rail & Harbor Terminal Corp.—Co-agent.

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-agent with the Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, for the payment of 7% debenture bond coupons. See also V. 126, p. 582.

Canadian Vickers, Ltd.—Earnings Year End. Feb. 29.

Net profit from operations after making provision for income tax—	\$568,884
Bond interest—	95,835
Other interest—	113,178
Depreciation—	170,922
Net income—	\$188,949
Dividends—	59,500
Balance, surplus—	\$129,449

Caterpillar Tractor Co.—Sales Increase 50%.

Sales for the second quarter of 1928 are estimated at approximately \$1,730,632, representing a 50% increase over the corresponding period of last year. On this basis profits will total about \$3,168,750, equal to \$1.95 a share on the 1,625,000 shares now outstanding. This compares with profits of \$1,944,139, or \$1.20 per share, for the second quarter of 1927. Recently completed additions to the company's plant at Peoria, Ill., have been found to be inadequate and further enlargements are being planned, it is stated.—V. 126, p. 2652.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.—Larger Dividend.

The directors on July 3 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding 1,122,842 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 12. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of \$1 per share, and, in addition, paid an extra dividend of

\$1 per share in Dec. 1925 and Dec. 1926. No extra distribution was made in Dec. 1927.—V. 126, p. 3124.

Chicago By-Product Coke Co.—Change of Designation or Title of Bonds.

Wm. R. Weldon, Treas. of the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., in a notice to the holders of the Chicago By-Product Coke Co. 1st & ref. mtg. 5% gold bonds, series "A" issued under mortgage of the Chicago company to the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., trustee, dated Jan. 2 1926, says in substance:

The Peoples company has purchased the property of Chicago By-Product Coke Co. and become the successor corporation to the latter company under said mortgage, and that the designation or title of the bonds issued or to be issued under said mortgage has been changed from "Chicago By-Product Coke Co., 1st & ref. mtg. gold bonds" to "The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., 1st & ref. mtg. gold bonds."

Bonds under the new designation or title are now being prepared and on and after July 9 1928, the holder of any Chicago company 1st & ref. mtg. 5% gold bonds, series "A," may surrender same to the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. with (in the case of coupon bonds) all unexpired interest coupons attached, and duly endorsed, if registered, and receive in exchange and substitution therefor, a new bond or bonds of the same series, denomination or denominations, and bearing the same serial numbers as the bond or bonds so surrendered and substantially of the same tenor, except that such new bonds shall bear such new designation and contain such other changes as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the company and the trustee, on account of such change in the identity of the company and in the designation or title of the bonds.—V. 126, p. 1358.

Chicago Casket Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bartlett, Knight & Co., Chicago, are offering \$150,000 1st mtg. leasehold 6% serial gold bonds, at prices to yield from 5 3/4% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated June 1 1928; due serially 1929-1933. Int. payable (J. & D.) at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red. on any int. date on 45 days' notice at par and int., plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof by which the specific maturity is anticipated, except that such premium shall not exceed 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Data from Letter of George D. Richards, Pres. of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in Illinois in 1911. Conducts a business established more than 40 years ago. Principal business is the manufacture and sale of wood and metal caskets, which are sold through its own sales organization. Company's plant located at 932 West Washington Boulevard, consists of a 6 story and basement sprinklered mill building completely equipped with machinery required in the company's business. Although the company does not own the land, it has leases extending until Oct. 24 1933. One of these leases was dated in 1894 and the other in 1900, and provide for exceptionally low annual rentals, totaling \$4,200 a year.

Earnings.—Net earnings after deducting all charges including depreciation, but before deducting Federal taxes and interest, for the years ended Dec. 31 1926 and 1927 were respectively \$48,779 and \$75,312, being for 1926 equivalent to more than five times, and for 1927 more than eight times interest requirements on the present issue. The company has paid dividends on its capital stock every year since its organization.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to refinance certain outstanding obligations of the company.

Chrysler Corp.—To Redeem Pref. Stock.

All of the outstanding pref. stock, series A, have been called for redemption Aug. 6 next at 115 and div. at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City.—V. 126, p. 3761.

Chicago Stadium Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Blyth, Witter & Co., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,750,000 1st (closed) mtg. sinking fund 6% gold bonds (with stock purchase rights).

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1943. Int. (J. & J.) and principal payable at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. California, Kentucky and Penn. personal property taxes in amounts not in excess of 6 mills per annum on the principal and Mass. 6% ad valorem tax will be refunded. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. on any int. date and purchaseable for the sinking fund, on 60 days' notice at 103 and int. until July 1 1933; thereafter until July 1 1938 at 102 and int.; thereafter until July 1 1941 at 101 and int., and thereafter at 100 and int.

Stock Purchase Rights.—Each bond will carry the right to purchase 15 shares of the common stock of the corporation at \$5 per share up to and including July 1 1933, or redemption date, if called for previous redemption.

Sinking Fund.—A cumulative sinking fund is provided which is estimated to retire approximately 64% of the issue by maturity.

Data from Letter of Patrick T. Harmon, Pres. of the Corporation.
Company.—Will own and operate a steel and concrete roofed stadium with a maximum seating capacity of 19,034 persons, to be located approximately two miles west of the center of Chicago's loop district on the block bounded by Madison St., North Wood St., Warren Ave., and North Lincoln St. The structure will provide an arena with what is believed to be the largest seating capacity of any similar building in the world, and the contemplated plan of operation includes the promotion by the corporation of such attractions as boxing matches, wrestling matches, bicycle races and the like, also the leasing of the arena for circuses, hockey games, ice carnivals, conventions, shows and exhibitions of every type.

The stadium building is to be a monumental structure of classical lines, 300 ft. in length and 266 ft. in width. Its roof will be vaulted and will be 117 ft. above the street level at its highest point. The central arena floor with semi-circular ends will be 244 ft. by 145 ft. Main floor seats rise in tiers from this arena to the four corners of the building. Above the main floor are two balconies completely encircling the building. The upper balcony is 66 ft. above the arena.

Machinery is provided to ice the entire central arena for skating, which will make the largest ice skating rink in Chicago suitable for summer or winter use. A track circles the arena which may be adapted for bicycle, motorcycle, or running races. Equipment is also planned for general track meets, basketball, soccer and football games, boxing and wrestling matches, and indoor tennis. One of the noteworthy features of the stadium is the mammoth organ. This organ, placed in the roof of the stadium, is so adjusted that it may be heard in all parts of the building. It can reproduce all the instruments of a full orchestra and is believed to be the largest six manual organ in the world.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the entire property of the corporation, which is owned in fee. Wm. H. Babcock & Sons state that in their opinion the project, including land, building, equipment, sports franchises, and good-will, considered as a unit and as an operating business in single ownership, upon completion and under competent management will have a value of \$6,443,000, of which amount the value of the real estate, building and equipment is \$4,786,000. Mark Levy & Brother have given a certificate of valuation of the land alone, upon the establishment of the enterprise, as a successful going concern, at \$1,992,047. The land comprises an area of approximately 159,363 sq. ft.

Earnings.—Wm. H. Babcock & Sons estimate that the corporation will have normal average net earnings after operating expenses, taxes and insurance, but before depreciation of building and equipment, of \$804,000 or over 8 1/2 times interest requirements on the present issue of first mtg. 6% bonds. The income of the corporation is expected to be derived from promotion of attractions by the corporation itself, leasing of stadium on straight rental or profit sharing basis, concession sales, and store and parking privilege rentals.

Through its ownership of 50% of the stock of Illinois Cycle Racing Assn., the corporation will control the exclusive franchise for six-day bicycle racing in Chicago. These races have been held in Chicago for a number of years and profits in excess of \$100,000 per annum have been usual.

Corporation is contracting with the management of the Blackhawk Hockey team, holders of the Chicago franchise in the National Hockey League, whereby all hockey games will be played in the stadium next year. It is estimated that these two attractions, which will use the stadium less than one-sixth of the available evenings during the year, will furnish by themselves sufficient income to cover interest on these bonds by a substantial margin.

The estimated earnings by Wm. H. Babcock & Sons are based on occupancy of only 64% of available time. Applications for attractions as already made indicate to the management that the percentage of occupancy will

be greatly increased, which will substantially better the net earnings as estimated.

Capitalization to Be Authorized and Outstanding.

1st mortgage sinking fund 6% gold bonds (this issue)-----	\$1,750,000
7% cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par value)-----	2,500,000
Common stock (no par value)-----	*500,000 shs.

* Of this amount 26,250 shares have been reserved for purchase by holders of the present issue of 1st mtg. sinking fund 6% gold bonds. The sale of \$2,500,000 par value 7% preferred stock has been privately underwritten.

Directors of the corporation include the following: Vincent Bendix Arthur W. Cutten, David Beaton, Jr., Chas. E. Driver, George W. Dulany, Jr., Patrick T. Harmon, (President), John F. Jelke, Jr., B. A. Massee, Frederic McLaughlin, John J. Mitchell, James Norris, Guy M. Peters, L. Montefiore Stein, Harold C. Strotz, Sidney N. Strotz (Sec.), Clement Stuebaker, Jr., and Orville J. Taylor.

City Stores Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 8,215 shares of Class "B" voting capital stock, payable on or after July 16, as a stock dividend upon official notice of issuance thereof, making the total amount applied for 172,518 shares. V. 126, p. 3454, 3303.

Colon Oil Corp.—Organized.

Incorporated in Delaware June 27 1928 with an authorized capital of 2,750,000 shares of no par value. See also V. 126, p. 4086.

Consolidated Distributors, Inc.—Stock Off List.

Secretary B. Todman in a recent letter to the stockholders, said in substance: A number of our stockholders have been confused as to why the old stock was stricken from the New York Stock Exchange. The company had sometime ago requested the Stock Exchange to remove this stock for the reason that it was of the 450,000 capitalization, and which, by a vote of the stockholders at a meeting held on Feb. 11, was reduced to a capitalization of 150,000 shares, and the then stockholders were to receive one share of new stock for each of 10 shares outstanding.

The removal of this stock was merely to carry out the plan that was adopted by the stockholders on Feb. 11. At a meeting of the directors held on June 15, the President was authorized to file an application for the listing of these new shares on the New York Curb Association at such time as he deemed it to the interest of all of the stockholders.

The sales of the company increased 25 9-10% during the month of May.—V. 126, p. 3761, 2971.

Consolidated Film Industries, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 300,000 shares of \$2 cumulative participating preferred stock, without par value.

Income for Period from Jan. 20 1928 to March 31 1928 (Co. & Subs.).

Sales-----	\$1,594,611
Cost of sales-----	1,211,549

Gross profit (after deducting all expenses processing except provision for depreciation)-----	\$383,061
Provision for depreciation-----	17,558
Operating expenses other than manufacturing-----	84,587
Net operating income-----	\$280,915
Other income-----	38,208
Total-----	\$319,123
Other deductions-----	15,933
Federal income tax accrued-----	40,842
Net profit for period-----	\$262,348

—V. 126, p. 3761, 1987.

Consumers Rock & Gravel Co.—Merger.

See Consumers Rock & Gravel Co., Inc.—V. 122, p. 2197.
Consumers Rock & Gravel Co., Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association and Dean Witter & Co. are offering at 99 1/2 and int. \$1,500,000 1st mtg. 20-year sinking fund 6% gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1948. Red. on any int. date, upon not less than 40 days' notice, at 103 and int. to July 1 1938, incl., the call price thereafter decreasing 1/4 of 1% each year. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, Los Angeles and San Francisco, trustee. Normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% will be paid by the company. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Data from Letter of Frank Gautier, Pres. of the Company.
Company.—Was recently incorp. in Delaware for the purpose of consolidating the Consumers Rock & Gravel Co., Inc., in 1912, and the California Materials, Inc., the predecessor of which company was organized also in 1912.

Company is one of the leading corporations in Southern California in the production and marketing of crushed rock, screened gravel and sand for use in the construction and maintenance of railroads, highways, streets, buildings, harbor improvements, etc., and of irrigation, flood control and reclamation projects. Its products are used in large quantities in all construction involving the use of macadam, asphalt and concrete.

The territory served by the company includes Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange and Imperial counties. It is estimated that in this district, with a population of approximately 2,000,000, the company supplies over 30% of the rock, gravel and sand requirements.

Company owns or controls and operates 9 rock crushing plants with a combined capacity in excess of 21,000 tons of materials per ten-hour day. Its products are distributed from two bunkers which are strategically located in Hollywood, Vernon, Whittier and Santa Barbara, as well as from its plants. All of the producing plants except two have railroad facilities and in addition the company owns and operates a fleet of 150 heavy duty trucks.

The company holds as a reserve to its operations 1,478 acres of producing lands, of which 313 acres are owned in fee and 1,165 acres held under favorable leases. Upon the basis of sales in 1927, the largest year in the company's history, it is estimated that these reserves are sufficient to last at least 60 years.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on all land, leaseholds, plant and equipment recently appraised by Sanderson & Porter, Engineers, as having a sound value of \$3,670,269 including land values of property owned in fee of \$1,542,400. In addition Sanderson & Porter estimate the present values of the leaseholds to be \$600,000. The balance current assets of \$510,197, or a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 3 1/4 to 1.

Earnings.—For the 3 year period ended Dec. 31 1927, the company's net earnings after depreciation and depletion available for bond interest have averaged \$295,013, which is 3-28 times the maximum annual interest requirements on first mortgage bonds to be presently outstanding. Net earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, of \$356,449 were practically 4 times the maximum annual interest requirement on these bonds and 2.69 times the estimated average annual requirements for interest and sinking fund combined.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for semi-annual sinking fund payments which, it is estimated, will be sufficient to retire all bonds of the present offering by maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the funded debt of the Consumers Rock & Gravel Co. and that of the California Materials, Inc., to liquidate certain purchase money contracts and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization.

1st mtg. 6% sinking fund gold bonds (this issue)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock, 7% cum. (par. \$25)-----	\$2,500,000	\$1,500,000
Common stock (no par value)-----	1,000,000	None
	150,000 shs.	120,000 shs.

Container Corp. of America.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) 55,211 additional shares of Class A common stock (voting) par \$20, on official notice of issuance on the exercise of purchase warrants; and (b) 40,000 additional shares of Class B common stock (voting) without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, with authority to add 20,000 shares of Class B common stock, on official notice of issuance in part payment for certain assets of Robert Gair Co.

Purpose of Issues.—On June 11 1928 the directors authorized the issuance of 55,261 shares of Class A common stock for sale and delivery upon exercise of purchase rights under stock purchase warrants delivered on the original issue of \$6,000,000 15-year 5% gold debentures under trust agreement dated June 1 1928, between the company and the National City Bank of New York, as trustee, and 40,000 shares of Class B common stock to be paid for in cash at not less than \$14 per share, and 20,000 shares of Class B common stock, being part of purchase price of Chicago Coated Board plant at Chicago, Ill., of the Robert Gair Co.

In addition to the 20,000 shares of Class "B" common stock a cash consideration of less than \$3,500,000 was paid for the long-time leases, plant machinery and equipment, as well as for inventories of the Chicago Coated Board plant of the Robert Gair Co.; final settlement in payment for the inventory will be made upon completion of the audit of the inventory and prior to July 1 1928.

The property consists of 3 paper mills having a combined daily capacity of approximately 280 tons of box board.

Consolidated Statement of Operations Four Months Ended April 30 1928 (Company and Subsidiaries).

Financial table with columns for Net profits from sales, Provision for depreciation, Net profit from operations, Miscellaneous income (net), Total income, Interest charges, Provision for Federal income taxes, Surplus net profits.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Balance sheet table comparing assets and liabilities for Apr. 30 '28 and Dec. 31 '27. Assets include Cash, Acc'ts & notes rec., Inventories, etc. Liabilities include Accounts payable, Accrued wages, etc.

Coos Bay Lumber Co., San Francisco, Calif.—7% 1st Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 7% on account of arrears on the 1st pref. stock, payable July 25 to holders of record July 15. The company is the reorganized Pacific States Lumber Co. See V. 126, p. 2797.

Coral Gables Corp.—Receiver Sought.—

A special dispatch from Miami, Fla., July 5 to the New York "Times" says in part: The Coral Gables Corp., developers of what is declared to have been a \$50,000,000 subdivision, which is now known as the city of Coral Gables, with a population of about 11,000, was named as defendant in an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed by 3 creditors with claims aggregating slightly more than \$4,000. Appointment of a receiver is asked and a hearing on this request is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, before Judge Lake Jones in Federal District Court at Jacksonville.

The 3 companies bringing the petition, through their Miami attorneys, assert that while insolvent, the corporation committed acts of bankruptcy, in permitting, on May 29, 7 judgment liens to be granted to creditor, whose claims amounted to \$12,960.

The bankruptcy action comes as a climax to a long struggle by corporation officials and numerous creditors to reorganize the organization and proceed without liquidation of its assets by a receiver.

In January, George E. Merrick, corporation President, asserted the corporation had been able to reduce its indebtedness from \$44,000,000, reached during the 1925 boom, to \$26,000,000, and that plans for refinancing were then being considered by a syndicate made up by Wall Street, western and southern bankers. This plan, in brief, was a \$29,500,000 operation, involving \$12,000,000 in first mortgage bonds; \$10,000,000 in second mortgage bonds and \$7,500,000 in first preferred stocks at 6%.

On April 14, Mr. Merrick declared that this plan had fallen through and that control of the corporation had been turned over to a group of New York and New Orleans bankers and a Miami creditors' committee. Seneca D. Eldredge of Eldredge & Co., New York, and Lynn H. Dinkins, President of the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans, were named head of the new managing directorate. Mr. Merrick and Telfair Knight, Vice-President of the corporation, tendered their resignations.

Five million dollars were to have been made available if the thousand or more creditors had accepted the refinancing plans. Several meetings were held, after which officials refused to state what progress had been made. If the receiver is granted, it was explained, this will force a suspension of activities in that direction.

The corporation started its subdivision about 6 years ago. It attracted wide attention through nation-wide advertising, and New Yorkers were said to have been heavy purchasers of lots.

Courtauld's, Ltd.—Interim Dividend of 1s. on Increased Ordinary Shares.—

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 1s. a share on the ordinary stock, payable Aug. 3. At this time last year an interim dividend of 1s. 6d. was declared, but since that time the capital of the company has been doubled through the payment of a 100% stock dividend. See V. 126, p. 1987.

Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. showing profit on lands, timber operations, profit on coke & coal operations, total, previous surplus, excess provision for 1928, reinstatement of capital assets writ. off against p. & l. balance in 1915, total, prov. for Dom. inc. tax, dividends paid, p. & l. sur. Dec. 31.

Credit Alliance Corp.—Extra Dividend of \$1.25.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share and an extra dividend of \$1.25 a share on both common and class A stocks. Like amounts were paid on Oct. 15 1927 and on Jan. 15 and

April 15 last, while on July 15 1927 an extra dividend of \$1 a share was paid (V. 125, p. 252).

Both dividends are payable July 15 to holders of record July 3.—V. 126, p. 2797.

C. & R. Hotel Co., Picayune, Miss.—Bonds Offered.—

Rogers, Green & Jones, Laurel, Miss., are offering at par and int. \$100,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds. Dated July 1 1928; due serially 1930-1937. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice, at par and int. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at First National Bank, Laurel, Miss., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Authorized \$225,000; outstanding \$100,000.

These bonds are the direct obligation of the C. & R. Hotel Co. and are secured by a 1st mtge. on a parcel of land having a frontage of 300 feet in the business center of Picayune and a depth of 145 feet, situated on which are two brick buildings. The value of the property under the mortgage as appraised by Rathbone DeBuys, Architect, of New Orleans, La., is as follows: Land, \$60,000; Peach Tree Inn building, \$70,000; C. & R. Stores building, \$80,000; total value of security, \$210,000.

The C. & R. Stores is leased from the C. & R. Hotel Co. at an annual rental of \$12,000; United States Post Office, \$780; the Pearl River High-lands Co. Office, \$1,000; barber shop, \$400, making a total annual rental income of \$14,180, exclusive of the revenue of the hotel proper.

Both principal and interest on these bonds is guaranteed by L. O. Crosby and Lamont Rowlands, both of Picayune, Miss.

Curtis Publishing Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 10 to holders of record Aug. 20, and 2 regular monthly dividends of 50 cents each, on the common stock, payable Aug. 2 and Sept. 2 to holders of record July 20 and Aug. 20, respectively. On May 26 a similar extra dividend was declared payable July 2.—V. 126, p. 3304, 2797.

Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc.—Stock Increase.—

The stockholders on July 2 increased the authorized common stock (no par value) from 300,000 shares to 600,000 shares. See also V. 126, p. 3934.

Denton Ross Todd Co.—Receivership.—

This company, said to be one of Lexington's (Ky.) largest department stores, was placed in the hands of a receiver June 18, following the filing of a bill of complaint in the United States District Court at Lexington by the Fisher Millinery Corp., New York, which alleged that the firm owes it \$8,752. The First & City National Bank, Lexington, also filed claim for \$33,000 on four notes, with accumulated interest. J. Will Stoll, President of the First & City National Bank, Lexington, Ky., and David Ades, President of Ades Lexington Dry Goods Co., were named receivers by Federal Judge Cochran.

Dinkler Hotels Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Dinkler Hotels Co., Inc. comparing net profit, Federal tax, sinking fund payment, Class "A" dividends, surplus, and earnings for first quarter ending March 31 for years 1927, 1926, 1928, and 1927.

Diversified Investment Trust, Ltd.—Stocks Offered.—

Federal Bond & Share Co., Ltd., and Shifflet, Cumber & Co., Ltd., Toronto, are offering \$1,000,000 7% cumulative pref. stock (par \$50) and 20,000 shares of no par value common stock in units of 1 share each at \$67.50 per unit.

Preferred stock is preferred as to principal and dividends. Dividends payable Jan. and July.

Authorized Capital.

Capital table showing preferred shares—7% cumulative (par \$50) and common shares (no par value).

Company.—Has been incorp. under the laws of the Dominion of Canada for the purpose of carrying on the business of an investment trust.

Restrictions.—The restrictions contained in the charter prohibit the trust from engaging in promotion or business management of any nature, or acquiring or holding a majority interest in any enterprise. The trust may not invest more than 5% of its investment assets in any one security until such assets amount to \$1,000,000. When the investment assets amount to \$1,000,000 or more, then not more than 2% may be invested in any one security. At no time may the trust invest more than 30% of its investment assets in any one of certain classes of business, except in the securities issued by Governments, States, Municipalities or other political authorities. Fifty per cent of the securities held by the trust must be listed on a recognized stock or bond exchange.

Listing.—It is the intention to make application to list the preferred and common shares on the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges.

Officers & Directors.—Arthur W. Roebuck (Pres.), Albert C. Ermer (2nd Vice-Pres.), W. H. J. Haines, Alfred F. Noreous (Treas.), Edward H. Blair, Nelson A. Kelly (1st Vice-Pres.), E. A. R. Newson (Sec.), James E. Burnett, Toronto, Ont.

Manager of Portfolio.—Everett E. Ott, Investment Advisor and Statistician.

Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Extend Time for Receiving Deposits of Stock—More than 83% of Preference Stock and Over 73% of Class A Shares Already Deposited in Favor of Merger.—

Following the announcement of the denial by the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the application for an injunction to delay the consummation of the Chrysler-Dodge merger, and in response to requests from numerous stockholders who for various reasons were unable to deposit their stock within the period originally fixed, the committee acting under the plan and agreement has announced a brief extension of the time within which further deposits will be accepted to July 10 1928.

The committee states that it has received for deposit more than 700,000 shares, constituting over 83% of the preference stock, and more than 1,350,000 shares constituting over 73% of the class A common stock.—V. 126, p. 4088, 3934.

Doehler Die Casting Co.—Final Payment Called on Preference Stock Allotment Certificates.—

Call has been made for payment on July 23 1928 of the final installment, amounting to \$25 per share, on the preference stock. (See offering in V. 124, p. 2914.)

Pres. H. H. Doehler states that the first half of this year will be the best in the history of the company. The new line of aluminum cooking utensils is now being marketed by Household Institute, Inc., a subsidiary, and other new divisions report good progress.—V. 126, p. 2654.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Gold Output (Value).—

Gold output table for Dome Mines, Ltd. showing June '28, May '28, April '28, Mar. '28, Feb. '28, Jan. '28, Dec. '27 values.

(Jno.) Dunlop's Sons, Inc., N. Y. City.—Div. Disbursing Agent.—

The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed dividend disbursing agent for the 1st pref. stock.—V. 126, p. 2798.

(Thomas A.) Edison, Inc.—Earnings, &c.—

Vice-President Ralph H. Allen says: "The surplus decreased \$788,000 during the year. This was after setting up \$1,147,000 in patent and other reserves and after reducing valuation of inventories. The company con-

tinued on a 5% dividend basis. The companies added \$503,000 to their marketable securities (principally Liberty bonds)."

Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1927, 1926, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Land, buildings, equip., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Acc'ts pay., trade creditors, etc.).

Total 1927 \$13,363,250 14,062,281. Total 1926 \$13,363,250 14,062,281. x After deducting \$8,613,361 reserve. y After deducting \$157,977 reserve. z After deducting \$8,688,124 reserve.—V. 125, p. 1466.

Egry Register Co., Dayton, O.—Stock Offered.—The Huffman Co., Dayton, O., recently offered 21,000 shares class A common stock at \$30 per share.

Class A common stock is entitled to preferential cumulative dividends of \$2 per share per annum, payable Q.-J., before any dividend on the class B common stock. Subject to this prior right, the class B common stock is entitled to non-cumulative dividends of \$1 per share in any year.

Data from Letter of Milton C. Stern, President of the Company.

Company.—One of the largest manufacturers of autographic registers was founded in 1893 as the Egry Autographic Register Co., with an original investment of \$6,000. In 1907 the capital was increased to \$150,000 and the name changed to present title.

The original plant, covering only 900 square feet, has been increased with the growth of the business until now it consists of 4 buildings with a total floor space of approximately 140,000 sq. feet.

The company manufactures Egry autographic registers and manifold devices, as well as continuous form stationery for registers, typewriters and billing machines in rolls, pads, folds and sheets.

Earnings.—Company has shown a profit in every year for the past 11 years, including 1920 and 1921, years of business depression.

Assets.—Current assets as at April 30 1928 amount to \$821,836, compared with current liabilities of \$125,428, or a ratio of 6.55 to 1 as shown by a balance sheet giving effect to the new capitalization and financing.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

Elder Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net profit after all charges, Prem. paid on redem. of 1st pref. stock, 1st pref. divs., Cl. A partic. stk. divs., Common divs., Balance.

Balance Sheet April 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Plant, &c., Good-will, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (8% 1st pref. stock, Common stock, Mortgage debt, etc.).

Total (each side) \$2,961,708 \$2,642,396. x Represented by 50,000 no par shares. y After deducting \$291,642 reserve for depreciation. z After deducting \$42,000 reserve for doubtful items and discounts.—V. 125, p. 102.

Enamel & Heating Products, Ltd.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock (no par value), payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14. See offering in V. 126, p. 1818.

English Electric Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Profits for year, Provision for depreciation, Divs. on preferred stock, Balance, Shares of preferred stock outstanding, Earn. per share on pf. stk.

Equitable Casualty & Surety Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. per share, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1. The directors plan to amend the charter of the company to include plate glass and burglary insurance.—V. 126, p. 3935.

Equitable Office Building Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 887,640 shares common stock without par value, on the basis of 4 shares of new stock in exchange for each share of old common stock, with authority to admit to the list 8,800 additional shares, upon official notice of issuance

for outstanding shares of preferred stock (par \$100) in the ratio of 8 shares of new common stock for each share of preferred stock, making the total amount applied for 896,000 shares of common stock without par value.—V. 126, p. 3935, 3600.

Fairbanks Co. (& Subs.)—Balance Sheet March 31.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Cash, Serial notes purch., Notes receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (8% cum. 1st pref., 8% cum. pref., Common stock, etc.).

Total (ea. side) \$6,862,730 \$8,279,532.—V. 126, p. 3126.

Federated Business Publications, Inc.—Initial Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock (no par value), payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20.—V. 126, p. 2655.

Federated Capital Corp.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Table with 4 columns: Apr. 30 '28, Jan. 31 '28, Apr. 30 '28, Jan. 31 '28. Rows include Investments, Cash in banks, Owing from brokers, Div. receivable, Owing for sale of cap. stock.

Total (each side) \$3,807,972 \$3,075,240.—V. 126, p. 2973.

Fidelity Union Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co.—Stock Sold.—

The increase of \$1,000,000 in capital recently authorized by the company was fully subscribed within two weeks, according to President Morrison Colyer. Subscription warrants were mailed on June 16 and when the books were closed on June 30 the money for the entire issue was in the office of the company. It is announced.

(Chas.) Freshman Co., Inc.—Stock Sold.—President C. A. Earl announced that the stockholders had subscribed heavily to the additional stock which was offered at \$5.50 a share on June 18 and the rights to which expired on July 5.

General Ice Cream Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 289,100 shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issuance in exchange for shares of common stock and old form certificates for shares of capital stock as authorized by the original certificate of incorporation, representing an aggregate of 289,100 shares of common stock, which shares are issued and outstanding in the hands of the public, with authority to add 14,995 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for temporary or permanent engraved certificates representing shares of its cumulative convertible preferred stock without par value at the rate or ratio of 10 shares of preferred stock for 11 shares of common stock, with further authority to add 300 shares, when freed from restrictions on transferability, on official notice of issuance in exchange for certificates representing 300 shares of common stock issued and outstanding in the hands of employees; making the total amount applied for 304,395 shares of common stock.

Galesburg Coulter-Disc Co.—Unfilled Orders.—The company's plants at Newcastle, Ind., and Galesburg, Ill., are working on two 8-hour shifts at the present time to fill standing orders amounting to over \$621,000 for several of the principal harvester machinery and automobile companies. Although the summer season is the slackest time in this industry, the unfilled orders are approximately 65% greater than they were at the same time last year when they amounted to \$374,000 and exceed by \$113,000 the order scheduled during the peak season in Dec. 1927.—V. 126, p. 3763.

General Ice Cream Corp.—Listing.—

[Giving effect to income during period of predecessor companies, and all companies whose assets or stock have been acquired since organization of General Ice Cream Corp.]

Table with 4 columns: 1925, 1926, 1927, 4 Months 1928. Rows include Sales & other oper. rev., Cost of sales, Net oper. profit, Other income, Gross income, Other deductions, Prov. for Fed. tax, Net income.

Comparative Consolidated Income Statement.

Table with 4 columns: 1925, 1926, 1927, 4 Months 1928. Rows include Sales & other oper. rev., Cost of sales, Net oper. profit, Other income, Gross income, Other deductions, Prov. for Fed. tax, Net income.

Above statement includes earnings of General Ice Cream Corp. and its predecessors, Eastern Daries, Inc., and its predecessors, Mansion House Ice Cream Co. and Kent Ice Cream Co., and all other companies whose assets or stock have been acquired by General Ice Cream Corp.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Apr. 30 '28, Dec. 31 '27, Apr. 30 '28, Dec. 31 '27. Rows include Assets (Cash, Bills receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Notes payable, etc.).

Total \$11,997,420 \$6,348,323. Total \$11,997,420 \$6,348,323.—V. 126, p. 2974, 2321.

Golden State Milk Products Co.—Acquisition.—

The stockholders last week approved (a) the acquisition of all or a large part of the issued and outstanding shares of the capital stock of the Los Angeles Creamery Co., and (b) the issuance of 100,000 shares of Golden State stock to be exchanged for shares of capital stock of the Los Angeles Creamery Co.—V. 126, p. 4090.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Initial Common Dividend of 25 Cents per Share.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 20 to holders of July 14. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ per share on the 6½% cum. pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14. The opening of a new store in California, according to the company, marks its first venture in that State.—V. 126, p. 3764.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.).—June Sales.—

Period End. June 30— 1928—Month—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Sales..... \$4,365,845 \$3,299,118 \$21,290,958 \$17,064,970
—V. 126, p. 3602, 2799.

(J. D.) Halstead Lumber Co., Los Angeles.—Notes Offered.—Los Angeles Investment Securities Corp. are offering \$200,000 10-year serial 6½% gold notes at 100 and int.

Dated June 1 1928; due serially June 1 1929-38, incl. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part (except for sinking fund) on any int. date, at 105 and int. to and incl. June 1 1930; thereafter at a price declining ½ of 1% each year or fraction thereof. Company agrees to refund to resident holders, upon timely and proper application, the Calif. personal property tax not in excess of 4 mills. Los Angeles Investment Trust Co., Los Angeles, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Under the terms of the trust indenture company covenants to deposit with the trustee on or before April 1 of each year, beginning 1929, a sum equivalent to 15% of the net earnings of the company for the preceding calendar year (after interest and serial requirements of this issue, and after depreciation not exceeding \$30,000) to be applied to the redemption of these bonds on the next succeeding interest date (last maturities first) at 102 and int. to and incl. June 1 1930; at 101½ and int. to and incl. June 1 1934; and thereafter at 101 and int. On the basis of 1927 earnings, this entire issue will be retired in less than seven years, through sinking fund operation and serial maturities.

Company.—Incorp. in 1917 in Arizona, succeeding to the proprietorship of the same name established in 1911. Company, with main offices in Los Angeles, operates 20 yards in California and Arizona, distributing lumber, lime, plaster, cement, roofing, hardware, iron, wall board, shingles, laths, coal and kindred commodities.

Earnings.—Net profits of the company for the 8-year period ended Dec. 31 1927, averaged \$58,895, after all charges including interest, depreciation and Federal taxes. This is equivalent to over 4½ times maximum annual interest requirements of this issue. Similar net profits for the calendar year 1927 were \$116,931, or approximately 9 times interest requirements. Company has shown a substantial profit in every year since organization.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire encumbrances against physical properties and to reimburse the company for expenditures made in the expansion of the business.

Hart & Cooley Co., Hartford, Conn.—Extra Dividend.—

The company on July 2 paid to holders of record June 20 an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share. On April 2 last, an extra disbursement of 75 cents per share was made.—V. 126, p. 2155.

(Walter E.) Heller & Co.—Notes Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at prices to yield from 5¾% to 6%, according to maturity, \$1,000,000 6% serial coll. gold notes, series A.

Dated June 27 1928. Maturities 2 to 5 years. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. (J. & D.) and principal payable at offices of Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, trustee. Callable on any int. date at a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof between date of redemption and maturity; Federal income tax to the extent deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%, paid by borrower. Authorized, \$5,000,000.

Data from Letter of Walter E. Heller, President of the Company.

Company.—Conducts a specialized banking business, consisting of the purchase of selected evidences of indebtedness arising out of sales of a large variety of nationally marketed products on an installment payment basis, from manufacturers and from dealers, both wholesale and retail.

Company, incorporated in early 1920, has been in business continuously since that time and has firmly established itself in its own specialized field. Its original paid in capital was \$100,000, which has grown through reinvestment of earnings and investment of additional capital to \$1,023,112, of which \$743,000 is represented by capital stock and \$280,112 by surplus.

The company has offices in Chicago and conducts its operations chiefly in the Middle West. Its volume of business in the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927 was \$8,818,868.

The average size of obligation purchased by the company is less than \$400. The makers of these obligations are people in all walks of life, representing practically every possible occupation. Losses for the years 1924 to 1927, inclusive, have been only .87 of 1% of all obligations purchased.

Security.—These notes are a direct obligation of company and are issued under a trust indenture which provides, among other things:

(1) There shall be pledged with the trustee as security at all times collateral consisting of secured obligations for the payment of money acquired by the company in the conduct of its business, other than open accounts receivable, in the principal amount of at least 10-9ths of the principal amount of these notes outstanding.

(2) Total liabilities of the company, including these notes and any subsequent series to be issued, are to be at no time in excess of four times the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the company.

(3) Additional notes may be issued from time to time under the same conditions but in a principal sum not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of \$4,000,000.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company after all deductions, available for interest and Federal taxes for the past three years, as certified, were:
1927. 1926. 1925.
Net earnings..... \$225,297 \$349,032 \$252,982
Interest charges..... 140,119 216,612 130,989

Purpose.—To reduce current indebtedness and to make possible a substantial expansion of the company's operations.

Holly Sugar Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent and the Seaboard National Bank as registrar for an authorized issue of 100,000 shares of common stock (no par value) and 33,000 shares of preferred stock (par \$100).—V. 126, p. 3307.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas.—Listed.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$8,000,000 10-year 5½% convertible gold notes dated June 1 1928, due June 1 1938.—V. 126, p. 3458, 3130.

Illinois-Pacific Glass Corp.—New Plant.—

Ground has been broken for the new \$750,000 plant of the corporation in the Vernon area of Los Angeles. It is expected to be completed by Jan. 1, and will employ about 325 workmen. It will save the company a large amount annually on transportation charges, it is announced.—V. 126, p. 422.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—To Increase Stock—Acquisition of Manhattan Oil Co.—

The stockholders will vote July 20 (a) on increasing the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares of no par value to 2,000,000 shares of no par value; (b) on authorizing the officers of the company to accept a proposal from certain stockholders of the Manhattan Oil Co. of Delaware, a corporation, to Independent Oil & Gas Co., as follows:

(1) To exchange not less than 400,000 shares of the issued common stock of Manhattan Oil Co. for common stock of the Independent company on the basis of 1½ shares of common stock of the Manhattan company for 1 share of common stock of the Independent company.

(2) To deliver to the Independent company on an agreed basis 51% of the outstanding preferred stock issues of the Manhattan company.—V. 126, p. 4091.

Indian Refining Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$750,000 additional common stock (par \$10), on official notice of issuance to employees of the company and payment in full; and of \$750,000 additional stock trust certificates for common stock, on official notice of deposit of additional common stock, under the terms of the stock trust agreement, dated July 22, 1925; making the total amounts applied for \$9,750,000 common stock and \$9,750,000 common stock trust certificates.—V. 126, p. 2321, 259.

International Cigar Machinery Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 300,000 shares of capital stock (no par value) payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. Previously quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were paid and in December 1927, the company also paid an extra dividend of 50 cents per share. The last quarterly payment was made on May 1.—V. 126, p. 2658, 2486.

International Mortgage & Investment Corp.—New Financing.—

Details of the new financing for the corporation have been completed and Colvin & Co. are expected to offer next week \$1,500,000 7% cum. preferred stock and 7,500 shares of common stock.

Established little more than two years ago the company has invested its resources in German mortgages which, it is stated, now represent 1st mtges. of from 21% to 30% of present valuations, and which on a yield basis, it is said, will return more than 10% on the present investment of the company therein.—V. 124, p. 933.

International Printing Ink Corp.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared initial dividends on the common and 6% preferred stocks, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 16. The common stock has been placed on an annual dividend basis of \$2.50 a share, with a payment of 43-3 cents per share declared for the period beginning June 1. An initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share was authorized on the outstanding \$7,000,000 of 6% preferred stock.

President John M. Tuttle announced that sales of the company and its subsidiaries, including those of predecessor companies, for the period from Jan. 1 to May 31 had shown a substantial increase and that business was continuing in greater volume than for the same period in the previous year. See also V. 126, p. 3604, 3766.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Period End. June 16— 1928—4 Weeks—1927. 1928—24 Weeks—1927.
Sales..... \$1,239,106 \$1,112,721 \$7,156,787 \$6,663,346
—V. 126, p. 3605, 2977.

Karstadt (Rudolph), Inc., (Rudolph Karstadt Aktien-gesellschaft), Hamburg.—Rights to Subscribe.—

Pursuant to corporate action duly taken at a general meeting of stockholders held on May 24 1928, (1) the common stock has been increased from Rm. 51,000,000 to Rm. 70,000,000; (2) the Rm. 19,000,000 of new shares have been taken over by a banking syndicate, and (3) the holders of the existing shares of common stock have been invited to participate in rights to subscribe for Rm. 8,500,000 of new shares. The balance of Rm. 10,500,000 of new shares is to remain at the disposal of the company. The new shares will be entitled to dividends declared for the fiscal year beginning Feb. 1 1928 at one-half the rate of dividends declared on old shares, and to dividends at the full rate thereafter.

The holder of each Rm. 6,000 of existing shares will be entitled to subscribe for Rm. 1,000 of new shares, at the price of 150% of the par value thereof plus the German Stock Exchange Turnover Tax on one-half of the subscription price thereof (which is calculated for bankers and brokers, at the rate of Rm. 0.0375 for each Rm. 100 or fraction thereof of the subscription price of the new shares, and, for others, at the rate of Rm. 0.075 therefor). The subscription price is payable one-half on the date of subscription and the balance on or before Sept. 4 1928. The subscription agents hereafter mentioned are authorized to accept, in payment of subscription prices, approved bankers' sight drafts on Berlin or Hamburg, payable to their order, and are prepared to sell subscribers the necessary exchange.

Application to exercise subscription rights must be made (to prevent the lapse thereof) at any time from June 30 1928 to August 4 1928, both inclusive, at the office of any subscription agent of the company. The subscription agents in the United States are International Acceptance Bank, Inc., 52 Cedar St., New York City, and American Exchange Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York City, where forms of application may be obtained.

Holders of stock purchase warrants issued under the indenture, dated as of Oct. 1 1925, between Rudolph Karstadt and Herman Schoendorff and the American Exchange Pacific National Bank, trustee, who shall purchase shares of the company pursuant to the provisions of the warrants and of said indenture, on or before Aug. 1 1928, will be entitled to exercise the subscription rights with respect to the shares so purchased. (See also V. 126, p. 2977.)

Conversion of Stock.—

The holders of certificates representing shares of the company of the par value of Rm. 40 each have been invited to deposit said certificates for conversion into certificates representing shares of the par value of Rm. 1,000 each and said certificates with dividend sheets attached must be deposited for conversion on or before Nov. 30 1928 at the office of International Acceptance Bank, Inc. or American Exchange Irving Trust Co., both of New York City. All certificates deposited will be converted as far as possible into certificates representing shares of the par value of Rm. 1,000 each. In the event that the total number of certificates deposited by any one stockholder should represent less than Rm. 1,000 in aggregate par value, conversion into certificates of the par value of Rm. 100 will be made. Holders of existing certificates of the par value of Rm. 100 are invited to deposit said certificates for conversion into certificates for Rm. 1,000 par value.

Certificates representing shares of the par value of Rm. 40 each which are deposited for conversion on or before Nov. 30 1928, will be declared void in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 290 and 219 of the Commercial Code of the Republic of Germany. Shares which have been deposited in an amount which cannot be converted as aforesaid and which have not been placed at the disposal of the company for sale will likewise be declared void and the shares of the company which were to be applied against the shares so voided, will be sold for account of the holder and the proceeds less expenses will be held for the account of said holder.

Holders of the certificates for shares of Rm. 40 par value may in accordance with the provisions of the German law protest to the company in writing within three months after the first notice of such conversion has been published in the "Reichsanzeiger" and also within one month after the publication of the last notice of such conversion. Each holder so protesting must deposit, with the company or with one of the above mentioned offices his shares or a deposit certificate issued by a German notary public "Notar" or a German Securities Clearing House "Effektengirobank" or the Reichsbank; and said certificates must remain on deposit until the date of expiration of such protest or said protest shall be declared void.

In the event that holders of one-tenth of the total amount of the outstanding shares of Rm. 40 par value shall file protest as aforesaid, such protest shall become effective and the compulsory conversion of the shares will not be carried out; but conversion of shares deposited by holders who have not protested will be made in the absence of an express statement to the contrary made by such holders at the time of deposit.

Scholle Bros. 5 Nassau St., New York City, will endeavor to fill orders for the purchase of sale of rights or fractional shares.—V. 126, p. 3460.

Kaufmann Department Stores Securities Corp.—To Retire 6% Notes.—

All of the outstanding 10-years 6% secured gold notes, dated Feb. 1 1925, have been called for payment Aug. 1 next at 102 and int. at the Peoples Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, Wood St. & 4th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., or at the option of the holder at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. in New York City. See also V. 126, p. 3938.

Kaufmann Department Stores, Inc.—New Common Stock to be Placed on a \$1.50 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents a share on the new common stock of \$12.50 par, and have announced their intention of declaring a regular quarterly dividend of 37½ cents a share for the next quarter, which will place the issue on a \$1.50 annual basis. This will be equivalent to \$12 a share on the old common stock of \$100 par, which was split up 8 for 1 and which was paying \$8 per annum. The dividend just declared is payable Aug. 1 to holders of rec. July 10.—V. 126, p. 3938, 3766.

(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons, Inc.—Earnings.

36 Weeks End, about June 9	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net after int. & Federal taxes	\$1,181,883	\$849,311	\$1,111,211
Shares cap. stk. outstanding. (par \$100)	100,000	99,402	78,130
Earnings, per share	\$11.82	\$8.54	\$14.22

—V. 126, p. 3308.

Kimberly-Clark Co.—Successor Company.

See Kimberly Clark Corp. below.—V. 122, p. 2662.

Kimberly-Clark Corp.—To Be Financed Through Public Bond and Stock Offering.

The Kimberly-Clark Corp. has sold a portion of a \$5,000,000 1st mtg. bond issue and 140,000 shares of stock to a syndicate headed by Hallgarten & Co., Lehman Brothers, and the First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, for public offering in the near future. Total assets of the company is said to amount to more than \$45,000,000.

This company, which was recently incorporated in Delaware to acquire the assets and business of the Kimberly-Clark Co., will have an outstanding issue of \$6,000,000 1st mtg. bonds, \$10,000,000 of 6% cum. pref. stock and 490,000 shares of common stock. In conjunction with the New York Times Co. it owns the Spruce Falls Paper & Paper Co., Ltd., which will supply the "Times" with its entire newsprint requirements, and will also supply newsprint to other large newspapers of the East.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales Increase.

1928—Mo. of June—1927. Increase. 1928—First 6 Mos.—1927. Increase.
 \$11,834,133 \$10,063,863 \$1,770,270 \$62,790,164 \$55,900,987 \$6,889,177
 Pres. C. B. Van Dusen says: "Stores opened during the last 6 months of 1927 and the first 6 months of 1928 were responsible for sales of \$3,141,270. Of the total gain for the 6 months, the old stores were responsible for \$2,477,204, or approximately 36%. Sixteen stores were opened this year up to June 30, making a total of 451 stores in operation, of which 317 were up to the 5 and 10-cent type and 134 were 25c. to \$1 stores. There will be 45 more stores opened during the second 6 months."—V. 126, p. 3605, 2487.

Kresge Store Building, Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.

Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City, Mo., are offering \$350,000 ground rent 5½% serial gold bonds at 100 and interest.

Dated June 15 1928; maturing serially Dec. 15 1928—June 15 1947. Int. payable J. & D. at Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City. Red. in inverse order of maturity on 30 days' notice at par and int. and a premium of 1%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, trustee.

Secured, through assignment of contract, by a pledge of first lien on leasehold estate and building at northeast corner of Twelfth and Main Sts., and by the direct and unconditional obligation of S. S. Kresge Co. to pay a rental of \$30,000 per annum, which is sufficient to meet principal and interest requirements of the bonds.

These bonds are a direct obligation of Albert Schoenberg, who owns considerable other valuable Kansas City real estate, and are secured by a first lien upon the above contract which is assigned to the trustee for the benefit of the bondholders.

This property is one of the most valuable retail corners in Kansas City. It has a frontage of approximately 61 feet on Main St. and 112½ feet on Twelfth St. and is improved with a six story and basement fireproof building which is occupied in its entirety by the S. S. Kresge Co. 25c. to \$1 Store.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales.

Period End. June 30—1928—5 Weeks—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
 Sales \$20,332,226 \$16,686,069 \$95,529,364 \$81,454,682
 —V. 126, p. 3605, 2157.

Lake Superior Corp.—New Director.

Leonard E. Schlemm has been elected a director, succeeding Wilfred Cunningham.—V. 126, p. 3460.

Langendorf Baking Co. (Del.)—Recapitalization Approved.

At a special meeting on July 2, the required consent of two-thirds of the class A and B stockholders was given to the transfer of the assets and business of this company, as an entirety, to the Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc. The stockholders also approved the plan to dissolve the present corporation and exchange the old stock for the new stock as soon as possible.

Upon consummation of the transfer of the assets of the Langendorf Baking Co. to the Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc., the class A stockholders of the former will receive one share of class A stock of the new corporation, bearing cum. dividends at the rate of \$2 annually for each two shares of present stock held. The new class A stock will not be callable. The present class B stock is to be exchanged share for share for class B stock of the new company. (Compare V. 122, p. 1774.)—V. 126, p. 3605.

Laura Secord Candy Shops, Ltd., Toronto.—Sales.

Period End. May 31—1928—Month—1927. 1928—8 Mos.—1927.
 Sales \$175,106 \$162,683 \$1,446,334 \$1,320,496
 —V. 125, p. 3071.

Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Capital and Surplus Increased.

The executive committee on June 30 voted to increase the capital and surplus from \$18,000,000 to \$19,000,000 through the transfer of \$1,000,000 from undivided profits.—V. 126, p. 3767, 3131.

Lefcourt Realty Corp.—Proposal to Acquire Three New Lefcourt Buildings.

A special meeting of the board was called for a date to be set some time in July to consider a proposal of the corporation to exercise its options to acquire one or all of the 3 recently completed and fully tenanted Lefcourt Buildings in New York City—the 33-story Lefcourt International Building, corner of Broad and Beaver Sts. occupied by the International Telephone & Telegraph Co., the 26-story Lefcourt State Building, Broadway and 37th St., and the 22-story Lefcourt Empire Building, Herald Square—all of which structures are fully rented. Four other Lefcourt Buildings are under construction—a 40-story office building at 5th Ave., and 43d St., a 26-story office building at Broadway and 38th St., a modern apartment house on 59th St. facing Central Park South, and a 26-story office building on 7th Ave., from 25th to 26th St., all in New York City.

The regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the cum. conv. preference stock has been declared payable July 16 to holders of record July 5.—V. 126, p. 4093, 3131.

Lehigh Portland Cement Co.—62½c. Common Div.

The directors have declared a dividend of 62½c. per share on the com. stock, par \$50, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14. The dividend due in April on this issue was omitted. On Feb. 1 a 100% stock dividend was paid in preferred stock (see V. 126, p. 114). Previous to that time, the company had been paying 75c. per share quarterly on the common stock.—V. 126, p. 1992, 2157.

Liberty Bell Insurance Co., Philadelphia.—Stock Offered.

Jannet & Co. are offering at \$26.50 a share, a block of \$10 par value capital stock of the company.

Capital Stock.—Authorized, 200,000 shares; to be presently outstanding, 100,000 shares (par \$10). Free of Pennsylvania four mills tax. Registrar, Colonial Trust Co., Philadelphia.

Data from Letter of Henry I. Brown, Pres. of the Company.
 Company.—Incorp. in Pennsylvania in November 1924. Is authorized to write fire and other forms of insurance, and has an experienced organization and an established successful business, with agencies in the States of Pa., N. Y., N. J., Md., Mass., Calif., Colo., Ill., Mo. and N. C.

Company was organized by former stockholders of the Independence Insurance Co., which was incorp. in 1911 with a capital and paid-in surplus of \$250,000 and paid dividends averaging more than 4% per annum on capital and paid in surplus, while under the original management. The stock of the Independence Insurance Co. was sold in entirety, by the stockholders, to another interests in 1924 for \$500,000 cash.

The Liberty Bell Insurance Co. began business in January 1925, with a capital of \$250,000, and paid in surplus of \$375,000, a total of \$625,000. As of Apr. 30 1928, the capital and surplus were \$706,388 and the estimated value of the stockholders' equity in the unearned premium reserve, \$174,107, a total of \$880,495, representing a gain of \$255,495 during the life of the company, from which amount is to be deducted a cash dividend of \$37,500, payable in June 1928, leaving a net gain of \$217,995, or 34% during a period of three and a half years.

In addition the company has paid cash dividends averaging 4% on capital and paid in surplus per annum, allowing for the payment of the June dividend.

The company during the year ended Dec. 31 1927, in addition to a profit on underwriting, obtained a return on its investments at the rate of more than 5% per annum.

Increase in Capital and Surplus.—In order to further strengthen the position of the company and to enable it to secure a growing volume of business the directors with the approval of the stockholders, have voted to increase the authorized capitalization of the company to \$2,000,000 and to reduce the par value of the shares from \$25 to \$10. There will be issued immediately additional stock which will bring up the outstanding capital to \$1,000,000, with a surplus and estimated equity in unearned premium reserve of more than \$1,500,000. Of the 100,000 shares of \$10 par value to be outstanding, 33,333 1-3 shares will be given to present holders in exchange for their stock. The stock now offered constitutes a portion of the remaining 66,666 2-3 shares.

Balance Sheet Apr. 30 1928.
 [Giving effect to an increase in the capitalization, &c.]

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in banks	\$1,684,737	Reserve for outstanding losses	\$89,679
Agents' balances	62,616	Unearned premium reserve	348,215
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses	11,514	Res. for exp., taxes & cont'gt comm. & doubtful accounts	9,287
Accrued interest	6,741	Res. for adj. of 1926 prem. acc	25,206
Investments	1,042,427	Capital	1,000,000
		Surplus	1,335,555
Total	\$2,807,937	Total	\$2,807,938

Los Angeles Creamery Co.—Consolidation.

See Golden State Milk Products Co. above.—V. 126, p. 4093.

Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 50,000 additional shares of common stock without par value, upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for to date 1,350,063 shares.

On May 31 1928 the directors adopted resolutions authorizing the issuance and sale of 50,000 shares of the common stock at \$13 per share, pursuant to an agreement which has been consummated with bankers. The value placed upon the stock to be issued has been fixed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. On June 14 1928 a statement as to the issue of the 50,000 shares of stock was filed with the State Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia. No other legal requirements are necessary.

The proceeds from the sale of said additional shares of common stock will be used for general corporate purposes and to increase the corporation's working capital.—V. 126, p. 3132

Loew's Incorporated.—Earnings.

40 Weeks Ended—	June 3 '28.	June 5 '27.
Operating profit	\$9,150,843	\$7,662,264
Depreciation and taxes	2,773,742	2,257,365
Net profit	\$6,377,101	\$5,404,899

—V. 126, p. 3767.

McKeesport Tin Plate Co.—Operations.

The company is operating at considerably higher than 90% of capacity and bookings for the second half of the current year have been unusually large. It was recently reported. Earnings for the last quarter it is stated, will show an increase over the previous quarter, reflecting the demand for tin plate. Prices have been favorable.—V. 126, 2978.

McLellan Stores Co.—Sales.

1928—June—1927.	Increase.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$984,064	\$767,512	\$216,552	\$5,019,974
		\$4,246,435	\$773,539

—V. 126, p. 3607, 2978.

McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc.—Merger.

President James H. McGraw announces the merger with his company of the A. W. Shaw Co. of Chicago. Both concerns publish industrial, business and engineering periodicals. The Shaw organization becomes a division of the McGraw Hill Co., but will remain a separate entity with A. W. Shaw as chairman of its board of directors. Mr. Shaw continues as president of the McGraw-Shaw Co., a concern formed jointly by the two merging companies last autumn.—V. 106, p. 91.

Manhattan Oil Co. (Del.)—Exchange of Stock.

See Independent Oil & Gas Co. above.—V. 126, p. 4094.

Manitoba Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtg. 6¼% serial gold bonds, series A, have been called for payment Oct. 1 next at 105 and int. at the First National Bank in Chicago, Ill., or at the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., N. Y. City, or at the holder's option at the Montreal Trust Co., trustee, Montreal, Canada, or at any of the offices of the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal, Toronto or Winnipeg.—V. 125, p. 2398.

Marchant Calculating Machine Co., Inc., Oakland, Calif.—Rights—Earnings, &c.

The stockholders of record June 5 were recently given the right to subscribe on or before July 6 for 214,447 additional shares of common stock (par \$1) at \$2 per share, on the basis of one new share of common for each 8 shares of common or preferred stock held.

President J. H. King, June 16, said in part:
 The company's earnings for the first 4 months of 1928 have been at the rate of 7% on a valuation of \$3.01 per share for common stock after allowance for current dividends on preferred stock. Sales for the first 5 months of 1928 amount to 134% of sales for the same period in 1927. Net profits for the first 5 months of 1928 amount to \$144,343 before income tax, as against \$173,046 for the entire year of 1927.

No money is needed to finance current operations. The funds derived from this offer will be used to retire all outstanding obligations, and to provide additional working capital, leaving current earnings for dividend reserves.—V. 126, p. 1050.

Mexican Seaboard Oil Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 52,027 additional shares of common stock without par value upon official notice of issuance thereof and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 997,966 shares.

Pursuant to resolutions adopted by the board of directors on May 17 1928, 52,027 authorized but unissued shares are offered for subscription to holders of record June 1 1928, in the proportion of 5¼ additional shares for each 100 shares then held. The subscription price for the additional shares was \$20 per share, payable in full on or before July 2.

The proceeds derived from the sale of the additional shares are primarily for use in the development of the properties of the company.—V. 126, p. 3768, 3462.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Deliveries—Expansion.

The company has started preparations for an important immediate increase in production of its 4-wheel brakes, against a large contract just placed by a leading automobile manufacturer. Delivery under the new order will be under way by Aug. 15.

The company's brakes, first put on the market last autumn, are now being used on 2 popular makes of passenger cars and 1 make of truck. During the first 6 months production approximated 400,000 brakes, but the rate of output is now running at 100,000 brakes monthly. The rate of production under the new contract will increase present production by about 30%, because of its expanding brake business the company is planning a new building adjoining its Detroit plant which will be devoted exclusively to production of brakes.—V. 126, p. 3939.

Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co. (Kansas City, Mo.).—Bonds Offered.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and Throckmorton & Co. are offering at 99½ and int. \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 6.50% sinking fund gold bonds, series A (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated June 1 1928; due June 1 1940. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable in Chicago, or New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date, upon 30 days' notice, to and incl. Dec. 1 1930, at 105 and int., the redemption premium decreasing ½ of 1% during each year thereafter. Interest payable without deduction for that portion of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of State property taxes, not exceeding 6-10ths of 1% of the principal per annum and State income taxes not exceeding 6% of the interest, upon timely and proper application, as provided in the mortgage. Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee, J. T. Franey, co-trustee.

Issuance.—Subject to the approval of the P. S. Commissions of Missouri and Kansas.

Data from Letter of Frank P. Parish, Pres. of the Company.
Company.—A Delaware corporation. Is engaged in the transportation and wholesale distribution of natural gas to companies serving the domestic and industrial gas requirements of Kansas City and Belton, Grandview, Martin City and Raymore, Mo., and Louisburg, Osawatomie, Ottawa and Paola, Kan. Total population served directly or indirectly, is estimated to be excess of 400,000.

American Pipe Line Co., a subsidiary of Cities Service Gas Co., and Gas Service Co., a subsidiary of Cities Service Co., have contracted to purchase from Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co. a maximum of 12,000,000 cubic ft. of gas daily, for a period of 12 years. The earnings from this contract alone are estimated to be sufficient to amortize this issue of bonds on or before maturity.

Properties & Gas Reserve.—Company will own 200 miles of pipe lines, including gathering and branch lines, of which more than 100 miles are already completed and in full operation, together with necessary rights-of-way, and compressor stations aggregating 1,665 h.p., and will control, through gas purchase contracts, 196 gas wells and the gas rights in more than 61,000 acres of land in the gas producing districts of Bates, Cass, Clay Jackson and Vernon Counties, Mo., and Franklin, Johnson, Linn, Miami, Platt and Wyandotte Counties, Kan.

The present open flow capacity of wells now connected with the lines of the company is in excess of 39,000,000 cu. ft. per day.

Brokaw, Dixon, Garner and McKee, Geologists and Petroleum Engineers, New York, have reported upon the gas reserves controlled by and available to Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co. and have estimated the same to be in excess of 67,000,000,000 cubic ft., which reserves are considered to be more than sufficient for the complete amortization of this issue of bonds.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on the fixed assets of the company, including all pipe lines, rights-of-way (which may be subject to the usual farm mortgages) and compressor stations. These bonds will be further secured by deposit with the trustee of all gas purchase and sales contracts.

The properties, securing the bonds of the company, have been estimated by Brokaw, Dixon, Garner and McKee, to have a value of approximately \$2,650,000.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Issued.
1st mtge. 6.50% sink. fund gold bonds (this issue) x	\$1,500,000	200,000
\$7 cumul. pref. stock (par \$100)	\$1,000,000	
Common stock (par \$5)	200,000 shs.	185,000 shs.

x Mortgage will provide that additional bonds to the extent of \$1,000,000 may be issued against 60% of the cost or the independently appraised value of property additions, whichever is lower, subjected to the lien of this mortgage, provided that the net earnings for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the date of issuance of the additional bonds, shall have been equal to at least 3 times the maximum annual interest requirements of all bonds then outstanding together with those proposed to be issued.

y 15,000 shares reserved for stock purchase warrants.

Earnings.—Brokaw, Dixon, Garner and McKee have estimated that, upon completion of the additional pipe lines and compressor stations now under construction, the earnings applicable to the payment of the principal and interest of this bond issue will be as follows:

	1929.	1930.	1931.
Gross revenue	\$736,790	\$782,100	\$784,200
Oper. exp., incl. maint., cost of gas purchased and taxes (not incl. Federal tax)	449,920	461,800	463,000
Net available for int., deprec., depl. and Federal tax	\$286,870	\$320,300	\$321,200
Maximum annual interest requirements on this issue	\$97,500		

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide for a fixed sinking fund payable monthly to the trustee beginning June 25 1929, calculated to be sufficient to retire this entire issue by maturity. Mortgage will provide further that 25% of net earnings, as defined in the mortgage, together with the proceeds from the exercise of stock purchase privileges, shall be used for the retirement of bonds. Company may deposit either cash or bonds at par, and the trustee will use the cash thus deposited for the purchase of bonds at not exceeding the then call price. In the event that bonds can not be purchased at or less than the call price, the trustee will call bonds by lot through publication.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 bond will carry a warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase 10 shares of the common stock of company at \$5 per share to and incl. June 1 1931, at \$7.50 per share to and incl. June 1 1934, at \$10 per share to and incl. June 1 1937, and at \$12.50 per share to and incl. June 1 1940, provided, however, that warrants may be redeemed upon 30 days' notice and upon the expiration of such 30 days' notice all warrant rights not previously exercised shall cease and the warrants shall be relinquished to the company upon the payment to the holders of \$50 per warrant. Each \$500 bond will carry a warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase 5 shares of common stock on the same basis, and such warrants will likewise be redeemable at \$25 each.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company in part for the cost of properties acquired, for new pipe lines, compressor stations and other improvements, and for other corporate purposes.

Modine Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis.—Initial Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. See offering in V. 126, p. 3608.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Month of June	\$19,179,246	\$16,697,933	\$16,611,553	\$14,430,960
First 6 months	96,567,915	92,236,614	95,216,710	82,425,775

—V. 126, p. 3462, 2801.

Motor Products Corp.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 130,406 common shares without par value, which are issued and outstanding in the hands of the public.

	1928.	1927.
Gross profits from operations	\$1,364,910	\$747,748
Other income	29,202	37,213
Total income	\$1,394,111	\$784,961
Selling, administrative & general expenses	182,451	\$209,234
Interest	19,265	44,895
Depreciation	138,631	156,411
Federal & Canadian income taxes (estimated)	131,000	56,000
Net income	\$922,765	\$318,421

—V. 126, p. 2660.

Munising Paper Co., Munising, Mich.—Bonds Offered.—Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices to yield 5½% to 5¾%, according to maturity, \$200,000 1st mtge. 5½% serial gold bonds, series "B."

Present issue series "B" \$200,000; outstanding series "A" and "B" \$800,000; total authorized issues \$1,000,000. Series "B" dated April 2 1928, due serially Oct. 1932-Oct. 1939. Series "A" dated April 1 1926, due \$50,000 annually, Oct. 1 1928 to Oct. 1 1931, incl.; \$75,000 annually Oct. 1 1932 to Oct. 1 1935, incl.; and \$100,000 on Oct. 1 1936. All bonds callable all or part on 30 days' notice, on any int. date, at 103½ and int. up to and incl. Oct. 1 1930, and at 102 and int. thereafter. Denom. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, or the Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan, trustee.

Data from Letter of C. H. Worcester, Pres. of the Company.
Company.—Is one of the leading manufacturers of high grade bleached sulphite papers in the United States. Its products have a widespread distribution. Company's mills, which have a daily capacity of 70 tons of finished paper, are highly efficient, are substantially constructed, principally of stone, steel and concrete and fully equipped with automatic sprinklers.

Extensive supplies of pulpwood are accessible to the company's mills, both in northern Michigan and in the Canadian territory north and east of Lake Superior. It is the policy of the company to buy its pulpwood in the market and to hold as a reserve its own timber supply of approximately 250,000 cords, which is equivalent to its pulpwood requirements for more than seven years' operations.

Security.—The bonds are secured by a first mortgage on all fixed assets of the company, including plant, mills, equipment and timber, having a present value of over \$2,779,400 or over 3.4 times its outstanding bonds of \$800,000.

So long as any of its bonds are outstanding, the company further agrees to maintain current net assets after deducting all other liabilities, equal to at least 75% of the par value of bonds outstanding. The net current assets after giving effect to present financing are approximately 4 times current liabilities.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company after all deductions for depletion and depreciation and liberal charges for maintenance, for the two years and three months ending March 31 1928, averaged annually \$212,849. Net earnings similarly stated for the first three months of 1928 were \$87,750, or at the annual rate of over \$351,000. Maximum annual interest charges on the \$800,000 of bonds to be presently outstanding are \$47,000.—V. 122, V. 2653.

Murray Corp. of America.—Listing.
The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing 268,500 shares common stock (no par value).—V. 126, p. 4095.

Mutual Industrial Service, Inc., N. Y.—Definitives.
The Bank of America National Association is prepared to deliver definitive 10-year 6% collateral sinking fund convertible gold bonds in exchange for outstanding interim receipts. See also offering in V. 126, p. 3134.

Mutual Life Insurance Co.—New Vice-President.
Effective Aug. 1, Dwight S. Beebe, Manager of the bond department of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, has been elected 2nd Vice-President and Financial Manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, to succeed James Timpson.—V. 126, p. 2660.

National Bellas Hess Co.—Sales.

	1928—June—1927.	Increase.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$3,325,202	\$3,150,354	\$174,848	\$20,268,736	\$17,787,192

—V. 126, p. 3609, 2801.

National Dairy Products Corp.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of additional certificates for 95,975 shares of common stock without par value, upon official notice of issuance, in whole or in part from time to time, in exchange for shares of the common stock without par value (150,000 shares authorized, 149,212 shares issued) of The Telling-Belle Vernon Co. (Ohio).

Pursuant to resolutions of its board of directors passed at a meeting held on April 19 1928, the company was authorized to issue shares of its common stock without par value in exchange for not less than 66 2-3% of the entire issued and outstanding common stock of Telling-Belle Vernon Co. to be deposited with Cleveland Trust Co. as depository, upon the basis of 50 shares of common stock of the company for 78 shares of common stock of the Telling-Belle Vernon Co. (with cash adjustment in lieu of fractional shares otherwise deliverable).

The Exchange further authorized the listing of additional certificates for 22,500 shares of common stock, upon official notice of issuance, as part consideration for the properties and assets of the Tri-State Butter Co. The Chas. H. Hess Co. and the Merchants Ice & Cold Storage Co., making the total amount applied for 1,596,657 shares.

Pursuant to resolutions of its board of directors passed at a meeting held on June 7, the company was authorized to issue 22,500 shares of its common stock without par value (together with the sum of \$1,516,875 in cash) as part consideration for the entire properties and assets of the Tri-State Butter Co., the Chas. H. Hess Co. and the Merchants Ice & Cold Storage Co., all Ohio corporations, the remaining consideration being the assumption by the company of the liabilities and obligations of the three corporations shown on their respective balance sheets as at Dec. 31 1927, together with such additional liabilities and obligations as should arise in the ordinary course of business prior to the date of conveyance.—V. 126, 3769, 3462.

National Liberty Insurance Co.—Extra Dividends.
The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 10% and an extra dividend of 25% as against a regular of 10% and an extra of 20% in January, making a total thus far this year of 65%.

Semi-annual dividends were also declared by the Baltimore American Insurance Co. at the rate of 6% regular, and 6% extra, and by the Peoples National Fire Insurance Co. at the rate of 5% regular and 5% extra, both being at the same rate paid in January.

Dividends in all three companies are payable on July 16 to holders of record July 1.

Last year the National Liberty, after paying cash dividends of approximately \$600,000 and a stock dividend of 33 1-3% amounting to \$500,000 added \$7,600,000 to surplus. The company recently reduced its par value from \$10 to \$5 a share and authorized an increase of its capital from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000, giving the stockholders the right to subscribe for one new share on the basis of \$5 a share for each four shares held by them. This increase will add \$4,500,000 to surplus, giving the company a capitalization of \$2,500,000 and a surplus of well over \$20,000,000.

See also Valmor Corp. below.—V. 126, p. 3609.

National Rubber Machinery Co., Akron, O.—Bonds Sold.—J. A. Sisto & Co., New York, have sold \$1,350,000 1st mtge. conv. 6% gold bonds at 99½ and interest.

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c* Int. payable (J. & J) at National Bank of Commerce in New York (trustee) without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Company will agree to reimburse to any holder of bonds, upon proper application any personal property or similar tax not exceeding 5½ mills per annum and any State income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, which in any case may be legally assessed under any present or future law of any State of the United States and paid by any such holder by reason of his ownership thereof. Red. (otherwise than through sinking fund) all or part at any time upon 30 days' notice at 105% and int. with right to convert bonds into stock continuing to redemption date.

Conversion Privilege.—Bonds will be convertible at the option of the holder into shares of common stock of the company at the ratio of four shares for each \$100 principal amount of bonds (at the rate of \$25 per share), at any time on or before July 1 1933. On all bonds presented for conversion, adjustment of interest will be made. Indenture will provide for equitable adjustment of conversion rates in the event of any change in capitalization, consolidation, &c.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on substantially all the real estate and fixtures of the company owned at the date of the execution of the mortgage. The land, buildings, fixtures, machinery and equipment (including the properties to be mortgaged) have been appraised as of Mar. 31 1928 at an aggregate sound depreciated value of \$2,310,488. The balance sheet after giving effect to this financing and the transactions incident thereto, shows net assets, exclusive of deferred debit

items, of \$2,885,404—equivalent to over \$2,137 for each \$1,000 bond to be presently outstanding, of which over \$561,833 represents net current assets, the ratio of net current assets to current liabilities being over 3.8 to 1.

Sinking Fund.—Bonds are to be entitled to a semi-annual sinking fund beginning July 1 1929 payable in cash or bonds, calculated to be sufficient to retire by maturity 50% of the bonds at any time issued, the sinking fund to be credited with bonds converted from time to time, but only to an amount not in excess of the sinking fund requirements for the current 12 months period, as more fully specified in the indenture. The sinking fund, to the extent it is paid in cash, is to be used for the redemption by lot of bonds at 105%.

Stock Sold.—Jerome B. Sullivan & Co. and E. F. Gillespie & Co., Inc., have sold at \$22.75 per share, 35,000 shares common stock (no par value).

Registrar, Equitable Trust Co., New York Transfer agent, National Bank of Commerce in New York. Company has made application to list stock on the New York Curb Market.

Data from Letter of Pres. Stanley H. Harris, Akron, Ohio, June 29.

Company.—Has been incorp. in Ohio to acquire, own and operate the business of five concerns namely: The Banner Machine Co. of Columbiana, Ohio, the Akron Rubber Mold & Machine Co. and the Kuhlke Machine Co. of Akron, Ohio, De Mattia Bros., Inc. and De Mattia Foundry & Machine Co., Clifton, N. J. All of these companies have been successfully engaged for periods of from 12 to 30 years in manufacturing auto tire molds, cores, tube machines, tire curing presses, watch case heaters, inner tube molds, mechanical goods mucks, tire building machines, tire repair equipment, solid tire molds, chucks, power stands, heater presses, &c. and grey iron castings, in connection with which the constituent companies own 62 valuable patents. The constituent companies are among the most important in the industry and the consolidated corporation will be the largest of its kind in the world. The constituent companies furnish equipment to approximately 80% of the rubber trade, including practically all the large rubber and tire companies in this country.

Through the consolidation, it is expected that important economies will be effected as a result of reduction of overhead, economy in purchasing equipment and supplies, reallocation of specialized work, elimination of duplications, &c.

Earnings.—The combined earnings of the constituent companies for the four years ended Dec. 31 1927, averaged \$356,454 per year, after depreciation, and before charging Federal income tax and interest on this issue after adjustment of executives salaries and withdrawals and elimination of certain non-recurring income and charges, all averaging \$76,944 net during said years. Such earnings for the year 1927 amounted to \$426,462 and for the first three months of 1928 were \$139,423. The average earnings for the four years above stated were equivalent to over 4.40 times the interest requirements on the bonds issue, the details of sales and earnings as above being as follows:

	Sales.	Net Aft. Depr. Avail. for Int.	Depr. Tax.	Net Aft. Int.	Earns. S. on Stk.	Per Cent. for Divs.	Out.
1924	\$2,010,915	\$281,202	\$176,178	\$2.15			
1925	2,286,372	292,510	274,129	3.34			
1926	2,476,788	325,643	215,286	2.62			
1927	2,707,780	426,462	304,006	3.70			
1928 (1st 3 months)	757,702	139,423	104,872	at an rate of 5.11			

Purpose.—Proceeds of above issues will be used as part of the purchase price for the properties to be acquired by the consolidated corporation and the balance for working capital and other proper corporate purposes.

Balance Sheet, Mar. 31 1928.

(Giving effect to acquisition of businesses as of that date and proposed financing in connection therewith.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property	\$2,310,489	1st mtge. conv. 6% bonds	\$1,350,000
Cash	140,589	Accounts payable	109,779
Accounts receivable	276,174	Federal income taxes	65,727
Notes & trade acceptances	97,077	Accrued wages	1,417
Marketable securities & mtges.		Capital stock (\$2,080 shares)	1,683,032
receivable, at cost	63,716		
Life insurance policies	37,599		
Inventories	137,601		
Sundry investments	13,082		
Deferred debit items	147,627		
		Total (each side)	\$3,223,955

National Supply Co. of Del.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 34,100 additional shares of common stock (par \$50) upon official notice of issuance, as partial consideration, in exchange for 12,500 shares of the 2nd pref. stock and 10,000 shares of common stock of Superior Engine Co., making the total amount acquired for 300,000 shares.

Superior Engine Co. was incorp. on June 19 1928, in Delaware, for the purpose of acquiring, as of the close of business on Dec. 31 1927, all the assets of Superior Gas Engine Co. (Mass.) (other than the bonds and stocks carried on company's balance sheet of Dec. 31 1927, at \$286,134, and the insurance policies on the life of Patrick J. Shouylin carried on the balance sheet at \$85,535 and other than any and all claims for refund with respect to any Federal taxes accrued prior to Jan. 1 1928), together with all additions and accretions thereto from Dec. 31 1927, and assuming all the liabilities of the company shown on the balance sheet, other than any tax liabilities for any period prior to Jan. 1 1928. All business after Dec. 31 1927 is to be treated as for the account of the new company. In consideration for such transfer, the new company will issue 11,145 shares of its 1st pref. stock of \$100 par (auth. 12,000 shares), and its entire authorized 12,500 shares of 2nd pref. stock at \$100 par and 10,000 shares of common stock without par value.

National Supply Co. of Delaware has contracted with Patrick J. Shouylin, who is acting in behalf of those owning and controlling the Superior company, to issue 40,000 shares of its common stock in exchange for the 12,500 shares of 2nd pref. stock and the 10,000 shares of common stock of Superior Engine Co. The National Supply Co. will, in addition, make certain payments in respect of dividend adjustments for the current year, guarantee the payment of dividends on the 1st pref. stock of the new company, guarantee the payment of the par value thereof, plus divs., in the event of dissolution or liquidation, and agree to acquire 10% of such stock annually, beginning in 1928.

Superior Gas Engine Co. has been established for some 30 years and was operated under individual management until Jan. 28 1922, when it was organized as a Massachusetts trust. It has been engaged in the business of manufacturing internal combustion engines, engine appliances and parts in the City of Springfield, Ohio. The factory buildings are of modern factory type of construction.—V. 126, p. 3134, 1924.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—Sales.—

1928—June—1927	Increase.	1928—6 Mos.—1927	Increase.
\$318,868	\$506,576	\$312,292	\$3,714,377
			\$2,592,524
			\$1,121,853

—V. 126, p. 3609, 2801.

Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co.—Bonds Sold.—Mention was made in V. 126, p. 4096, of the sale of \$3,500,000 1st mtge. 5% serial gold bonds, series "A" by a syndicate consisting of Illinois Merchants Trust Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, First Wisconsin Co., Central Wisconsin Trust Co., Madison, Wis. and Wood County National Bank, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. A description of the issue follows:

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1929-1943. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, trustee, or at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. in reverse order of maturity on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 100 and int., plus a premium of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% for each year or part of unexpired life, the call price in no instance, however, to exceed 102 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Data from letter of L. M. Alexander, Pres. of the Company. Company.—Established in 1893. Is one of the leading manufacturers of wrapping paper in the United States. Among the large users of the company's products are many well known retail and chain stores, mail order firms, packing houses, and manufacturers. Company owns two paper mills, at Port Edwards and Nekoosa, each having a capacity of 125 tons per day, operated largely by its own water power developments and by a hydro-electric plant of 5,000 h.p. capacity at Wisconsin Rapids owned by

the company. It also owns Nepco Lake, a 600 acre spring-fed reservoir, furnishing pure water for manufacturing purposes. The plants are served by three railroads and are well located as to sources of raw material and market for products. The buildings, machinery and equipment are in excellent condition and the plants are modern in every respect.

Hydro-Electric Development.—Company's three hydro-electric developments, which furnish practically all its power requirements, have a present installed capacity of 18,000 h.p. The value of these water power developments and rights alone is estimated by independent engineers at more than twice the amount of this issue. Company sells current for general lighting and power service in Port Edwards and Nekoosa.

Security.—Bonds will constitute the only funded debt of the company and will be secured by a first mortgage on fixed assets which, in the opinion of independent engineers, will have a sound depreciated value, after completion of the present construction program, of \$12,000,000.

The balance sheet as of May 31 1928, after giving effect to this financing shows net tangible assets, including water power rights, of \$11,922,856 or more than \$3,400 for each \$1,000 bond, and current assets of \$2,878,317 or more than 2.8 times current liabilities of \$1,000,651.

Earnings.—Company's earnings, as certified by Arthur Andersen & Co., compare as follows:

Cal. Years—	Net Sales	*Net Earnings Int. on bds.	Maximum Times Earned.
1928a	\$2,594,092	\$512,699	\$72.917
1927	6,013,581	1,173,808	175,000
1926	5,831,082	819,118	175,000
1925	5,436,023	602,993	175,000
1924	4,884,761	375,772	175,000
Average	4,132,812	514,469	175,000
	5,333,972	738,250	175,000

a five months ended May 31 available for interest. State and Federal income taxes, after full provision for depreciation.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$1,400,000 1st & ref. 6% bonds dated March 1 1923, and for new construction and equipment which will change the Nekoosa mill to produce kraft paper only and increase its capacity to 140 tons per day.—V. 126, p. 4096.

Nedicks, Inc.—Outstanding Bonds Reduced.

The corporation reports that as of July 1 the outstanding bonds have been reduced to \$759,000 par value. This is a reduction of \$491,000 or almost 40% of the original issue of \$1,250,000 collateral 6% closed loan, offered in July 1927.—V. 126, p. 2489, 261.

New Jersey Bankers Securities Co.—Court Advises New Officials For Company to Restore Public Confidence.

The advisability of an entirely clean slate of officers and directors for the company was suggested July 6, by Vice-Chancellor Backes at Newark, N. J., in adjourning the receivership hearing against the company until July 10. Concerning the foregoing, press reports stated in substance:

United States Senator Edward I. Edwards is Chairman of the Board of the company and Supreme Court Justice James F. Minturn is a Director. Senator Edwards said that the proposal for a new set of directors was "inconceivable" and attorneys for the company declared that while it was possible that Harry H. Weinberger, the President, might step aside, Senator Edwards and Justice Minturn would surely remain with the company.

Vice-Chancellor Backes offered his suggestion after Ralph E. Lum, representing stockholders seeking a stockholders' protective committee rather than a receiver, had conferred with attorneys for the company regarding such a settlement during a recess. After the conference, Mr. Lum asked the Court to allow a month in which to complete the plans.

The Vice-Chancellor declined such a long adjournment, saying that he felt a delay would be injurious and would tend to destroy public confidence in the company. Mr. Lum said the early discussion of reorganization had been very general, but declared that he felt that Mr. Weinberger's usefulness to the company and the public was at an end.—V. 126, p. 3940.

Newmont Mining Corp.—Option Vacated.

The corporation has issued the following statement: "On account of the objection of a large percentage of United Verde Extension Mining Co. shareholders the option granted by the directors of this company to Newmont Mining Corp. to acquire all of its property in Jerome and Clemenceau, Ariz., in consideration of 60,000 shares of Newmont Mining Corp. stock, has been vacated by mutual consent of the parties. The Extension company has indemnified Newmont for costs and effort in the premises."

The Newmont corporation officials continued willing to make the consideration in the option \$10,500,000 in lieu of 60,000 shares of treasury stock, and on this basis an extension of the option until July 14 was agreed to by the United Verde Extension officers, but failed of ratification by its board, and the option was finally vacated." (See V. 126, p. 3769.)

North American Cement Corp.—Merger Off.

Consolidation of this corporation and the Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. has gone by the board, it was definitely announced on July 2. Frederick W. Kelley, President of the North American company, said no further steps will be taken to bring the concerns together under the name of the General Cement Corp.

"The whole proposition must be looked upon now as an experience," Mr. Kelley said. "We as the directors and servants of the stockholders did what we could to bring the merger about and we had the support of an overwhelming majority of the stock. It had been agreed that a certain percentage of the debenture holders in North American must deposit their holdings with an agreement to accept in exchange pref. stock in the new corporation. When we found the bonds had not been deposited in sufficient number to meet that provision we abandoned the plan."—V. 126, p. 3940.

Northern Life Tower (Northern Life Insurance Co.), Seattle.—Bonds Offered.—

First National Bank of Seattle, National Bank of Commerce, Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Marine National Bank, National City Bank, Dexter Horton National Bank, Seattle National Bank, Metropolitan National Bank of Seattle recently offered \$1,075,000 1st (closed) mtge. 5% serial gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated June 1 1928; due serially June 1 1930-38, incl. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at First National Bank of Seattle, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. all or part on or after June 1 1934, at 101 and int.; bonds to be redeemed in inverse numerical order. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Security.—The bonds are the direct obligation of the Northern Life Insurance Co. of Seattle and will be secured by a direct first closed mortgage on land owned in fee and the new building to be known as the Northern Life Tower. The building will be a modern fireproof steel frame office building, containing approximately 140,000 sq. ft. of net rentable space. Company plans to occupy the third and fourth floors for its own organization as well as the 18th floor for its executive offices.

The land has been appraised by A. M. Atwood and Vincent D. Miller of Seattle at \$432,000 and the construction cost of the building will be \$1,775,000—a total of \$2,207,000 of which this issue represents fractionally less than 49%.

Earnings.—Estimated net annual income of the building, applicable to the payment of interest and serial retirement of bonds is \$150,000, after depreciation, or about three times the maximum annual interest requirements. In addition to the income of the building, the company plans, as is allowed by law, to increase its own investment annually in the property, from increases in its admitted assets; the amount available from this source for the year 1927 was \$100,000 and, based upon the company's business for the first five months of the current year, will be \$125,000 for 1928. It is expected that by the end of 1928 the company will show in excess of \$900,000 of admitted assets.

Listing.—Application has been made to list these bonds on the Seattle Stock Exchange.

North Penn Theatres, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—

J. H. Brooks & Co., Scranton, Pa., are offering at 99 and int. \$250,000 1st (closed) mtge. guaranteed bonds. Guaranteed principal and interest unconditionally by Mecro Realty Co.

Dated June 30 1928; due July 1 1948. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at Scranton Lackawanna Trust Co., Scranton, Pa., trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days'

notice at 105 and int. during first 5 years; 104 and int. during second 5 years, and 103 and int. thereafter until maturity. Interest payable without deduction of normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company has agreed to pay the Penn. personal property tax not in excess of 4 mills per annum. Property tax of other States of the United States not exceeding 4 mills paid on bonds by holders will be refunded by the corporation provided there has been compliance with conditions to be contained in the mortgage.

Data from Letter of M. E. Comerford, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in Pennsylvania. Will own the following properties: Luna Theatre and Victoria Theatre, Danville, Pa.; Hippodrome and Capitol Theatre, Pottsville, Pa.; Manhattan Theatre, Scranton, Pa.; Capitol Theatre, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Capitol Theatre, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Capitol Theatre, Williamsport, Pa.

The theatres on these properties, with the exception of the one at Williamsport, are now leased to Comerford Theatres, Inc. The Capitol Theatre at Williamsport is now under construction; completion is expected early this fall and it will then be leased to Comerford Theatres, Inc. The leases of the Comerford Theatres, Inc., with the North Penn Theatres, Inc., extend to or beyond the maturity of these bonds, July 1 1948, and are irrevocable. Additional rentals will be received from the stores, offices and apartments on these properties.

Capitalization.—Upon completion of the present financing the capitalization will be as follows:

First (closed) mtge. guaranteed 6½% s. f. gold bonds..... \$1,250,000
 Common stock..... 345,000

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a direct closed first mortgage on all these properties. They are centrally located in the retail and theatrical districts and are of substantial construction and compare most favorably with all that is best in present-day design and equipment. It is the policy of the company to keep its properties in first-class condition and make the patrons comfortable, not only through the completeness and up-to-dateness of the equipment, but also through thoughtful courtesy of its employees.

Guaranty.—This issue will be unconditionally guaranteed as to both principal and interest by endorsement on each bond by the Meco Realty Co., whose properties were appraised on Jan. 1 1927 by the American Appraisal Co. at \$3,300,000. Company's statement shows that subsequent additions, less depreciation since that date, to Dec. 31 1927 brought this value up to \$4,654,377.

Valuation.—The properties of the North Penn Theatres, Inc., have been appraised by American Appraisal Co. at \$2,440,850. These figures do not include cost of furniture, organs, pianos, or carpets. The total bond issue is less than 52% of the appraised sound value.

Earnings.—The annual net rentals from these properties are estimated at \$205,000, over 2½ times interest requirements.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in retiring all mortgages now outstanding against these properties and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for a sinking fund of \$62,500 per annum, payable to the trustee in quarterly installments commencing Oct. 1 1928, to be used for the redemption of this issue either by purchase of bonds in the open market up to the redemption price, or, if not so purchasable, for redemption by lot at such price. All bonds so acquired to be canceled. The sinking fund will retire substantially all of these bonds by maturity.

Oakwood (Calif.) Properties.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$275,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds is being offered at 100 and int. by The John M. C. Marble Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

Dated June 1 1928; due June 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Prin. and int. payable at Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., trustee. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Property.—Bonds are secured by a first (closed) mortgage or deed of trust on approximately 955 acres known as Oakwood, lying north and east of the junction of Boothill Boulevard and Santa Anita Ave., in Los Angeles County. Twenty-seven acres of the property are in the City of Sierra Madre, 360 acres are in the City of Monrovia and 528 acres in the City of Arcadia. The mortgaged property has been appraised as having a wholesale value of \$802,400, a valuation of more than 2.9 times the amount of the first mortgage bonds issued, making this a 34.27% loan. It is the intention of the owners to improve, subdivide and market this property as rapidly as may seem advisable. The owners estimate that the property will produce sales at retail of at least \$2,375,000.

Releases and Sinking Fund.—Title to the property is held by Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, the trustee under this bond issue. After allowing 25% of the sales price to the trustors for selling cost, a substantial portion of principal payments on any contract will be applied by the trustee to a sinking fund for the purchase and retirement of bonds. An improvement fund will also be created which will tend to increase the value of the security, and the sinking fund will constantly reduce the indebtedness against the property. When an improvement fund in the sum of \$250,000 has been provided, a portion of the receipts may be distributed to the owners of the property.

Guaranty.—Interest on these bonds has been guaranteed jointly and severally by the three members of the directing committee of Oakwood Syndicate, whose financial statements show a combined net worth in excess of \$1,500,000.

Oil Shares, Inc.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—An initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share has been declared on the 6% pref. stock (par \$50), payable July 16 to holders of record July 5. (See also offering in V. 126, p. 3135.)—V. 126, p. 3770.

Ontario Paper Co., Ltd.—Acquisition.—A Toronto despatch says that the company has purchased at public auction for \$1,100,000 the timber limits, plant and other assets of the Franquelin Lumber & Pulpwood Co., at Franquelin, Saguenay County.

Otis Steel Co.—Expansion Program.—The directors have authorized an immediate expansion program made necessary by the large and increasing demand for the company's full finished automobile body sheets. The plans contemplate extensive additions to the soaking pit and blooming mill unit at the Riverside Works to be completed in 90 days. This will provide heating capacity for 7,200 additional tons of steel ingots monthly and a corresponding increase in semi-finished products.

The finished sheet output will be increased by 2,000 tons monthly by expanding the normalizing equipment. This part of the program will be completed by Sept. 1. The company's output of normalized auto body sheets is booked solid through July, and there is only a small tonnage available for the last week of August, according to President E. J. Kulas.—V. 126, p. 3770.

Pacific Southwest Realty Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—First Securities Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 98 and div. \$1,000,000 5½% cum. pref. serial stock. This stock is issued in series, designated "AA" to "VV" inclusive, maturing July 1 1939 to July 1 1960 respectively.

Preferred as to assets and dividends, and in the event of liquidation entitled to receive \$102 per share. Dividends at the rate of 5½% per annum are cumulative and payable Q.-J. Callable all or part on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at \$102 per share plus divs. Stock may be transferred at the company's office, Pacific-Southwest Bank Building, 215 West 6th St., Los Angeles. Exempt from normal Federal income tax and exempt from personal property tax in California. Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, registrar.

Company.—Organized in 1923 to acquire from the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and the First National Bank of Los Angeles properties chiefly occupied by these institutions as bank premises in Los Angeles and other communities in which the banks were represented. All of the common stock of the company was acquired by the First Securities Co. and is still owned by that company. The First Securities Co. is in turn wholly owned by the stockholders of the Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, which is a consolidation of the above banks.

To finance the acquisition of these properties from the banks, the Pacific Southwest Realty Co. had, prior to April 1 1928, sold for cash to institutions and investors an aggregate of \$5,000,000 1st mtge. 5½% bonds and \$4,500,000 6½% cum. pref. serial stock. As of April 1 1928 a total of \$985,000 bonds had been retired. The first maturity of the preferred stock occurs July 1 1929.

Capital Stock.—During 1928 the authorized capital was increased by \$2,500,000, and now is as follows: (a) 50,000 shares common stock, without

nominal or par value; (b) \$5,000,000 6½% cum. pref. serial stock (\$100 par), fixed dividend rate 6½% per annum, fixed redemption premium of 5% (\$105 per share), Series A to W inclusive, maturing 1929-1951, respectively; (c) \$2,500,000 pref. stock (\$100 par). The present offering of \$1,000,000, bearing fixed cumulative dividend rate of 5½% per annum and fixed redemption premium of 2% (\$102 per share), is a part of this authorized issue.

With the completion of the present stock sale, the company will have outstanding \$4,500,000 6½% cumulative preferred serial stock, and \$1,000,000 5½% cumulative preferred serial stock, in addition to 50,000 shares common stock, owned by the First Securities Co.

With the completion of the present financing, on or about July 2 1928, there will be outstanding \$5,100,000 of first mortgage bonds.

Properties.—The principal buildings owned by the Realty Co. are located at Sixth and Spring streets, Los Angeles; Colorado street and Marengo Ave., Pasadena; and at Mariposa and Fulton streets, Fresno. Each of these three properties is valued at more than one million dollars. The Realty Co. has heretofore owned 45 locations, of which 11 are within the corporate limits of Los Angeles, and the balance in communities where the Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank has been represented, from Fresno to El Centro.—V. 119, p. 463.

Packard Motor Car Co.—\$1 Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable July 31 to holders of record July 14 and 3 regular monthly dividends of 25 cents per share for September, October and November. The last previous extra distribution was 15 cents per share made on Dec. 31 1927.—V. 126, p. 4096.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—To Change Par Value.—The stockholders will vote July 23 on changing the class A and common stock to the balance sheet from shares of non-par value to \$1 par value each.—V. 126, p. 3771.

Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co.—New Subsidiary.—Production of liquid chlorine and caustic soda at Tacoma, Wash., will begin about Jan. 1 1929, by the Tacoma Electrochemical Co., the capital stock of which is held by the Pennsylvania company. The Tacoma company was incorporated in Delaware in Nov. 1927 with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000.

A plot of 40 acres was recently acquired in Tacoma as a location for the plant. It is estimated that the cost of the first unit will be \$500,000.—V. 126, p. 3610.

Peoples National Fire Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.—See National Liberty Insurance Co. above.—V. 126, p. 117.

Petroleum Bond & Share Corp.—Organized.—Organization of the above corporation, incorporated under the laws of Delaware, with an authorized capitalization of \$2,000,000, consisting of 20,000 shares \$7 cumulative preferred stock, and 30,000 shares of common stock, both without par value, is announced. The new corporation, it is stated, will be engaged in investing in and facilitating the financing of companies engaged in or affiliated with the oil industry.

John M. Lovejoy, formerly Vice-President and manager of the Amerasia Petroleum Corp., has been elected President. Directors are: Mathew C. Brush, Pres. American International Corp.; W. A. Harriman, Chairman of Board, W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.; John M. Lovejoy, President; Judge Morgan J. O'Brien of O'Brien, Boardman, Fox, Memhard & Early; Joseph F. Uihlein, Chairman of Board, Second Ward Savings Bank, Milwaukee, and G. H. Walker, President, W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Cornelius F. Kelley, President Anaconda Copper Mining Co. Offices of the new corporation will be located at 39 Broadway, New York.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Plan of Reorganization and Consolidation.—The stockholders will vote July 25 on approving the plan of reorganization and consolidation outlined below.

In a letter to the holders of the preferred and common stock, Pres. Myron E. Forbes says:

For some time past the directors have been seriously concerned in regard to certain trends in the automobile industry, and more specifically, as to the effect of these trends on the business of the company.

The Pierce company has always produced a line of high grade cars and trucks, but the production of these has been limited. During the war, large expansions of plant facilities were made, which since the war, your company has never been able to utilize to the best advantage, or anywhere near their capacity. While the company's product has been of the highest grade, and has been accepted by the public as such, it has been increasingly difficult to secure adequate dealer representation, particularly in smaller centres, due to the fact that in many instances a dealer was unable to obtain a sufficient volume of business to operate at a profit on the Pierce-Arrow line alone, and was compelled, therefore, to take on an additional line of lower priced cars.

With the increase in size of automobile companies marketing lower priced cars and enjoying the advantages of mass production, it has been possible for these companies with their large resources and varied lines constantly to strengthen their dealer organization. The lack of similar advantages has placed all Pierce dealers under a serious handicap. In fact, it is a grave question in the minds of your directors whether the isolated automobile unit can compete successfully in the long run with companies like General Motors, Studebaker, Chrysler and others, whose volume of production, diversification and dealer organization give them a stability, buying power and financial resources, far beyond those which can be commanded by a company having only limited production. That this situation is real is shown by the fact that your company, notwithstanding excellent product and an efficient and loyal organization, showed a net loss for the year 1927 of \$783,201, and for the first quarter of 1928 shows a further loss of \$225,878. It became necessary to pass the current dividends, on the preferred stock, on which there is now a large accumulation of arrears, and the prospects for dividends on the common stock, therefore, are remote.

In view of the above conditions, but feeling that the name "Pierce-Arrow" has potential value, provided its plant can be properly utilized and volume secured through an enlarged dealer organization, your directors have had a series of conferences with A. R. Erskine, Pres. of the Studebaker Corp., his associates and directors, and as a result of these conferences, the Studebaker Corp. at its directors meeting held June 26 1928, approved the plan of reorganization and consolidation, which plan in the unanimous judgment of your directors, is eminently fair and to the advantage of all stockholders to accept.

The Studebaker Corp. is one of the oldest and largest manufacturers of automobiles; its product is world known; its efficient world wide dealer organization comprises about 6,000 dealers; and its management is progressive and far seeing. The plan contemplates that Studebaker shall make a substantial cash investment in the class B stock of the new company to be formed under the plan and become active in its management. It would be possible immediately, particularly in the smaller centres, for the Studebaker Corp. to throw the weight of its large and successful selling organization on the problem of the Pierce Co. wherever it is to the advantage of both corporations to do so. Furthermore it would give to the Pierce Co. the benefit of lower costs through combining the purchase of the material requirements of the Studebaker Corp. with those of the Pierce Co., to the advantage of both. The product of the two companies is not competitive, but supplementary—an additional plant facilities not possessed by the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co., it is contemplated that Studebaker and the new company may from time to time enter contracts for furnishing rough castings, forgings, stampings, &c. and other material for the new company at a reasonable profit to Studebaker. Likewise to the extent that Pierce-Arrow facilities may be used in the Studebaker business similar contracts may be made between the new company and Studebaker. It is also contemplated that Studebaker and the new company may co-operate in other ways.

The strong position of the Studebaker Corp. in the automobile industry is indicated by the high level of earnings for the past several years and its sound financial condition. In 1927 net sales amounted to \$134,007,798 and net profits to \$11,937,862. Net profits for the first quarter of 1928 were \$3,979,873 as compared with \$3,402,937 for the first quarter of 1927. The balance sheet contained in the annual report of the corporation for 1927 showed, as of Dec. 31 1927, total quick assets of \$51,146,911 as compared with current liabilities of \$14,456,057, and net assets of approximately \$121,000,000.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. has, therefore, been called for July 25 1928, to act on the plan recommended by the board of directors.

The Studebaker Corp. is under no obligation to proceed unless at least 90% of the shares of preferred stock and at least 90% of the shares of common stock of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. assent to the plan before July 26 1928.

Failure of the stockholders to adopt the plan will leave the company confronted with difficulties which conditions in the industry will tend to intensify with results which must inevitably work to the further disadvantage of the stockholders. Your board feels that it is in the interest of the stockholders to adopt the plan without delay.

Digest of Plan of Reorganization and Consolidation.

New Company.—Directors of the Pierce-Arrow Co. has approved a proposal to effect a consolidation of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. with a new corporation to be organized in New York. All the class B stock of the consolidated corporation will be owned by the Studebaker Corp. By such consolidation the new company will acquire all the property and assets and assume all the obligations of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. The new company will be called the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. or some similar name.

Capitalization.—The present outstanding capitalization of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. is as follows:

8% sinking fund gold debentures	\$3,349,200
Preferred stock (par \$100)	100,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	328,750 shs.
The outstanding capitalization of the new company will be as follows:	
8% sinking fund gold debentures	\$3,349,200
Preferred stock (par \$100)	80,000 shs.
Class A stock (no par value)	197,250 shs.
Class B stock (no par value)	250,125 shs.

There are outstanding approximately \$1,648,000 of purchase money obligations of Pierce-Arrow Sales Corp. assumed or guaranteed by the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co., which guaranty will be assumed by the new company.

There are held in the treasury of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. \$5,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds of the company out of an authorized issue of \$6,000,000, issued under the 1st mtge. of the company to Central Union Trust Co. of New York, dated Mar. 1 1923; and \$100,800 of 8% debentures. These bonds and debentures will be in the treasury of the new company after the consolidation. The first mortgage will be assumed by the new company and the issue, sale or pledge by the new company in the discretion of its board of directors of bonds issued thereunder, including the bonds held in the treasury, will be authorized.

Description of Stock of the New Company.—The preferred stock is entitled to 6% cumulative dividends from Mar. 1 1929, is redeemable as a whole or in part on any quarterly dividend payment date, at 105 and div. will have the benefit of an annual cumulative sinking fund of 3% commencing July 1 1930, to be applied to the purchase or redemption of preferred stock, and (except as provided) has no voting rights unless four quarterly dividends are in arrears. The class A stock is entitled to a \$2 dividend in each year before any dividends are paid on the class B stock, and after payment of \$2 per share on the class B stock, is entitled to share in all further dividends declared in any year at half the rate per share declared on the class B stock. The class A stock is redeemable as a whole or in part at any time to and including Dec. 31 1932, at \$40 per share and at any time thereafter at \$40 a share plus \$2 for each full calendar year commencing with Jan. 1 1932, in which the net earnings equal or exceed 1 1/2 times the requirements for the \$2 dividend on the class A stock outstanding at the end of such year, less the amount of such dividends paid on the class A stock on or after Jan. 1 1933; provided that the redemption price shall not be less than \$40 per share nor more than \$46 per share. Each share of class A stock has one vote on all matters and each share of class B stock has two votes on all matters.

Terms of Consolidation.—Upon the consolidation, each holder of preferred stock of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. participating in the plan will receive for each share thereof and all accrued unpaid dividends \$10 per share in cash and eight-tenths of a share of preferred stock of the new company.

Each holder of common stock of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. participating in the plan will receive for each share thereof six-tenths of a share of class A stock of the new company.

The Studebaker Corp. will invest \$2,000,000 in cash in the new company and will receive therefor all the class B stock of the new company. Unless the Studebaker Corp. shall otherwise elect, it shall be under no obligation to make such investment or proceed with the consolidation, unless the holders of at least 90% of the shares of preferred stock and the holders of at least 90% of the shares of common stock of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. shall have consented to the plan before July 26 1928.

Management.—It is contemplated that A. R. Erskine, Pres. of Studebaker Corp., will be Chairman of the board of the new company and that Myron E. Forbes, Pres. of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. will be Pres. of the new company.

Means by Which the Reorganization and Consolidation May Be Accomplished.—The plan shall be carried out under the supervision of the board of directors of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. Directors shall have full power to determine the form and terms of the certificate of incorporation of the new company, or amendments thereto, the certificate of consolidation, by-laws, stock certificates, scrip certificates and all other agreements, instruments and papers which the board may deem necessary and proper for carrying out the plan, to construe, modify, alter or amend the plan, whether or not theretofore declared operative, to take all proceedings to carry out the plan, and to declare the plan operative or to postpone or abandon the plan at any time, whether before or after any meeting of stockholders called to act upon the plan.

No director of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. shall incur any personal liability for any action taken or suffered hereunder or in connection herewith except for wilful malfeasance.

All expenses will be paid by the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. or by the new company.

Combined Balance Sheet, as Shown by the Books of Company, Apr. 30 1928. (Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. and Pierce-Arrow Sales Corp.)

Assets		Liabilities	
Plant site, buildings, mach. & equip., \$11,461,889; less reserve for depreciation, \$6,938,905	\$4,522,984	8% cum. conv. pref. stock	\$10,000,000
Patents, trade-marks, goodwill, &c.	5,000,000	Common stock authorized & issued (328,750 shs. of no par), but of the stated value of \$1,643,750	5,652,082
Invest. in and advs. to selling branches, \$247,520; less reserves, \$98,462	149,059	20-year 8% sinking fund gold debentures	3,349,200
Invest. in stock of Pierce-Arrow Finance Corp.	1,213,147	Purchase money obligations	1,647,780
Inventories valued at prices net in excess of cost or approximate market:		Accounts payable	583,309
Finished vehicles	1,772,431	Accrued payroll, interest, taxes and other expenses	374,732
Work in progress & finished parts	4,270,075	Customers' deposits	202,888
Raw materials & supplies, &c.	3,178,867	Operating and contingencies reserves	251,846
Notes receivable, \$105,181; accounts receivable, \$1,221,334; less reserve for doubtful, \$2,882	1,233,634	Surplus	1,569,852
U. S. Govt. for over-assessment of taxes	192,264		
Miscell. invest. and deposits	132,355		
Cash	1,573,601		
Prepaid ins., taxes & commission on sale of securities, less amount amortized	393,364		
		Total (each side)	\$23,631,688

Contingent liabilities in respect of endorsements of notes sold to Pierce Arrow Finance Corp., \$1,553,349.—V. 126, p. 4096, 2802.

Postum Co., Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,738,156 shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full as a stock dividend with authority to add 392 shares with reorganization of issuance either as a stock dividend or in connection with reorganization of Richard Hellmann, Inc., and 15,509 shares on official notice of issuance to employees and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 3,508,114 shares of common stock without nominal or par value.

Insofar as any of the present 392 shares authorized to be issued in connection with the reorganization of Richard Hellmann, Inc., on the basis of one share for each share of class A stock of Richard Hellmann, Inc., of Dela., are so issued prior to the taking of the record for paying the stock dividend, the amount payable as such stock dividend will be increased beyond 1,738,156 shares and the 392 additional shares contemplated for issue in connection with such reorganization proportionately reduced.

The directors on June 25 1928, pass a resolution which provides that of the consolidated surplus and undivided profits at the end of March 1928 (inclusive of the initial paid in surplus of \$1,566,273 with which the company started business) of approximately \$11,071,713, that \$4,471,458 be transferred to capital account, and that a dividend of 1,738,156 shares of common stock without par value be declared, payable July 13 to holders of record July 3, one share for each such share then outstanding. The resolution further provides that the sum of \$1,566,273 which was the initial paid in surplus with which the company started business in Feb. 1922, be transferred to capital account as a part of the \$3,471,458 authorized to be transferred to capital account.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets		Liabilities	
Mar. 31 '28. Dec. 31 '27.		Mar. 31 '28. Dec. 31 '27.	
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$13,874,147	Accounts stock	\$21,674,007
Trade marks, patents & goodwill	1	Accounts payable	1,049,500
Inventories	11,872,431	Accrued accounts	638,991
Accounts receiv.	5,869,931	Notes payable	1,905,932
Loans & notes rec.	280,056	Res. for inc. taxes	2,010,235
Marketable secur.	1,415,106	Res. for conting.	157,695
Call loans	1,700,000	Employ. pay. on subs. to cap. stk.	188,690
Cash	2,201,017	Surplus	11,071,713
Investments & adv.	92,592		
Deferred charges	1,891,482		
	1,237,996	Total (each side)	38,696,764

x After deducting \$6,382,333 reserve for depreciation. y The trade marks, patents and goodwill carried upon the books at a substantial amount are, for the purpose of the published accounts, taken at the value of \$1. a 1,735,047 shares of no par value in 1928 and 1,725,992 shares in 1927.

Stock Dividend Ruling.

The New York Stock Exchange announces that the common stock would not be quoted ex-the 100% stock dividend on July 3, and not until July 13. See V. 126, p. 4096.

Prudential Refining Corp.—Transfer Agent.

The Interstate Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for 100,000 shares of preferred and 215,000 shares of common stock.—V. 126, p. 3464.

Purity Bakeries Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$5,000,000 20-year 5% sinking fund gold debentures, due Jan. 1 1948.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets		Liabilities	
Apr. 21 '28. Dec. 31 '27.		Apr. 21 '28. Dec. 31 '27.	
Property, plant & equipment	\$11,076,102	\$6 pref. stk. cum. a.	\$2,855,437
Good-will, &c.	6,589,260	Common stock	4,847,595
Cash	1,111,575	Prof. stk. 7% cum. y	5,492,200
U. S. Govt. secur.	2,617,890	Class A stock	4,124,775
Cust's Accrs. rec.	331,041	Cl. B stk. eq'y. z	3,678,270
Sdry. tr. accs. &c.	230,954	Notes & accs. pay.	
Inventories	964,439	Accr. expenses	737,335
Cash surr. value of		Notes payable	200,000
Life insurance	19,336	Fund. debt (subs.)	219,500
Sinking fund for retirement of bds.	13,625	Fund. debt (parent company)	8,000,000
Prepaid expenses & def. charges	556,349	Prov. for Fed. tax.	533,349
	91,001	Indeb'tness of subs.	1,310,500
		Min. stkhldrs. int. in stks. of subs.	191,331
		Surplus	5,906,687
			6,276,640

Total \$23,491,236 22,036,452 Total \$23,491,236 22,036,452
 x After reserve for depreciation of \$2,991,686. y Includes scrip of \$326.
 z Represented by 210,821 shares of no par value. a Represented by 76,145 no par shares. b Represented by 472,415 no par share.—V. 126, p. 2802.

Quincy (Copper) Mining Co., N. Y. & Mich.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1927.		1926.		1925.		1924.	
Refined copper, lbs.	9,718,662	13,290,052	14,357,523	14,838,633					
Gross income	\$1,331,397	\$1,922,074	\$2,111,289	\$2,072,107					
Net income	def.\$184,006	def.\$47,738	\$58,221	\$10,591					
Construc., renewals, &c.	174,869	123,491	89,978	90,080					
Balance, deficit.	\$358,878	\$171,228	\$31,758	\$79,489					

Rhode Island Ice Co.—Initial Dividend.

The company on July 2 paid to class A 7% pref. stockholders of record June 27, an initial dividend of \$1.03 per share (for the period from May 7 to July 1). This is at the rate of \$7 per share per annum. See also V. 126, p. 3137, 3313.

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—To Increase Stock.

The stockholders will vote July 20 on increasing the authorized common stock (par \$25) from \$50,000,000 to \$125,000,000.—V. 126, p. 3942.

Robbins & Myers Co.—Security Holders Exercise Rights.

More than 90% of the bond holders and in excess of the 80% of preferred stockholders, it is stated, have exercised their rights to subscribe to stock in the reorganized Robbins & Myers Co. It has been announced by the Maynard H. Murch Co., reorganization managers.

This response of holders of securities follows a plan to rehabilitate this Springfield (Ohio) company which was purchased by Cleveland and Chicago banking interests at receiver's sale several weeks ago. This syndicate offered holders of the bonds and 7% and 8% preferred stockholders an opportunity to subscribe to stock in the new company on the same terms paid by the syndicate. The new company will have outstanding \$2,523,000 6% preferred stock, par \$25, which will participate up to 7% as dividends are paid to the common, also 126,150 shares of no par common stock. This will leave 25,230 shares of common in the treasury for the management.

W. S. Quinlan of Cleveland is President of the new company and Charles Stirling, Vice-President in charge of sales Compare plan in V. 126, p. 2491.

Royal Dutch Co.—Company and Standard Oil Co. of New York End Oil War.

See Standard Oil Co. of New York below.—V. 126, p. 4098, 3923.

Savage Arms Corp.—New Stock Ready July 12.

The directors announce that pursuant to the plan to split the old \$100 par common stock in the ratio of two new no par common shares for each old share new stock will be issued on and after July 12 1928. At present \$7,474 shares of common stock are outstanding, in addition to 2,222 shares of 6% non-cum. 2nd pref. stock.

Application will be made to list the new common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 126, p. 2491, 3138.

Schermack Corp. of America.—Depositary.

The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed depositary for 300,000 shares of common and 50,000 shares of preferred stock.

Sears-Roebuck & Co.—Sales.

1928.		1927.		1926.		1925.	
Month of June	\$25,669,119	\$19,340,640	\$18,274,895	\$16,005,102			
First 6 months	\$146,099,065	\$129,726,556	\$126,621,823	\$118,242,460			

—V. 126, p. 4098, 3465.

Shea Theatre Properties (Erie Amusement Co.).—Bonds Offered.

American Bond & Mortgage Co. recently offered \$500,000 6% 1st mtge. part fee and part leasehold bond at 100 and int.

expenses), including depreciation and Federal taxes adjusted to the present rate, as certified by Haskins & Sells, were as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Net Sales, Net Avail. for Divs. Rows: 1927, 1928, 1928 (first 5 mos.)

The balance sheet as of June 2 1928, adjusted to give effect to the proceeds of new financing, shows current assets to be in excess of 6.6 times current liabilities, with net tangible assets of \$1,020,028.

Balance Sheet as of June 2 1928 (After giving effect to present financing). Assets: Cash & marketable securities, Accounts receivable, etc. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Accrued & unclaimed wages, etc.

* Based upon an appraisal of the Lloyd-Thomas Co., as of May 30 1928, the plant and equipment were valued at a sound value of \$1,276,222.

Sylvestre Oil Co., Inc., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.—Stock Offered.—Billings, Ward & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at \$10 per share, 25,000 shares common stock (no par value), paying dividends of 60c. per share annually.

Table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows: 8% cum. pref. stock, Common stock (no par)

* Transfer agent, Interstate Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Central Union Trust Co., New York.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list the common shares on the New York Curb Market.

Data from Letter of Francis R. Sylvestre, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in New York Jan. 12 1925, to engage in the jobbing and retail distribution of petroleum products. Business is the distribution of all grades of fuel oil.

Table with columns: Growth, Gallons. Rows: 1926, 1927, 1928 (5 months)

A fleet of 20 tank trucks is used in rendering the delivery service. The operations of the company are being extended into other sections where a careful study has shown real possibilities for profitable business.

Dividends.—The 8% cum. pref. stock has paid regular quarterly divs. of \$2 per share since June 1926. Divs. at the rate of 25 cents per share quarterly or \$1 annually have been paid on the common stock.

Comparative Profit and Loss Statements. Columns: Jan. 1927, Jan. 1928, March 1928, 5 Mos. End. May 31 '28. Rows: Gross sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit, Expenses, Net profit, Earned per sh., etc.

* Based on the 300% common stock dividend (75,000 shares) recently declared and including the 25,000 shares of common stock now offered, net earnings for the first five months on the new capitalization would be equivalent to 44 cents a share.

For the year ended Dec. 31 1926, net profit amounted to \$21,608. For 1927, the company showed a net of \$33,861. Earnings for 1928 should be in excess of \$150,000.—V. 126, p. 4100, 3944.

Taggart Corp.—Transfer Agent.—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 30,000 shares 7% pfd., 30,000 shares class A and 515,000 shares common stock.—See also V. 126, p. 4101.

Taunton-New Bedford Copper Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows: Plant, &c., Securities, Cash, Accts. receivable, etc.

—V. 125, p. 3075.

Texon Oil & Land Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Income Account Year Ended March 31 1928. Rows: Gross operating income, Operating costs & expense, Royalties paid, etc.

* The share of Texon Oil & Land Co. and subs. in the undistributed earned surplus of Reagan County Purchasing Co. as of Feb. 29 1928 amounts to \$1,144,632.—V. 126, p. 3467.

Telautograph Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Period End. May 31—, 1928—Month—1927, 1928—5 Months—1927. Rows: Net profit after deprec., Net profit after deprec. & Fed. taxes, &c., V. 126, p. 3776.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the issuance and transfer of the corporation's dividend certificates, series C, for shares of common stock of the United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—V. 126, p. 3777, 3316.

Tower Manufacturing Corp.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Years Ended May 31—, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows: Earnings for year, Previous surplus, Unearned surplus, Total surplus, etc.

Balance Sheet May 31. Assets: Machy. tools, &c., Goodwill, Cash, etc. Liabilities: Commonstock, Acct's payable, etc.

—V. 125, p. 259.

Transcontinental Oil Co.—Wins on Pecos Lease.—The

"Wall Street Journal" of June 27 says: Supreme Court of Texas has filed unanimous opinion in favor of Transcontinental Oil Co. in questions involving same land litigations in Yates pool Pecos County, West Texas.

Lease involved is the I. G. Yates A lease, one of eight tracts jointly operated with Ohio Oil Co. Income from production on this lease has been in suspense, pending disposition of litigation, and amounted to \$417,435 at the end of 1927.

Many leases in the general west Texas area will be affected by this decision, which is favorable to oil companies with such holdings. The leases were made with landowners who had acquired the properties under the Relinquishment Act passed by the state legislature in 1919.

The I. G. Yates A lease comprises about 2,000 acres out of 10,000 acres jointly held by Transcontinental Oil and Ohio Oil in Yates pool. Suit has been in court for some time, and pending the outcome, agreement was reached for operating properties.

Consequently under the court's ruling the \$417,435 held on the company's balance sheet at end of 1927 as deferred income will accrue to the company.—V. 126, p. 3141, 2328.

Twin City Trading Co.—Bonds Offered.—Howe Snow & Co., Inc. and Wm. L. Ross & Co., Chicago, recently offered at 98½ and int. \$550,000 10-year 1st mtge. sinking fund 5½% gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1928; maturing April 1 1938. Int. payable (A. & O.) at First Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis, trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2% per annum. Corporation also agrees to reimburse the holders of these bonds upon application within 60 days after payment for the Pa., Conn. and Calif. taxes not exceeding 4 mills on the dollar per annum, the Wis. and the Mass. income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum, and the Mich. 5 mills specific property tax. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. all or part any time on 45 days notice at 102½ during the first 3 years after April 1 1928; 102 during next 3 years, 101½ during next 2 years and 101 thereafter and prior to maturity; together with accrued int. to date of redemption.

Legal investment for savings bank and trust funds under the laws of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and for trust funds under the laws of Illinois and Michigan; and are exempt from the moneys and credits tax in Minnesota.

Data from Letter of Charles D. Boyles, Vice-President of the Co.

Company.—Incorporated in Minnesota in 1904. Operations consist of the storage, transferring, cleaning, mixing and drying of grain, for which purposes it is equipped with the most complete and scientifically modern machinery. This general service is performed on a custom basis for others making up the general grain trade and yielding a steady and dependable yearly income. The Twin City Elevator is the most active house of its kind in the Twin Cities.

Security.—Bonds will be secured specifically by a first (closed) mortgage on the Minneapolis plant of the corporation, including land, buildings and equipment, together with certain unoccupied land adjoining the plant, which land and property has a fair market value, as determined by competent independent appraisers, of upwards of \$1,400,000, or more than 2½ times this total issue of bonds.

The property of the corporation consists of a modern, thoroughly equipped grain elevator of concrete fireproof construction, 39 steel grain storage tanks, new steel and concrete feed manufacturing plant, power house, grain dryer, large warehouse and office building and other smaller structures located in Minneapolis; together with adjacent land not yet occupied, and additional property. The corporation also owns and operates about 10 miles of railroad trackage, which serves the plant buildings and the adjacent lands and connects directly with the Chicago & Northwestern, Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Minnesota Transfer RR.

Lease.—The feed manufacturing plant, warehouse and office building owned by the corporation are leased to the Albert Dickinson Co., with which the Twin City Trading Co. is affiliated, at an annual rental in excess of the greatest annual interest on these bonds. This lease is assigned to the trustee as additional security for the prompt payment of interest on these bonds.

Guaranty.—These bonds are guaranteed as to principal, interest and sinking fund by the Dickinson Co., the parent corporation, having a net worth at book value in excess of \$5,000,000. For more than 50 years, neither the Dickinson Co., nor any of its subsidiaries has ever defaulted in the payment of any funded obligation, either principal or interest.

Earnings.—The average annual net earnings of the corporation, after Federal taxes and available for interest charges and depreciation for the past 4 years and 11 months (fiscal year having been changed from June 30 to May 31 in 1927), ended May 31 1927 were \$75,798, or more than 2½ times the annual interest requirements on these bonds. The earnings for the current fiscal year, shown by the books of the corporation on the basis of the first 9 months of the current fiscal year, are at the annual rate of more than \$71,000.

Sinking Fund.—Corporation covenants that it will create a sinking fund amounting to \$20,000 annually, beginning April 1 1929, which sinking fund is to be used for the redemption or repurchase and retirement of these bonds. In addition to the annual sinking fund payments, the corporation will also pay to the trustee certain proceeds from the sale and release of unoccupied land, which release funds will also be used for the retirement of these bonds. In case of sale and release of all of the unoccupied land covered by the mortgage, such funds, together with the ten annual sinking fund payments, will be sufficient to retire approximately \$25,000 principal amount of these bonds. The property comprised within the operating plant, which may not be released without payment of all of these bonds, is appraised as having a fair market value of upwards of \$1,000,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to pay and retire the balance of \$485,000 out of the total amount of \$700,000 of 5½%

12-year bonds of the corporation due April 1 1928, and for other corporate purposes.

Twin Disc Clutch Co., Racine, Wis.—Stock Offered.—Morris F. Fox & Co., Milwaukee, Wis., are offering \$15,000 shares common stock, at \$30 per share.

Of the 15,000 shares of common stock being offered, 3,697 were purchased from the company to provide a portion of the funds necessary to retire on June 30 1928, an issue of \$216,500 of preferred stock. The balance does not represent any new financing by the company, having been purchased from individuals not active in the conduct of the business. Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax, and at present 100% free from Wisconsin income tax. Registrar and transfer agent, First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, Wis.—Company.—A Wisconsin corporation. Organized in 1918, manufactures and sells a complete line of mechanical clutches, power take-offs and reduction gears used in the transmission of power for a wide variety of purposes, on gasoline motors (no pleasure cars), farm tractors, Diesel engines, gas locomotives, contractor's equipment, road building and material handling machinery, bridges, fire apparatus, oilfield equipment, rail cars, sawmills, textile mills, machine tools, in fact in almost every line of industry. In several of its lines the sizes range from a capacity of from a fraction of 1 h.p. up to 700 h.p. The use of these devices is called for in the industrial field in most cases where it is desired to save labor or conserve power.

Table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Outstanding, Common stock, Earnings, Net Avail, Earnings per Share. Rows for years 1923-1927.

The net earnings, similarly computed, for the four months ended Apr. 30 1928, amounted to \$116,367. It is estimated that the net earnings for the calendar year 1928 will be approximately \$5 per share. Dividends.—The plan calls for the placing of this stock on an annual dividend basis of \$2 per share, payable at the rate of 50c. per share quarterly January, &c., the first to be payable Oct. 1 1928 to stockholders of record Sept. 20 1928.

Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 30,630 shares of common stock (voting) without par value on official notice of issuance in exchange for 4,375 shares of the par value of \$100 each of the series B common stock of Elliott-Fisher Co., making the total amount applied for 675,830 shares of common stock.

By an agreement dated June 8 1928, Elliott-Fisher Co. agreed with Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. that Elliott-Fisher Co. would endeavor to acquire the property and assets of Underwood Computing Machine Co. on the terms and conditions set out in an agreement between Elliott-Fisher Co. and Underwood Computing Machine Co., dated June 8 1928; and that if, as and when Elliott-Fisher Co. acquired such property and assets, Elliott-Fisher Co. would issue to or upon the order of Underwood Elliott Fisher Co., 4,375 shares (par \$100) series B common stock of Elliott-Fisher Co. Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. agreed in consideration thereof, upon the issuance by Elliott-Fisher Co. of the 4,375 shares of series B common stock of Elliott-Fisher Co., to issue to or upon the order of Underwood Computing Machine Co., 30,630 shares without par value of the common stock of Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.

On June 14 1928, the directors of the company ratified and approved the execution of the agreement dated June 8 1928, and authorized the issuance of 30,630 shares without par value of the common stock of the company.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, Mar. 31 '28, Dec. 31 '27. Rows for Real estate, Cash, Demand loans, U.S. Liberty bonds, Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Prepd. ins. & other expenses, Stocks of cos. own., Real est. & mtgd., Foreign govt. sec., Patents, development, good-will, &c.

As represented by 8,100 shares of no par value. b Represented by 645,200 shares of no par value. c After deducting depreciation of \$3,645,997. Note.—At Jan. 31 1928 all the outstanding stock of Elliott-Fisher Co. had been deposited for exchange except 349 1-5 shares of common stock (of both classes). The interest of the holders of these shares in the capital and surplus of Elliott-Fisher Co. would amount to \$62,818.

The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for an authorized issue of 32,000 shares of preferred stock (par \$100), 8,100 shares series B preferred stock (no par), and 645,200 shares common stock (no par).—V. 126, p. 2810.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$642,550 additional common stock (par \$10) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$52,051,320.—V. 126, p. 3316, 2163.

United Fruit Co.—Earnings.—Period End. June 30—1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927. Net Inc. after charges but before Federal taxes \$6,600,000 \$6,275,000 \$11,100,000 \$11,000,000 Shares cap. stock outstanding (no par) 2,500,000 2,500,000 2,500,000 2,500,000 Earnings per share \$2.64 \$2.51 \$4.44 \$4.40 The Boston "News Bureau" further states: United Fruit Co. cash holdings, after the payment of the July 2 dividend and exclusive of securities in the insurance fund, were \$30,500,000, as compared with \$23,800,000 on the same date of 1927.—V. 126, p. 2493.

United Investment Assurance Trust.—Stock Offered.—Founders Securities Trust, Boston, is offering at \$12.50 per share 75,000 founders' shares.

Table with columns: Authorized debentures (unified series), Authorized preferred shares (par \$25), Common shares (no par), Founders shares (no par).

Business.—The United Investment Assurance System was organized under the trust laws of Massachusetts to carry on the business of a rigidly restricted investment trust of the banker management type. Combination units of this system were offered for public subscription on Feb. 1 1928. The assets of the system consist solely of cash and marketable securities. All shares have been issued for cash only. All cash received from the sale of preferred, common and founders shares of the United Investment Assurance Trust must be paid into the system in full.

Earnings.—Present earnings are derived from two sources—security underwritings and investments. A net profit from the beginning of the business to the present has been ample to pay at the rate of \$1.50 on preferred and common shares of the United Investment Assurance Trust and at the rate of \$2 on the participating preferred shares, and at the rate of \$1 on the common shares of the Founders Securities Trust. These dividends have been paid after provision for surplus and reserves in the first

quarter and declared for the second quarter (ending July 1 1928) at these rates. Net earnings are increasing each month.

Junior Share Priorities.—Holders of the Founders shares will be entitled to receive dividends out of the surplus from the net profits of the trust as declared by the trustees up to the amount of \$1 per share after a dividend of \$2 per share has been paid on the outstanding common shares. An additional dividend of \$2 per share may be paid after the common shares have received an additional dividend of \$1 per share.

After dividends at the rate of \$3 per share per annum shall have been declared on both common and founders shares, in accordance with the priority terms, any additional dividends shall be paid equally on both classes of shares. Such dividends are non-cumulative.

The holders of the common shares and the founders shares shall have exclusive voting power for all purposes of the trust except that preferred shareholders shall be entitled to vote only in event of default as provided in the declaration of trust.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of April 30 1928.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, Cash in banks & on hand, Stock and bonds (cost), Accounts receivable, Collateral loans receivable, Notes receivable, Life ins. premis. (officers, \$100,000), United Inv. Assur. System, Prepaid sales expenses, Furniture & equipment, Total.

Total \$1,004,346

United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co.—Deposits. It is announced that over 84% of the common and preferred stock has been deposited under the recapitalization plan, as announced in V. 126, p. 2493. Shareholders have until Oct. 1 (extended date) to deposit their shares with the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, depository.

The plan provides for the issuance of 600,000 shares of 6% 1st pref. stock (par \$20), 180,000 shares of 6% 2nd pref. stock (par \$20) and 600,000 shares of common stock (no par value) in place of the present outstanding 120,000 shares of 7% pref. stock (par \$10) and 120,000 shares of common stock (par \$100) on the following basis: for each share of old pref. stock, 5 shares of new 1st pref. stock and 1 1/2 shares of 2nd pref. stock; for each share of old common stock, 5 shares of new common stock. The 6% 1st pref. stock shall be callable in whole or not in part at any time after Aug. 31 1933 at \$21 per share and accrued dividends. The 2nd pref. stock shall also be callable in whole but not in part at any time at \$21 and divs. This plan, dated April 18 1928 was submitted to the stockholders by a committee consisting of N. F. Brady, W. T. O. Carpenter and F. S. Gordon, with John L. Dunn, of 20 Exchange Place, N. Y. City, as Secretary. Fraser, Speir and Meyer are counsel.—V. 126, p. 3612.

United States Dairy Products Corp.—Earnings.—Period End. May 31—1928—Month—1927 1928—5 Mos.—1927. Gross sales \$1,751,078 \$1,346,357 \$6,976,678 \$5,629,361 Net earnings 162,008 88,180 272,351 181,347 —V. 126, p. 3142.

United States Freight Co.—Freight Handled.—Freight handled by the company and its subsidiaries for the first five months of 1928 and 1927 compares as follows (in pounds):

Table with columns: Month, 1928, 1927. Rows for January, February, March, April, May.

United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc.—Walter F. Wyeth, of Charles Head & Co., has been elected a director—V. 126, p. 3468.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Option Vacated.—See Newmont Mining Corp. above.—V. 126, p. 3778.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—Two Pref. Dividends.—The directors have declared two regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 to holders of record July 16 and Oct. 15, respectively. No action was taken with respect to the common dividend. See V. 126, p. 4101.

Universal Products Co., Inc., Detroit.—Listed.—The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing 80,000 shares common stock (no par value). The business was established 13 years ago in Detroit, having been incorp. as a Delaware corporation with a paid-in capital of \$25,000. Except for the proceeds of an issue of \$300,000 6% bonds, which have been called for redemption, the business has grown to its present proportions through reinvestment of earnings. The principal business consists of the manufacture of universal joints, well known for their excellent quality and durability. The product is sold mainly to manufacturers direct, among the principal customers being Hupp Motor Car Co. (8-cylinder cars), Chrysler Corp. (all models), Graham Brothers Truck Co., Auburn Automobile Co., Reo Motor Car Co. (Flying Cloud Model), Graham-Paige Motors Corp. (all models), and the Oldsmobile Co. Company has in addition to its domestic business developed a very satisfactory foreign business, and also a very substantial business in commercial heat treating.

Sales and Earnings.—The net sales and net profits of company, after deducting all expenses, including adequate depreciation, but adjusted to give effect to non-recurring charges in respect of a certain royalty agreement, amortization of manufacturing licenses, moving of plant and other expenses, eliminated as a result of recent financing, amounting to \$40,099 in 1925, \$57,286 in 1926, \$87,647 in 1927 and \$41,282 in the four months ended Apr. 30 1928, and after deducting Federal income taxes at the rates in force in the respective years in lieu of the amounts actually paid by the company, as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co., have been as follows:

Table with columns: Calendar Years, Net Sales, Net Profits, Earn. per Share. Rows for 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 (first four months).

Balance Sheet April 30 1928.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, Cash, Accounts receivable, Book inventories, Life insurance policies, Property account, Deferred charges, Total (each side), Accounts payable, Accrued liabilities, Notes payable, Res. for Federal taxes, Common stock (no par), Special surplus arising from donation of capital stock, Earned surplus.

Upson Co., Lockport, N. Y.—Extra Dividends.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents a share on both the class "A" and class "B" stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents a share on both issues, all payable July 16 to holders of record July 2. Like amounts were paid on April 16 last.—V. 126, p. 2163, 430.

Utah-Apex Mining Co.—25c. Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend (No. 21) of 25 cents per share (out of the company's cash reserve), payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14. A distribution of like amount was paid on Oct. 15 1926; none since (see V. 122, p. 2008).—V. 125, p. 3214.

Valmor Corp.—Extra Dividends.—President E. M. Rebstein announces the declaration by the company of the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on both the common and participating pref. stocks, and an extra dividend of 40%, the latter amounting to \$1,420,000. The company, in addition to its regular dividends in April, paid an extra dividend of 10% amounting to \$150,250, making with the 40% just declared, extra dividends of 50% for the current 6 months.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

[The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Friday Night, July 6 1928.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet; Rio 7s, 15 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 16c.; Santos 4s, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c.; Victoria, 7-8s, 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Cost and freight offers early in the week were larger and generally unchanged or a little lower. In the spot market Brazilian was quiet on a better demand. Mild grades are reported to have advanced about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. and are firm in producing countries where prices are said to be firm. Some say that practically all of the Robusta coffees now afloat or due in the next month or two has been sold and that there is some demand for forward shipment. Some blends are being changed, it is said, by using more relatively cheap Columbian with a smaller percentage of high grade Santos and more Robustas, a combination, it seems, which reduces the price. Arrivals of mild coffees in the United States during June were reported at 279,699 bags, while deliveries were 254,421 bags and stock on July 2 359,687 against 334,409 a month ago and 319,672 at this date last year. Deliveries of Brazilian coffee in the United States last week were 153,055 bags against 111,238 in the previous week and 117,989 last year.

Rio cabled the Exchange here: "Rio stocks recounted June 30, increased 281,510." This is an apparent increase from the stocks reported by the regular cable on the 2d inst., of 33,500. On the 2d inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were generally unchanged, a few being lower. They included prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 23.85 to 23.95c.; 3s at 23.60 to 24c.; 3-4s at 22.40 to 23.65c.; 3-5s at 22.70 to 23.25c.; 4-5s at 22.20 to 22.85c.; 5s at 22.20 to 22.65c.; 5-6s at 21.70 to 22.45c.; 6s at 21.70 to 21.90c.; 6-7s at 21 to 21.40c. Part bourbon 3s at 23.60c.; 3-4s at 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at 22.70 to 23.05c.; 4-5s at 22.45 to 22.85c.; 6s at 21.80c.; peaberry 2-3s at 23.35c.; 3-4s at 22.80 to 23.40c.; 4s at 22.85 to 22.90c.; 4-5s at 22.60 to 22.85c.; Victoria 7-8s at 15c.; Rio 7s, 15 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 16c.; Santos 4s, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c. On the 3d inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were fairly liberal and prices were unchanged to a shade lower. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were offered at 23.95c.; 3s at 23.60 to 24c.; 3-4s at 23.15 to 23.65c.; 3-5s at 22.70 to 23.25c.; 4-5s at 22.45 to 23.30c.; 5s at 22.20 to 22.65c.; 5-6s at 21.85 to 22.50c.; 6s at 21.80 to 21.90c.; 6-7s at 21 to 21.40c.; 7s at 21c. Part Bourbon 3-5s at 22.70c.; peaberry 2-3s at 23.35c.; 3s at 23.65c.; 3-4s at 23.40c.; 4s at 22.85 to 22.90c.; 4-5s at 22.80c.; Victoria 7-8s at 15c.

On July 5th cost and freight offers from Brazil for prompt shipment included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 24.50 to 23.95c.; 3-4s at 23 to 23.65c.; 3-5s at 22.80 to 23.50c.; 4-5s at 23.45 to 23.30c.; 5s at 22.25c. to 22.65c.; 5-6s at 21.85 to 22.50c.; 6s at 21.80 to 21.95c.; 6-7s at 21.75 to 22c.; Part Bourbon 3-5s at 23.10c.; Peaberry 3s at 23.65c.; 4s at 22.85c.; 4-5s at 22.60 to 22.85c. According to the local Exchange figures the world's visible supply of coffee on July 1st was 5,317,694 bags against 5,142,516 a month ago and 4,393,297 last year. Mild grades are said to be $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c. higher in some cases than week ago. Rio 7s on the 5th inst. were 15 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 16c.; Santos 4s, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c.; Victoria 7-8s, 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. To-day cost and freight offers included prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 23.95c. to 24.50c.; 3s at 23.70 to 23.90c.; 3-4s, 23.25 to 23.65c.; 3-5s at 22.85 to 23.50c.; 4-5s at 22 to 22.65c.; 5s at 22.35 to 22.70c.; 5-6s at 21.85c. to 22.25c.; 6s at 21.95c.; 6-7s at 21.75 to 21.15c.; part Bourbon 6s at 21.80c.; Peaberry 3s at 23.65c.; 3-4s at 22.80 to 23.40c.; 4s at 22.90c.; 4-5s at 22.80c.

Futures on the 2d inst. closed 2 to 8 points higher for Rio with sales of 6,000 bags; Santos was 3 to 8 points lower with sales of 12,000 bags. As a rule, Brazil was not pressing sales. Not a few of the trade continue to feel that present prices are rather high and hope that the new season will bring some decline. But such coffee as arrives in this country is immediately wanted for prompt shipment and Brazilian shippers think this means that there are very small invisible supplies and consequently may not reduce their prices. Some are at sea as to the general outlook. They say there is nothing in sight on which to form an opinion as to the future trend of the market. It is a controlled market at prices for Brazils which when conditions are considered, seems to them un-

justifiably high, and which in the case of Santos are forcing buyers to turn to mild coffees to furnish importers and jobbers with an opportunity to hedge against their purchases. On the 5th inst. Rio futures closed 6 to 9 points higher with sales of 18,000 bags and Santos 5 to 9 higher with sales of 10,000 bags. A smaller crop movement of Rio made shorts uneasy; also the firmness of Brazilian markets. Cost and freight offers were in some cases a little higher. The firmness of mild coffee attracts attention. Most of the Robusta afloat, it seems, has been sold. The Santos daily receipts limit is reduced to 29,000 bags against 36,000 recently. Short selling seems often to be just so much grist for the Brazilian mill. To-day Rio futures ended 7 to 14 points higher with sales of 24,000 bags; Santos ended 3 to 5 points higher with sales of 9,000 bags. Final prices show a rise for the week on Rio of 20 to 28 points and on Santos of 2 to 6 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	15 $\frac{1}{8}$	Sept	15.55@15.56	March	15.72@ nom
July	15.30@ nom	Dec	15.77@	May	15.60@

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	22.95@	Sept	22.73@	March	22.15@
July	22.95@	Dec	22.35@	May	22.00@ nom

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were quiet at 2 19-32 to 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. c.&f. and 4.36c. delivered. In other words buyers and sellers were close together. Refined was 5.90c. with encouraging withdrawals reflecting summer consumption in the United States. Futures on the 2d inst. ended 2 lower to 1 point higher with sales of 26,000 tons. Outsiders largely ignored the market. Shorts covered. July 1929 sold at 30 points over July 1928. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 30,093 tons, against 45,207 in the same week last year; exports, 51,670, against 73,695 last year; stock (consumption deducted), 1,157,428, against 1,156,430 last year; centrals grinding none. Of the exports Atlantic ports received 14,286 tons; New Orleans, 10,156 tons; California, 4,599 tons; Interior United States, 4,667 tons; Canada, 2,967 tons; Europe 14,995 tons. Some say that the beginning of trading in July 1929 contracts was followed by considerable selling of that month by European and Cuban interests. According to the Sugar Institute, meltings up to June 23 this year aggregated 2,095,284 tons, against 2,485,647 tons up to June 25 last year.

Havana cabled in one case: "Arrivals at Cuban ports during the past week were 32,707 tons; exports 54,838 and stock 1,110,405. The weather was reported as very favorable for the growing crop. Of the exports 16,395 were for New York; 14,433 for Philadelphia, 7,981 for New Orleans; 4,610 for the interior of the United States; 235 for Canada; 10,042 for the United Kingdom; 134 for Canary Islands, and 998 for Sweden." It is suggested that if the consumption, during the rest of the year is at least equal to last year refiners' deliveries and meltings will show an increase during the last half of the year and will need the small balance of duty frees, together with the strongly held Cubas. This closely balanced supply situation for the United States for the rest of the year, it is argued, warrants higher prices. There were 10,000 tons of raw sugar delivered here on contract on the 2nd inst. Private cables from Liverpool stated that there were large sales of British West Indies on the 2nd inst. at 12s. 3d. On July 3rd 350 tons of raw sugar were delivered on contract here. London cabled that the market was quiet with 96 value, 12s. 3d. nominal.

Licht's recent June estimate showed a total for all Europe of 2,655,000 hectares, against his early May estimate of 2,594,000 and 2,481,000 last year's acreage. The increase in the June figures over those for May is all in Russia, leaving a slight net increase for the rest of Europe. The Russian acreage in the last forecast is given as 785,000 hectares, as against 713,000 as shown by the May figures. If the present seasonable weather continues, the trade's recent purchases it is argued, will probably be used before the 30-day period is up and another buying move of considerable proportions supervene. It is pointed out that in the first half of 1928 there has been only about one month of rising prices, against five months of steady or declining prices. Increasing production estimates from Java, and in a lesser degree from crops supplying the United States, coincided with small meltings in the United States as invisible supplies were being absorbed, and all proved more effective in determining the trend of prices than artificial devices. Yet in the recent decline raws did not touch the former low mark of 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. This may mean that the decline has spent its force.

One member of the trade remarked: "The Export Corporation will not attempt to market the latest 300,000 tons segregated on the same lines as the original 800,000 tons. They have announced that they will be prepared at all times to receive bids for any part of this 300,000 tons, but have indicated that the present price level is too low to be considered. An interesting item in the trading on the Exchange

has been the activity of July 1929 contracts. On July 2, the first day in which trading in that month was possible, transactions were larger in July 1929 than in any other month. It was sold on orders from Europe as well as from Cuba, the former no doubt hedging foreign sugars, possibly next crop Javas. This business in former years would probably have gone to the London terminal market. It has had to come to New York because of the virtual atrophy of the London market caused by the recent change in the British tariff." Some call next July contracts under 2.80c. relatively cheap. To some uncertainty as to next year's Cuban crop seems at the moment to be the most important element in the situation. It is conceded that restriction is not desired by anybody next year. The tone was steadier on the 5th inst. for raw and sales were reported of a cargo of Cubas for prompt shipment at 2.19-32c. or 4.36c. delivered and 2,000 tons August shipment at 2.52c. f.o.b. Cuba or 2.64 1/2c. c.&f. Refined withdrawals on the 5th inst. were rather disappointing.

Private cables received from Java included estimates on the crop there, running from 2,833,000 tons to 2,856,000 tons, which compares with previous estimates of 2,700,000 and with last year's crop of 2,359,050. To-day the London terminal market opened barely steady and unchanged to 1 1/2d. lower. Private London cables said the market was dull, practically nothing doing. Buyers of 96 sugars talk 12s.; sellers 12s. 3d. Other cables from London stated that there were buyers at 12s. with sellers at 12s. 3d. and cheap offerings of Mauritian crop sugars. There was heavy buying of September by a prominent interest supposedly covering hedges. The selling was credited to Cuba and Europe. To-day prices here declined 3 to 4 points on futures ending with prompt raws quoted 2.9-32c. Futures show a decline for the week of 5 to 10 points while prompt raws are the same as a week ago. Prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	2.19-32	Dec	2.62	May	2.69
July	2.45	nom	Jan	2.60	nom
Sept	2.52	@ 2.53	March	2.63	@

LARD on the spot was lower late last week with corn lower if hogs were slightly higher. Prime western 12.30 to 12.40c. in tierces c.a.f. New York; Refined Continent 12 3/4c.; South America 13 3/4c.; Brazil 14 3/4c. Futures declined on June 30th 12 to 13 points on light trading with grain markets off, and a slight rise in hogs ignored. Liverpool was unchanged to 1 1/2d. higher. To-day futures ended unchanged to 3 points higher with no pressure to sell and on the other hand no great pressure to buy. The fact of hogs being steady and corn higher tended to prevent any decline in lard, however. Final prices show an advance for the week of 8 to 10 points on July and September while December ends the same as a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	11.85	12.00	12.00	Hol-	12.05	12.07
September	12.20	12.25	12.25	day	12.27	12.40
December	12.52	12.62	12.60		12.65	12.65

PORK was steady: mess, \$30.50; family, \$34.50; fat back pork, \$26 to \$29; ribs, Chicago, unchanged; cash, 12.75c. basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef firm; mess, \$23; packet, \$24; family, \$25 to \$26; extra India mess, \$40 to \$42; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2, six pounds, South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$75 to \$80. Cut meats in fair demand; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 19 3/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 18 3/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, 18 to 20 lbs., 16c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring, 40 to 45c.; Cheese, 25 1/2 to 32c. Eggs, medium to extras, 29 to 33 1/2c.

OILS.—Linseed was very quiet at 10.1c. for raw oil carlots, cooerage basis. For single barrels 10.9c. was quoted. Later on, however, prices fell 2 points because of a decline in flaxseed. Spot carlots were quoted at 9.9c. while single barrels were held at 10.7c. Contract withdrawals were small on the 5th inst. Most of the new buying orders was for nearby delivery. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 8c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 8 1/2c. Corn, crude tanks plant low acid, 9 1/2c. Olive, Den. \$1.25 to \$1.40. Chinawood, N. Y. drums carlots spot, 15c.; Pacific Coast tanks spot, 13c. Soya bean, coast tanks, 9 1/2c. Edible corn, 100-bbls. lots, 12c. Olive oil, \$2.05 to \$2.25. Lard, prime, 16 1/2c.; extra strained winter N. Y., 13c. Cod, Newfoundland, 68c. Turpentine, 56 to 61 1/2c. Rosin, \$9.70 to \$11.70. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 4,200 bbls. P. Crude S. E., nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.25	@	Sept	10.56	@	Dec	10.74	@
July	10.25	@ 10.55	Oct	10.70	@ 10.71	Jan	10.73	@ 10.76
Aug	10.40	@ 10.50	Nov	10.71	@ 10.72	Feb	10.75	@ 10.90

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was in good demand and firm with leading refiners quoting 13 3/4c. to 11c. for U. S. Motor in tank cars at refineries and 11 3/4 to 12c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Gasoline made from California crude was 1/2c. premium over that made from other crude oils. Tank wagon prices were steady. Bulk gasoline in Chicago was higher with leading refiners quoting 8c. for tank car lots as against 7 1/2 to 8c. previously. There was a good demand for export and Gulf prices were firmer. Kerosene was steady. Stocks are small. For 41-43 prime white 8c. was asked; 43-45 water white in tank cars at refineries 8 1/2c. Tank wagon prices were steady. Bunker oil was unchanged; leading refiners asked \$1.15 refineries, and \$1.20 f. a. s. New York harbor. The output of the United States in May totalled 75,218,000 bbls. an increase of 3,000,000 over the April total of 72,127,000 bbls. Production was pre-

vented from reaching a high record only by pro ratio agreements in the West Texas fields. Production of crude oil in the Seminole field declined to 242,179 bbls. for the day ended at 7 a. m. on the 5th inst, owing to the restriction of drilling operations there.

New York export prices: Gasoline, cases cargo lots, U. S. motor spec. deod., 25.90c.; kerosene, cargo lots, S. W. cases, 17.40c.; bulk, 41-43 7/4c.; W. W. 150 deg., cases, 18.40c.; bulk, 43-45, 8c.; gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28 plus degree, 5 1/2c. New Orleans prices for export: Gasoline, U. S. motor bulk, 9 1/4c.; 60-62 400 e. p., 9 3/4 to 9 1/2c.; 61-63 390 e. p., 9 1/2c.; 64-68 grav. 375 e. p., 9 3/4 to 10c.; kerosene, prime white, 6 1/4c.; water white, 7 1/4c.; bunker oil, grade C for bunkering, 95c. to \$1.10; cargoes, 85 to 90c. Domestic gasoline prices: U. S. motor tank cars, f.o.b., refineries or terminals, New York Harbor, 10 3/4 to 11c.; Boston, delivered, 12 1/2c.; Tiver-ton, Chelsea, Providence and Portsmouth, 11 1/4c.; Marcus Hook, Norfolk, Carteret and Baltimore, 10 3/4c.; Jacksonville, 10 1/4c.; Tampa, 10c.; Hous-ton and New Orleans, 9 1/2c.; Group 3, 8 to 8 1/4c.; California, U. S. motor at New York, 11 to 11 1/4c.; tank wagon prices: U. S. motor delivered to New York City garages in steel barrels, 17c.; up-State and New England, 17c.; naphtha, V. M. P., New York City, 15c.; kerosene, water white, 43-45 grav. bulk refinery, 8 1/4c.; delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 9 3/4c.; prime white 41-43 delivered to nearby trade in tank cars, 9c.; 41-43 grav. bulk refinery, 8c.; tank wagon to store, 15c.; gas oil, 28 plus grav. bulk, New York Harbor refinery, 5 to 5 1/4c.; furnace oil, bulk refinery, 38-42 grav., 6c.; tank wagon, 10c.

Pennsylvania	2.96	Buckeye	2.67	Tureka	2.85
Corning	1.58	Bradford	3.07	Illinois	1.30
Cable	1.48	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	Wootter	1.57
Smackover, 24 deg	.96	Canadian	1.95	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.20
		Corsicana heavy	1.00	Panhandle, 44 deg.	1.06

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	\$1.40	Elk Basin	\$1.33
40-40.9	1.16	Blk Muddy	1.25
32-32.9	1.76	Lance Creek	1.33
52 and above		Tellevue	1.25
Louisiana and Arkansas—		West Texas, all deg	0.60
32-32.9	1.16	Somerset light	2.85
35-35.9	1.25	Somerset	1.55
Spindletop, 35 deg and up	1.37		

RUBBER.—On the 2d inst. New York was 10 to 30 points lower with sales of 344 lots of 860 long tons. New York on the 2d closed with July 18.50 to 18.60c.; Sept., 18.50 to 18.60c.; Dec., 18.50 to 18.60c.; Jan., 18.40c.; Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot and futures, 18 1/2 to 19c.; Jan.-Mar., 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c.; spot first latex crepe, 19 1/2 to 19 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe, 18 1/4 to 18 1/2c.; specky brown crepe, 17 1/2 to 18c.; rolled brown crepe, 18 to 18 1/4c.; No. 2 amber, 18 3/4 to 19c.; No. 3, 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c.; No. 4, 17 3/4 to 18c.; Paras, upriver fine, spot, 23 to 23 1/2c.; coarse, 14 1/2 to 15c. London was 1/2 to 3-16d. lower; spot, 9d.; July, 9 1-16d. Singapore, July, 8 9-6d. London stock decreased nearly 1,500 tons. Colombo, Ceylon, cabled the Rubber Exchange here, "The following motion has been introduced in the Legislative Council: 'That this Council claims relief not later than Aug. 1 1928 from the rubber restriction scheme and its intrigue against the economic interest of Ceylon, whether Malay desires to remain in the scheme or not'."

Singapore cabled the Exchange here: "The legislature of the Straits Settlement passed a resolution making the rate payable under the rubber land association's ordinance, one cent per pound effective from May 1 1928. The association also fixed the minimum rubber export duty as of 1c. per pound effective from July 1st. It is stated that these associations have involved a loss of revenue to the government of \$375,000." New York on the 5th inst. advanced 10 to 40 points with sales of 652 tons. London was up 1-16 to 1/2d.; Singapore unchanged to 1-16d. higher. New York closed on the 5th with July 18.50 to 18.60c.; September, 18.70 to 18.80c.; December 18.80c. Smoked sheet spot and futures 18 3/4 to 19c.; Jan.-March, 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c. Spot, first latex crepe, 19 1/2 to 19 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe, 18 1/4 to 18 1/2c.; specky brown crepe, 17 1/2 to 18c.; rolled brown crepe, 18 to 18 1/4c.; No. 2 amber, 18 3/4 to 19c.; Paras, Up-river fine spot, 23 to 23 1/2c.; coarse, 14 1/2 to 15c. London on the 5th: Spot and July, 9 1/2 to 9 1/4c.; August, 9 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 9 3/4 to 9 1/2d. Singapore, July-Oct.-Dec., 8 9-16d. and Jan.-March, 9 3/4d. To-day futures ended 20 to 30 points higher with sales of 138 lots. Final prices show July 10 points lower than a week ago and other months unchanged. London to-day closed quiet and unchanged to 1/2d. higher with spot-July-Aug., 9 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 9 1/2d. and Oct.-Dec., 9 1/4d. Singapore closed 3-16d. higher.

HIDES.—Commondry were in rather better demand. Country were dull. River Plate in fair demand from Europe and the United States with recent prices more attractive to buyers. Common dry, Cucutas, 32c.; Orinocos, 31c.; Maracaibo, Central America, La Guayras and Savanillas, 30c.; packer, native steers, 22 1/2c.; butt brands, 22c.; Colorados, 21 1/2c. Of River Plate frigorifico recent sales were 16,000 Argentine steers at 22 15-16c. to 23 3-16c., 27,500 Uruguay and Rio Grande steers at 22 to 23c. and 16,500 frigorifico cows at 22 1/2 to 24 1/2c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Rates fell. There was some demand for time tonnage. Still later rates were again declining.

CHARTERS included grain 35,000 qrs. Montreal to Greece, Aug., 16 1/4c.; 22,000 qrs. same, July 10-20 to Hamburg, 12c.; sulphur Gulf prompt to Harburg, \$3.15; Gulf end of July to Harburg, \$3.10; tankers, Clean, July, Gulf to New York, 32c. and to Fall River, 34c. Time: Prompt delivery north of Hatteras, West Indies, round \$1.15; prompt West Indies, round \$1.17 1/2; prompt delivery 4 to 6 months, West Indies, \$1.05; suzar Cuba, middle July to U.-K.-Continent, 17s. 6d.; Santo Domingo, middle July, 17s. 6d. U.-K.-Continent: Cuba to same, July, 16s.; Santo Domingo, July, to same, 18s. 6d.; coal, Hampton Roads prompt to Montreal, 80c.; same, early July to Trinidad, \$1.70; grain, 26,000 qrs., Montreal, July 12-25, to Bilbao, 12c.; lumber, Gulf to Durban, 1,800 standars, second half Aug., 130s. with options. Tankers: Clean, San Pedro to north of Hatteras, \$3c.; July 15-Aug. 15; clean, California, middle July to north of Hatteras, \$3c.; clean, same July, to U.-K.-Continent, 29s.; dirty, Black Sea, Aug.-Sept., to Riza and Memel, 23s.; gas oil, July, Gulf to Southampton, 18s. 3d.; case oil, Gulf, first half Aug., 1 to 7 ports, Australia and New Zealand, 29c.

TOBACCO has been for the most part quiet. Packers and dealers are said to be holding small stocks, but this fact is offset by the smallness of the demand. A good demand is still reported for Sumatra and Java. Pennsylvania broad-leaf filler 10c.; binder 20 to 25½c.; Porto Rico 60 to 80c.; Connecticut, No. 1, second 1925 crop 65c.; seed fillers 20c.; medium wrappers 65c.; dark wrappers 1925 crop 40c.

COAL.—Bunker was dull and weak with a good supply. New York free alongside, at \$5.10; Philadelphia and Baltimore, trimmed in bunkers, \$5; Hampton Roads, f.o.b. pier, \$4.25; Charleston, same, \$4.70; Savannah, Jacksonville and Pensacola, trimmed, respectively, \$6.15, \$6.36, and \$5.25. Around and up at New Orleans, the price is \$5.35 to \$5.85 tipple trimmed. Trimmed Portland, Ore., is \$8 to \$8.50 and Seattle, \$6.50.

COPPER was quiet. Early in the week there was an inquiry for a lot of 1,000,000 lbs. for domestic consumption and for delivery in July. Much difficulty, it is believed, will be encountered in getting this complete tonnage, as there is very little copper available at the present moment for July delivery. Leading producers were quoting 14¾c. In London on the 3d inst. spot standard dropped 3s. 9d. to £63; futures off 1s. 3d. to £63 2s. 6d.; sales 200 tons futures; electrolytic unchanged to £68 10s. for spot and £69 for futures. London on the 5th inst. fell 2s. 6d. on spot standard to £63; futures fell 1s. 3d. to £63 2s. 6d.; sales 50 tons spot and 450 futures; electrolytic £68 10s. spot and £69 futures.

TIN early in the week declined on news of 9,000 tons of Straits shipments in July. On the 3rd inst. prices advanced here despite a decline in London. About 400 to 500 tons were sold here, while the sales on the London Metal Exchange were 1,000 tons, and in the Far East 200. Nearby tin sold at 46 to 46¼c.; futures 45⅞ to 45¾c. Production is large in the Far East. Later in the week the market again declined. Nearby tin sold at 46c. with futures down to 45⅞c. in some instances, which is the lowest price reached in the past four years. Demand fell off. Not over 150 tons, it is estimated, were sold in this country. A Pittsburgh steel authority estimated that tin plate production in this country during the first half of the year was 22,800,000 base boxes, a new high record. Spot standard in London on the 3rd inst. declined £6 to £205 15s.; futures fell £4 17s. 6d. to £203 10s.; sales 100 tons spot and 900 futures; Spot Straits dropped £5 5s. to £208 15s.; Eastern c.i.f. London declined £6 7s. 6d. to £208 15s.; sales 200 tons. In London on the 5th inst., spot standard was off 12s. 6d. to £206; futures fell £1 to £203 12s. 6d.; sales 50 tons spot, and 450 futures; Spot Straits declined 2s. 6d. to £209 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London off £1 10s. to £207 5s.; sales 275 tons.

LEAD was rather quiet but steady. Prices were 6.15c. East St. Louis and 6.30c. New York. Lead ore was sold \$1 higher at \$83.50 in the Joplin district. Most of the demand was for prompt delivery. There was little interest in future requirements. In London on the 3d inst. prices declined 2s. 6d. to £20 8s. 9d. for spot and £20 15s. for futures; sales, 400 tons spot and 700 futures. On the 5th inst. spot in London dropped 1s. 3d. to £20 10s.; futures unchanged; sales, 200 tons spot and 150 futures.

ZINC early in the week sold, it is said, at 6.17½c. East St. Louis. Generally 6.20c. was asked. Demand was small however. Later on the market became steadier at 6.20c. In London on the 3rd inst. spot fell 1s. 3d. to £25 6s. 3d.; futures dropped 2s. 6d. to £25 3s. 9d.; sales 50 ton spot and 50 futures; on the 5th inst. prices there were unchanged.

STEEL.—Trade in general still lags and prices are inclined to weaken. Output has been reduced by the United States Corp. to 75% against 76 in the preceding two weeks. Independents are running at 69% a recent decrease of 4%. Chicago production is down to 78% a decrease in a week of 2%, Pittsburgh to 70% and Buffalo to 85%. In two weeks 225,000 tons of pipe lines have been ordered. The automobile industry takes substantial tonnages. The composite price is unchanged, as it has been for five weeks past. June specifications for auto building fell off but slightly from those for May. The nominal price of 1.90c. for plates, shapes and bars is still heard but competition for business is sharp enough to suggest that it will be modified. Lighter steel sells moderately at recent low prices. At Pittsburgh \$1.90 is quoted for the third quarter on plates, shapes and bars, but it is stated that 1.85 is accepted on current business. And plates are rather weak. Sheet black No. 24 gauge is quoted at 2.65 Pittsburgh; galvanized 3.50 to 3.60.

PIG IRON has been quiet, with little if any change in prices, but an impression exists that on good sized tonnages prices would be lowered more or less. Later on there were some reports of a better inquiry from Massachusetts and Connecticut. Cleveland reports stated that only about 60% of the third quarter requirements of pig iron are under contract. At Youngstown No. 2 foundry is selling in small lots at \$16.75 upward. It is said that now and then \$17.25 is obtained. Merchant iron production in that section is small, leaving the fielding for the most part to steel makers stacks. In the main the business in pig iron in this country is sluggish and the market is under the circumstances very naturally devoid of any striking features. Nominal prices for No. 2 foundry Eastern Pennsylvania are \$19.50 to \$20.; Buffalo, \$16 to \$16.50; Virginia \$20 to \$20.50; Chicago,

\$18 to \$18.50; Cleveland, delivered \$16 to \$16.50; Basic Valley, \$15.50 to \$16.

WOOL has been dull and more or less depressed. Boston wired a Government report on the 2d inst.: "Trading in the local market continues spotty. Dealers, however, report deliveries of fairly large quantities of graded wools made to manufacturers to cover sales made earlier in the season. Receipts of domestic wools last week amounted to about 16,000,000 lbs., an increase of 4,500,000 lbs. over the previous week." Boston prices included Ohio & Pennsylvania delaine, 49 to 50c.; ½-blood, 51 to 52c.; ⅜-blood, 55 to 56c.; ¼-blood, 55c.; Territory, clean basis, fine staple, \$1.15 to \$1.18; fine medium French combing, \$1.05 to \$1.10; fine medium clothing, \$1 to \$1.05; ½-blood staple, \$1 to \$1.15; ⅜-blood, \$1.05 to \$1.07; ¼-blood, 98c. to \$1.02. In May the consumption increased 5,000,000 lbs. in the United States as compared with April, according to figures made public by the Census Bureau on returns from all but 20% of the total machinery. The Australian wool production for 1928-29 has been estimated by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics as follows: Clip, 815,000,000 lbs.; making a total of 900,000,000 lbs. available for export, according to a cable to the Department of Commerce.

The Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics of Australia estimates the production of wool in Australia for the 1928-29 season as follows: Clip, 815,000,000 lbs.; pulled wool, 35,000,000 lbs.; exported on skins, 50,000,000 lbs., making a total of 900,000,000 lbs. of wool, according to cable advices received by the Department of Commerce. Prospects for a good wool season this year are reported particularly good, except in certain areas of Queensland, which have been suffering from lack of rain in advices received from Consul-General Thomas H. Robinson at Melbourne. In New South Wales a larger yield than the clip of 1927-28 is expected, and conditions are also favorable in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, as the result of abundant rains. The opening sale in Sydney has been fixed for Aug. 20 and in Adelaide for Sept. 7. It is probable that the Melbourne sale will open about Sept. 24. Later Boston advices said: "The market continues spotty on practically all lines of wool. Manufacturers using worsted wools continue to show an interest in the new graded territory wools and a few sales have been reported, but the quantities are limited. Prices remain very firm. A fair volume of business was reported in ½-blood, 58-60s, strictly combing fleece wool at 50c. per lb. The other grades of fleece wools are all slow. A cable from Argentina said: "The wool trade is seasonally slack, with prices nominally weaker. Stocks in the Central Produce Market on June 22 were 1,977 tons as against 1,340 on the corresponding date last year. May exports totaled 26,283 bales."

COTTON

Friday Night, July 6 1928.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 36,994 bales, against 30,851 bales last week and 26,447 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1927, 8,264,650 bales, against 12,589,455 bales for the same period of 1926-27, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1927 of 4,324,805 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	1,990	1,446	5,089	1,841	---	99	10,465
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	538	538
Houston	1,697	1,526	1,614	---	3,309	1,271	9,417
New Orleans	2,536	266	2,002	2,389	490	3,543	11,226
Mobile	307	9	131	192	142	26	807
Savannah	583	254	132	---	480	180	1,629
Charleston	594	59	340	---	160	516	1,669
Wilmington	34	21	---	---	147	21	223
Norfolk	76	35	312	---	34	277	734
New York	---	50	---	---	---	---	50
Baltimore	---	236	---	---	---	---	236
Totals this week	7,817	3,902	9,620	4,422	4,762	6,471	36,994

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1927 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to July 6.	1927-28.		1926-27.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	10,465	2,240,750	5,942	3,236,672	152,795	210,205
Texas City	538	98,789	1	171,812	8,063	6,108
Houston	9,417	2,533,472	4,167	3,794,781	255,564	236,632
Corpus Christi	---	176,344	---	---	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	4,344	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	11,226	1,529,689	11,039	2,464,618	204,569	309,647
Gulfpport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	807	293,603	1,246	394,038	3,377	16,390
Pensacola	---	12,684	---	14,370	---	---
Jacksonville	---	51	---	617	613	551
Savannah	1,629	660,349	6,118	1,158,242	21,488	29,549
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	1,669	269,689	5,524	597,001	18,447	27,191
Lake Charles	---	1,224	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	223	132,129	662	165,639	16,951	16,499
Norfolk	734	223,459	837	428,903	38,765	39,653
New York	---	534	---	279	---	---
Boston	---	7,992	105	30,848	80,078	223,809
Baltimore	---	8,138	1,402	40,678	3,556	857
Philadelphia	236	72,254	1,758	86,268	1,342	1,422
Philadelphia	---	156	---	4,689	4,467	7,900
Totals	36,994	8,264,650	38,801	12,589,455	810,075	1,126,443

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23. Rows: Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N., &c., All others, Total this wk., Since Aug. 1.

* 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 101,803 bales, of which 17,259 were to Great Britain, 19,419 to France, 19,780 to Germany, 12,942 to Italy, none to Russia, 20,853 to Japan and China and 11,550 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 103,513 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,326,043 bales, against 10,693,602 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Table with columns: Week Ended July 6 1928, Exports from—, Exported to— (Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Italy, Russia, Japan& China, Other, Total). Rows: Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Total 1927, Total 1926.

Table with columns: From Aug. 1 1927 to July 6 1928, Exports from—, Exported to— (Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Italy, Russia, Japan& China, Other, Total). Rows: Galveston, Houston, Texas City, Corpus Christi, Port Arthur, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Lake Charles, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, Newport News, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Total '26-'27, Total '25-'26.

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 May the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 18,334 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 20,147 bales. For the ten months ended May 31 1928 there were 207,388 bales exported as against 236,827 bales for the corresponding ten 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:

Table with columns: July 6 at—, On Shipboard Not Cleared for— (Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Other Foreign, Coast-wise, Total), Leaving Stock. Rows: Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports*, Total 1928, Total 1927, Total 1926.

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been active at irregular prices, ending at a small net advance. They declined sharply early in the week, on better weather and a bearish government report on the weevil emergence. The temperatures were much higher. It was better growing weather. The rains died down in many parts of the belt. Just the kind of conditions which are desired came to pass. Later on, however, another weevil report was issued by a Southwestern association which was bullish. That had a good deal of effect. Moreover, many of the private reports in regard to the weevil infestation and activity were unfavorable. The government cage test is not considered

altogether conclusive by many of the trade. The plant has to face the weevil in the field not in cages. The emergence in the fields close by may be very much larger. Moreover, the weekly report on Thursday was not so favorable as had been expected. It reported conditions in various parts of the belt as favorable to weevil activity. It said that precipitation was heavy in some northern districts. In the Carolinas the progress was generally good with a few scattered blooms reported in the northern section, though there was too much rain in parts of the Coastal plains. The crop was still backward, however, and its general condition poor to only fair. In Georgia the advance was very good in scattered counties where rainfall was moderate, but generally it was poor to only fair, with plants everywhere small and late. In Tennessee growth on uplands was fairly good with squares forming, but the condition of many lowlands was unfavorable with reports of fields abandoned. In Alabama and Mississippi the weekly advance and cultivation ranged from poor to fairly good but with general complaints of lateness and many grassy fields. Cotton showed some improvement in Louisiana with mostly fair and warm weather, but the general condition of the crop there continued irregular and very late. In Arkansas progress was excellent in the south, where rainfall was mostly light, but elsewhere there were complaints of flooded fields and lack of cultivation in eastern and northern lowlands. In Oklahoma conditions were mostly unfavorable in the central and eastern portions where there has been too much rain and lack of cultivation, but the crop made fair to good advance in the west where cultivation was mostly good though growth is generally backward. In Texas the weather on the whole was favorable with progress of cotton fair to good except where there was damage by hot winds and sandstorms in the west and northwest portions; early plants are fruiting fairly well and cultivation was very good except where too wet in the northeast. The weather in recent weeks has been favorable for weevil activity in many parts of the cotton belt.

One report on Thursday said that the weather during the past week has been for the most part favorable for weevil increase. It is becoming more numerous in the southern part of the belt. The line of big infestation; it was said, was moving steadily northward. Moreover, the prolonged recent wet weather and the clogging of the fields with grass has led to a good deal of abandonment of acreage. Some reports asserted that the abandonment thus far is the largest on record. In any case many are disposed to believe that it is large. Moreover, July usually sees some deterioration of the crop, not to mention August. In July, too, the weevil is apt to become more of a menace, especially as the plant is further advanced, and is therefore more subject to attack by the pest. Moreover, the Liverpool market was strong over the holiday owing largely to the reports just mentioned. Moreover, Bombay and the Continent were buying there and there was considerable covering of shorts. Contracts were scarce there. Under the stimulus of such advices as to the condition of the crop, the menace of the weevil and the strength of the English market New York was noticeably strong on Thursday. It rose 40 to 50 points. It acted sold out. Certainly the technical position after a quick decline earlier in the week had improved. Contracts as a matter of fact became scarce. Shorts covered freely. There was more or less new outside buying. The trade was a buyer. Spot markets advanced.

On the other hand, some have felt all along that the advance was being overdone. The long interest had become swollen. A reaction was due. Prices fell for a time some 90 points. Washington wired July 2: "The Department of Agriculture reports a sharp decline in the emergence of the weevil between June 1 and June 15. The emergence is practically completed and no further reports are necessary this year. In some cases the reports state that the emergence has completely stopped. The emergence from test cages up to June 16 is as follows: Baton Rouge in 1928, 2.13 against none in 1927; Florence, S. C., 1.54 against 8.20 last year; College Station, Texas, .42 against 5.27; Raymond, Miss., .71 against 2.05; Aberdeen, N. C., .68 against 3.26; Rocky Mount, N. C., 1.40 against 1.58; Fayette, Ark., .55 against .30; Clemson College, S. C., 1.21 against none last year." This report was the signal for heavy liquidation. Selling orders came from Wall Street and the South, from wire houses and scattered interests all over the country. Spot markets declined. Cotton goods markets became quiet and more or less unsettled. Manchester advices were not altogether favorable.

To-day prices early in the day were some 33 to 39 points higher with Liverpool higher than due and many unfavorable crop reports from various parts of the belt. Not a few came from Texas. They declared that the weather in the southern, central and western parts of that State was too hot and dry. During practically a whole week the maximum temperatures over large sections of that State have been 100 to 106 and even higher. The plant was declared to be so small that the effect of such temperatures could hardly fail to be injurious. There were some reports that the tap root was unsatisfactory. Others said that the plant was sappy. Rains fell in parts of the east-

Table with columns: Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Lists cities like Selma, Gainesville, Fla., Madison, Athens, Ga., Augusta, etc., with their respective rainfall and temperature data.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg) for July 6 and July 8, 1928.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, Receipts from Plantations. Data spans from March 30 to July 6, 1928.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 8,219,260 bales; in 1926 were 12,227,059 bales, and in 1925 were 10,313,617 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 36,994 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 6,759 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 30,235 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 16,263 bales and for 1926 they were nil bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

Table titled 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season' comparing 1927-28 and 1926-27. Includes sub-tables for 'Total supply' and 'Total takings to July 6'.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 5,201,000 bales in 1927-28 and 5,205,000 bales in 1926-27—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 14,966,572 bales in 1927-28 and 18,098,015 bales in 1926-27 of which 9,474,412 bales and 12,401,615 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table showing India cotton movement from all ports. Columns include July 5 Receipts at, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1925-26. Includes sub-tables for 'Exports from' and 'Total all'.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 15,000 bales. Exports from all Indian ports record an increase of 10,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 220,500 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 showing Alexandria receipts and shipments for 1927-28, 1926-27, and 1925-26. Columns include Receipts (cantars) and Export (bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 4 were 4,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 14,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table showing Manchester market prices for 1928 and 1927. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts, Cotton Middling Uplands.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 101,803 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table titled 'Shipping News' listing various ports and destinations (NEW YORK, GALVESTON, NEW ORLEANS, NORFOLK, SAN PEDRO, HOUSTON, SAVANNAH, WILMINGTON, MOBILE) with corresponding bale counts.

Total 101,803

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrowes, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound.

	High Density.	Stand-ard.		High Density.	Stand-ard.		High Density.	Stand-ard.
Liverpool	.40c.	.55c.	Oslo	.50c.	.60c.	Shanghai	.70c.	.85c.
Manchester	.40c.	.55c.	Stockholm	.60c.	.75c.	Bombay	.60c.	.75c.
Antwerp	.30c.	.45c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen	.45c.	.60c.
Ghent	.37c.	.52c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Hamburg	.45c.	.60c.
Havre	.31c.	.46c.	Lisbon	.45c.	.60c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.
Rotterdam	.35c.	.50c.	Oporto	.60c.	.75c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.
Genoa	.50c.	.65c.	Barcelona	.30c.	.45c.	Venice	.50c.	.65c.
			Japan	.65c.	.80c.			

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	June 15.	June 22.	June 27.	July 6.
Sales of the week	32,000	27,000	32,000	32,000
Of which American	22,000	18,000	24,000	24,000
Actual exports	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Forwarded	55,000	50,000	54,000	54,000
Total stocks	757,000	761,000	758,000	758,000
Of which American	507,000	534,000	521,000	521,000
Total imports	65,000	37,000	44,000	44,000
Of which American	65,000	11,000	17,000	17,000
Amount afloat	121,000	156,000	143,000	143,000
Of which American	31,000	47,000	39,000	39,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12.15 P. M.	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	More demand.	Quiet	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds	12.40d.	12.45d.	12.24d.	12.33d.	12.29d.	12.53d.
Sales	3,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	5,000	4,000
Futures. Market opened	Quiet 6 to 10 pts. decline.	Quiet 2 to 6 pts. advance.	Steady 12 to 16 pts. decline.	Steady 2 to 4 pts. decline.	St'y unch'd to 2 pts. decline.	Firm at 25 to 28 pts. adv.
Market 4 P. M.	Firm 3 to 5 pts. advance.	Quiet but st'y 5 to 12 pts. decl.	Quiet 12 to 18 pts. decl.	Steady 8 to 10 pts. advance.	Steady 1 to 5 pts. advance.	Steady at 27 to 32 pts. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

June 30 to July 6.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15	12.30	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
July	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
August	11.94	11.95	11.89	11.74	11.73	11.83	11.79	11.77	12.03	12.04	12.03	12.04
September	11.89	11.90	11.84	11.69	11.68	11.78	11.74	11.71	11.98	11.99	11.98	11.99
October	11.78	11.75	11.69	11.52	11.52	11.71	11.68	11.66	11.92	11.95	11.92	11.95
November	11.67	11.65	11.59	11.41	11.41	11.61	11.57	11.55	11.81	11.84	11.81	11.84
December	11.67	11.64	11.58	11.41	11.41	11.51	11.47	11.45	11.71	11.74	11.71	11.74
January	11.66	11.63	11.56	11.39	11.39	11.49	11.45	11.43	11.70	11.73	11.70	11.73
February	11.62	11.59	11.52	11.35	11.35	11.44	11.41	11.39	11.66	11.69	11.66	11.69
March	11.62	11.59	11.52	11.35	11.35	11.44	11.41	11.39	11.66	11.69	11.66	11.69
April	11.58	11.55	11.48	11.32	11.31	11.40	11.37	11.36	11.63	11.65	11.63	11.65
May	11.58	11.55	11.48	11.32	11.31	11.40	11.37	11.36	11.63	11.65	11.63	11.65
June	11.56	11.51	11.44	11.28	11.27	11.36	11.33	11.30	11.59	11.61	11.59	11.61
July	11.54	11.49	11.42	11.26	11.25	11.33	11.30	11.26	11.55	11.58	11.55	11.58

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 6 1928.

Flour has been in moderate demand or actually dull, and prices of late are said to have declined in some cases 10 to 20c., with wheat receipts large and quality better. Buyers are sticking to the old practice of buying from hand to mouth, regardless of developments in the wheat market or anywhere else.

Wheat has declined on favorable weather, but not heavily, for export prospects seem better. Prices ended 2 to 2½c. higher on June 30th, with export sales of fully 3,000,000 bushels. Liverpool was ¾ to 1d. higher, instead of as due ¼ to ½d. lower. Also there was continued unsettled weather in the Southwest harvesting areas. Crop advices from the Northwest were promising, but were neutralized by the reports of a serious black rust in parts of Kansas and smaller receipts at Kansas City. The rise in Liverpool was due to firmer Manitoba prices, reports of a good Continental demand, and outside buying. Early weather reports showed further rains in the Southwest. On the 2nd inst. early prices were 2 to 2½c. higher, with the Northwest and the Southwest firm, Liverpool up 3¼ to 3½d., Russia a buyer abroad of late of 6,000,000 bushels, advices that Russian government finds it hard to get out the wheat from the peasants, and rumors that at the seaboard Russia was asking for offers. No actual business in United States winter wheat appeared, however; other sales were 600,000 bushels. But the rise tapped selling in considerable volume, including heavy liquidation of July coincidentally with deliveries of over 5,000,000 bushels. Cash handlers and hedgers were active in switching to September at 3c. or better. Cash wheat was quiet at Chicago. A few lots of new wheat were offered to arrive. In the Southwest the weather was much more favorable. Harvesting will soon start if the weather continues good. Receipts were not heavy, but were increasing. The United States visible supply decreased 2,143,000 bushels against an increase of 952,000 in the same week last year; total 38,922,000 bushels

against 22,107,000 last year. Part of the early rise was lost. World's shipments of wheat for the week were 13,352,000 bushels against 15,180,000 last week and 10,636,000 bushels last year. Since July 1 1927 exports were 794,042,000 bushels against 813,220,000 last season. North America shipped 6,585,000 bushels, and since July 1 1927, 477,453,000 against 492,977,000 for the season previous.

A very important matter was discussed in a London cable to the New York "Times" July 3d: "The Russian government has been buying wheat in the world's grain markets during the past few days at a rate interpreted here to mean that it fears a serious famine. The quantities so far purchased are estimated to amount to between 150,000 and 200,000 tons, or 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 bushels. Cargoes of grain now on their way from North and South America to various European ports have been bought and are to be diverted to Russia, while stored supplies have also been bought at ports in England, Italy, France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. Russian buyers seem to be scouring the world for spot wheat which can be delivered promptly. Inquiries were current in freight markets to-day for vessels to load wheat for Russia at Hull, Liverpool, Hamburg and Rotterdam. While the demand has been for wheat that can be shipped from European ports immediately there are also inquiries for tonnage to load at Montreal at the end of July, which means that the wheat so shipped would not reach Russia until the end of August. Russia has not bought wheat to such extent since 1919 and 1920. Her purchases have taken the market by surprise, but a scarcity of Russian grain has been indicated by Riga reports. The Soviet government asserted on June 29th that the Russian crop would be better than last year, but independent reports declared that in the larger towns of Siberia, the Ukraine and Central Russia, grain difficulties had already become acute and that the prospects were bad. There had been passive resistance to the government's grain policy, and the summer crops covered a much smaller area than in 1927. A crop dictator was appointed for the Soviet Republic a week ago with extraordinary powers to prosecute all who "clogged the machinery of the Administration." He was also instructed, according to reports from Riga, to take new measures to insure the proper sowing of next year's crop and to combat the tendency to decrease production." Of what use? The peasant in the end will have to be placated by a policy reasonably favorable to his interests. Like the farmers all over the world, he is an individualist, not a communist, nor even a semi-communist. He wants the fruit of his own toil as do all other individuals whatever their occupation throughout the world. This dominant trait of humanity cannot be legislated out of existence.

On the 5th inst. prices declined 2 to 2½c. The weather at the Southwest was clear. Receipts increased noticeably. Kansas City had close to 400 cars, Hutchinson over 400 and Wichita 837. Export sales were 1,500,000 bushels, with Russia again in the market. Hard winter wheat was reported sold for export at the Gulf. To-day prices closed 1¾ to 2¼c. lower on large trading. Big southwestern receipts were a telling factor. Southwestern selling was hardly less so. It was supposed to be hedges. Foreign markets were weaker. Liverpool ended 1½c. lower owing to a cessation of Russian buying, as well as the downward turn in American market, not to mention the very favorable harvesting conditions in the Southwest. The forecast looked to their continuance. Harvesting is making satisfactory progress. The quality is said to be good. Spring wheat progress has been rapid, owing to very favorable weather. Rains have delayed harvesting in Oklahoma, but southwestern reports in the main have been rather favorable. A trace of black rust was reported in parts in Minnesota, but this had little effect. It is not believed to be serious. General sentiment is bearish. The technical position, on the other hand, is better. The long account has been sharply pruned. Bradstreet's North American shipments for the week are 5,459,000 bushels. They point to a total for the world of 10,136,000 bushels. Argentina shipped 2,845,000 bushels. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 1¾c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	180%	181¼	181½	Hol.	179¾	177¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	137%	138¾	138½	Hol-	136	134
September	140%	141¼	140%	day	138¾	136¾
December	144½	145%	144%		141¼	140½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	137 1/4	Holi- 137			137 1/4	136 1/4
October	138 3/4	day	138 1/4		138	136 3/4
December	137 1/4		137 1/4		136 1/4	135 1/4

Indian corn advanced on too much rain after the short side had been overdone. Cash prices have been strong. Prices ended 5/8c. to 2c. lower, the latter on July on June 30th. Heavy July liquidation was the weak point, aside from clear warm weather over the belt. That was needed beyond question. The selling for long account was general, owing to the better weather. Early prices were slightly higher, but the rise was both small and short lived. On the 2nd inst. prices ended 1/2c. lower to 1/2c. higher; July deliveries were 1,359,000 bushels at Chicago, mostly taken by one house; also of fair size at the Southwest. The average of the private crop estimates was 2,970,000,000 bushels on July 1st. It was larger than expected and caused some selling. Rains fell in the South and Central West, with the forecast for showers in some of the important regions, so that there was no sharp net decline. Indeed, early in the day prices were 1/2 to 1 1/8c. higher. The United States visible supply decreased last week 2,377,000 bushels, against an increase last year of 53,000 bushels. The total is 15,999,000 bushels against 34,427,000 a year ago. On the 5th inst. prices were 3/4c. lower to 3/4c. higher at the end. There was too much rain. Receipts were moderate. Cash markets were firm, but the forecast was for clearing weather.

To-day prices ended 1/4c. lower to 3/8c. higher. At one time early in the day they were generally 1/2 to 1c. higher. Later on came a reaction of some 1/2 to 3/4c. Professionals were selling. Liquidation was rather general. The weakness of September was something of a feature. It was sold against buying of December. Recent rains are said to have been excessive, and it is contended that December is relatively too cheap. Deliveries were small. There was an increase in country offerings. That caused selling. Fair sales have been made to arrive at Chicago. Outside markets, it is said, are paying noticeably higher prices than the Chicago parity. There is at least a fair cash demand. Cash markets were steady. Final prices show a rise for the week on July of 2c., while September is unchanged and December 3/4c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	122 3/4	122 3/4	125 1/4	Hol.	126 3/4	126 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	103 3/4	103 3/4	106	Holi-	106 3/4	107
September	100 1/4	99 3/4	101 1/4	day	101 3/4	101
December	84 1/4	84 1/4	85 1/4		84 1/4	85

Oats declined, with the weather mostly good. On June 30th prices ended 3/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher in moderate trading. Oats responded but slightly to the decline in corn, so far as a net change for the day was concerned. But they did react 1/2 to 1c. from the high of the day. On the 2nd inst. prices ended 1/4 to 3/4c. lower. The average crop estimate was 1,404,000,000 bushels. July early in the day advanced 1/2 to 1c.; later months were rather weaker all day. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,056,000 bushels against 130,000 last year; total now only 3,225,000 bushels against 17,790,000 a year ago. To-day prices ended 1/2 to 1 1/4c. lower, the latter on July. Liquidation was general. Stop orders were met. Not that the trading was very large, but the stress was on liquidation, especially as the weather was favorable. No aggressive buying appeared. There were predictions of lower cash markets in the near future. Possibly the wish is father to the thought. That remains to be seen. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	nom.	nom.	nom.	Hol.	nom.	nom.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	53 1/4	54	54 3/4	Holi-	53 3/4	52 1/4
September	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2	day	44 3/4	43 3/4
December	47 1/4	47	46 3/4		46 1/2	45 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	61 3/4	Holi-	61 1/4		64	63 3/4
October	54 1/4	day	54 1/4		54 1/4	54 1/4
December	51 1/4		51 1/4		50 3/4	50 3/4

Rye declined a little with other grain and because the weather was favorable. Prices on June 30th were 5/8 to

2 1/8c. net higher, with wheat rallying later, and export sales of it very large. Export business in rye, however, was still absent. On the 2nd inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1c. lower, after an early advance of 1 to 1 1/2c. in response to a rise in wheat. Poland's crop outlook seems to be unfavorable. But no export business developed here. Russia is said to have bought rye in foreign markets. The United States visible supply decreased last week 35,000 bushels and is now 2,495,000 bushels against 1,143,000 a year ago. On the 5th inst. prices closed 5/8 to 1 3/8c. lower, with the weather forecast favorable and a certain amount of liquidation in consequence. To-day prices ended 1 to 1 1/2c. lower on general liquidation, following a drop in wheat. The weather in the main was favorable. There was no great speculative demand. Within 48 hours the export sales have been 300,000 bushels or more. Buying against export sales acted as a brake on the decline, which might otherwise have been greater. Final prices show a decline for the week of 7/8 to 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	121 1/4	121	120 3/4	Holi-	120	118 3/4
September	117 1/4	117	116 3/4	day	115 1/2	114 3/4
December	119 1/4	118 1/4	118 1/4		117 1/2	116 3/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, f.o.b.-----1.77 1/4	No. 2 white-----nom.
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.-----1.54 1/4	No. 3 white-----73 1/2 @ 75 1/2
Corn, New York—	Rye, New York—
No. 2 yellow-----1.26 3/4	No. 2 f.o.b.-----1.26 3/4
No. 3 yellow-----1.22 3/4	Barley, New York—
	Malting-----1.05

FLOUR

Spring patents-----\$7.20 @ \$7.60	Rye flour, patents-----\$7.20 @ \$7.70
Clears, first spring-----6.50 @ 6.85	Semolina No. 2, pound-----4 1/4
Soft winter straights-----7.25 @ 7.75	Oats goods-----4.05 @ 4.15
Hard winter straights-----6.85 @ 7.35	Corn flour-----2.65 @ 2.75
Hard winter patents-----7.35 @ 7.85	Barley goods-----
Hard winter clears-----6.25 @ 6.75	Coarse-----4.10
Fancy Minn. patents-----8.95 @ 9.80	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4-----7.00 @ 7.25
City mills-----9.15 @ 9.85	

For other tables usually given here, see page 69.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 3.—The general summary of the weather bulletin, issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended July 3, follows:

At the first of the week there was a general warming up in most parts of the country, with rainfall rather local in character, but on the morning of the 28th another depression of considerable energy was central over the Great Plains, attended by widespread rains in the central valley States. This "low" moved northeastward to the St. Lawrence Valley by June 30, and general rains occurred over the central and eastern portions of the country, with heavy to excessive falls in many Ohio Valley districts and substantial to rather heavy amounts over the Northeast. Following this storm the weather became more settled in the interior, and somewhat cooler, while the latter part of the week was warmer and generally fair practically everywhere, except in the Northwest where unsettled, showery conditions prevailed.

Chart I shows that, notwithstanding the warmer weather toward the close of the week, the period, as a whole, was cooler, than normal over the greater portion of the country. In a considerable area, comprising the central Appalachian Mountains, the Ohio, central Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, the temperatures averaged from 3 to 6 deg. cooler than normal, and over nearly all sections west of the Rocky Mountains they were 2 deg. to about 6 deg. subnormal. In most of the South nearly normal warmth prevailed, except that it was much above normal in parts of the Southwest. The weekly means were also slightly above normal in limited areas of the Northeast, the Central-Northern States, and along the central and north Pacific coast. Minimum temperatures for the period in the Cotton Belt were generally from about 60 deg. in the north to 70 deg. in the south, while in the Corn Belt they were mostly in the 50s.

Chart II shows that substantial to heavy rains were less general during the period than in recent weeks, but some sections again had very heavy falls, especially parts of Tennessee, western Kentucky, and considerable portions of Missouri, where a number of stations reported from 3 to more than 4 inches. Rainfall was substantial also in much of the Northeast, the more southeastern districts, the northern Great Plains, and in some other parts of the Plains region. In the central and western Gulf sections, and over a large area of the Southwest, rainfall was light to moderate, with many stations reporting no measurable amount.

Subnormal temperature and continued showers, some of which were excessive, over the greater portion of the country east of the Rocky Mountains the first half of the week resulted in further delay in field work, but the change to fair and warmer the latter part brought a decided improvement. Complaints of interruption to harvest and cultivation of corn were especially numerous in the interior valleys where June was very wet in many places, with the rainfall the heaviest of record for that month in some districts. This has resulted in weedy fields from lack of cultivation, and lowlands have been frequently flooded.

Cultivation was resumed the latter part of the week, though on many bottom lands the soil continued too wet for work up to the close. Harvest is now making good progress, but continued dry weather is needed for this work and cultivation over most of the central and eastern portions of the country. In the South mostly light rainfall and moderate temperatures were favorable, except for too hot and dry in parts of the Southwest. Further rains were beneficial in the Northwest, and mostly favorable conditions prevailed west of the Rocky Mountains.

SMALL GRAINS.—Harvest of winter wheat was further interrupted by rain in the Southwest and in the southern portion of the eastern belt during the first half of the week, but with the improved weather much better progress was reported the latter half. Cutting had begun north to southern Ohio, well toward the central portion of Illinois, and to extreme southern Nebraska. Wheat is reported as dead ripe in the southeastern portion of Kansas, with the bulk of it uncut, while much is ripe

in Missouri; further delay by rains and wet fields was reported from Oklahoma, but conditions were favorable for threshing in Texas.

Favorable weather continued in the Spring Wheat Belt and that crop made rapid advance, while moderately cool temperatures and showers were beneficial in the North Pacific States. The oat crop shows improvement, and reports were generally favorable; the crop is mostly headed in the Ohio Valley and is heading well in upper Mississippi Valley districts. Rice made good advance generally, except that it was rather too cool in California. Recent weather has been very favorable for flax in the northern Plains States.

CORN.—On the whole, the corn crop made fair to very good advance during the week, though there were numerous complaints of weedy conditions and lack of cultivation because of persistently wet soil in many central valley districts. It was too cool for good growth the first part of the week, but marked improvement was afforded by the warm, sunny weather the latter part and cultivation was resumed in many places. In Iowa smaller corn is becoming weedy, but about one-fourth of the crop is reported as too tall to cultivate, while in the Great Plains some had been laid by north to Nebraska. In the Ohio Valley considerable needed cultivation was accomplished, especially on uplands the latter part of the week, but many fields are badly in need of cleaning. In the South progress was mostly fair to very good, while excellent advance was reported from most Atlantic Coast sections.

COTTON.—Except for the warm weather in parts of the West, temperatures were mostly moderate, and rainfall light to moderate in most sections of the Cotton Belt, though precipitation was heavy in some northern districts. In the Carolinas the weekly progress of cotton was generally good, with a few scattered blooms reported in the northern State, though there was too much rain in parts of the coastal plains. The crop is still backward, however, and its general condition poor to only fair. In Georgia advance was very good in scattered counties where rainfall was moderate, but generally it was poor to only fair, with plants everywhere small and late. In Tennessee growth on uplands was fairly good, with squares forming, but the condition of many lowlands was unfavorable, with reports of fields abandoned. In Alabama and Mississippi the weekly advance and cultivation ranged from poor to fairly good, but with general complaints of lateness and many grassy fields.

Cotton shows improvement in Louisiana, with the mostly fair and warm weather, but the general condition of the crop continues irregular and very late. In Arkansas progress was excellent in the south where rainfall was mostly light, but elsewhere there were complaints of flooded fields and much lack of cultivation in eastern and northern lowlands. In Oklahoma conditions were mostly unfavorable in the central and eastern portions where there has been too much rain and lack of cultivation, but the crop made fair to good advance in the west where cultivation was mostly good, though growth is generally backward. In Texas the weather, on the whole, was favorable, with progress of cotton fair to good, except where there was damage by hot winds and sandstorms in the west and northwest portions; early plants are fruiting fairly well and cultivation is very good, except where too wet in the northeast. The weather in recent weeks has been favorable for weevil activity in many parts of the Cotton Belt.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures moderate, but mostly below normal, and showers frequently first part of week; conditions favorable and good progress in growth of all crops. Showers first part interrupted wheat harvest and cultivation of other crops, but latter part favorable for farm work. Pastures much improved; favorable for fruit.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Growth and color of cotton good, though too much rain in portions of coastal plain hindered cultivation and favored weevil activity; squares forming on large areas and a few scattered blooms in south; condition of crop rather poor to only fair. Tobacco improving; corn excellent advance, but too much rain for peaches. Other crops doing well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Weather generally favorable, except for excessive rains in some central sections, and plowing retarded in north, with grass increasing; rains very beneficial in south. Progress of cotton very good, with squares and bloom increasing, but crop still backward. Rain improved germination of stubble land, corn, and forage. Tobacco much improved and curing general. Sweet potatoes doing well; transplanting nearing completion.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Complaints almost general of too much rain greatly interfering with cultivation of crops. In scattered counties where rains were moderate, progress of cotton good, but elsewhere mostly poor to only fair; plants everywhere small and late. Advance of corn very good; practically all planted. Sweet potatoes doing well; much tobacco cured and quality excellent. Shipments of peaches and apples increasing and first carload shipments of Georgia watermelons this week.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress of cotton fair and condition good, except poor in west where rain unfavorable and sunshine needed. Late corn generally good; peanuts and cane improved. Harvesting tobacco delayed by frequent rains. Citrus trees, including satsumas in west, in good condition, with fruit well developed and holding. Setting sweet potatoes. Melon shipments active in northern counties. Stage of small streams and lakes nearer normal than for several years.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Soil still too wet some sections and cultivation progressed slowly; fields continue grassy in most sections. Progress of corn, tree fruits, and minor crops varies from poor to good; much corn remains unplanted in north. Sweet potatoes doing well; transplanting continues in north. Growth of pastures and truck crops mostly fair to good; some excellent. Progress of cotton poor to only fair; squares forming in south and central and blooming locally in south plants small and late; weather favorable for weevil activity and other insects in south and central.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Continued dry weather needed. Progress of cultivation and growth of cotton fairly good, but many fields grassy and seasonal development poor. Progress of corn generally fair, with condition of cultivation somewhat poor. Progress of fruit, gardens, and pastures generally good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Showers south beginning of week, but little rain otherwise, and dry, warm weather favorable for crops and cultivation. Cotton improved, but condition continues irregular and generally very late; some fields abandoned due to lack of cultivation; blooming reported all sections; weather not sufficiently warm to check weevil activity. Corn also irregular, but generally doing well. Cane improved, although still behind season. Rice and minor crops making good progress.

Texas.—Houston: Rain at about one-third of reporting stations, mostly in northeast and along upper coast. Favorable for threshing, which made good progress. Pastures, feed crops, truck, and corn made fair to good progress, except where damaged by hot winds and sandstorms in portions of west and northwest; a good early corn crop made. Progress and condition of rice very good. Weather mostly favorable for cotton, except high winds detrimental, and some damage by hot winds and sandstorms in west and northwest; early fruiting fairly well; advance of cultivation very good, except in northeast where too wet.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Mostly cloudy, with frequent rain, and unfavorable, except last two days. Some hail damage. Harvesting and threshing wheat and oats further delayed by rain and wet fields. Progress and condition of corn generally fair to excellent; early tasselings. Progress of cotton generally rather poor in central and east where too much rain and fields grassy, but fairly good in west where generally well cultivated; crop mostly very late; early setting squares; weather favorable for weevil activity. Minor crops and pastures good to excellent.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton excellent southern portion where rain light, but elsewhere some fields inundated; cultivation progressing rapidly, but some fields very foul in eastern and northern lowlands. Progress of corn very good to excellent, except eastern and northern lowlands where poor. Very favorable for rice, meadows, pastures, and lands where poor. Very favorable for wheat and oat harvests, haying, and digging potatoes; some grain badly damaged in fields.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Excessive rain, windstorms, and floods seriously damaged crops, and much grain damaged on lowlands. Progress of corn on uplands very good. Progress of cotton fairly good; squares forming, but many fields of cotton and corn abandoned. Considerable damage to wheat, especially in shock; oats about ready to harvest and appear good. Tobacco leaves curling and general condition poor. Truck generally good to excellent some sections.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Cool until near close; excessive rains first half damaged crops and land; weediness increased and now so bad that cleaning crops difficult or impossible. Much corn knee-high, without cultivation; worst in west, but cultivation resumed on uplands last day. Growth

of corn and tobacco fair; condition very good on best drained land; mostly ruined on bottoms. Wheat harvest completed in south; proceeding north on uplands. Oats fine, but rank and falling.

California.—San Francisco: No precipitation of importance and temperature subnormal, with considerable deficiency in interior valleys middle of week. Humidity above normal generally and low fire hazard. Cool weather favorable for outdoor work, grain harvest, sugar beets, truck crops, and over-ripe peaches and pears, but delayed rice, cotton, alfalfa, melons and apricot drying. Citrus and grapes continue good.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, July 6 1928.

Aside from cottons and linens, business in the textile markets, considering the holiday suspension, totaled quite satisfactorily. In the remaining sections of the industry, orders were considered fair with indications favoring further improvement. Silks, perhaps, afford the best example of this, as manufacturers are in a particularly good position to take advantage of any spurt in business. The latter have recently provided themselves with a good supply of the raw supplies at lower prices than those now prevailing for the new crop staple, thus enabling them to meet the competition of rayons and other textiles. Furthermore, trade statistics, as published by the Silk Association of America, show the industry to be in a favorable position. Reports indicate that there has been a better demand for silk fabrics among both consumers, retailers and wholesalers, and although this has been confined largely to spot sales, interest in the new fall lines is increasing. As a matter of fact, trade in the new season's goods is already satisfactory and factors are looking forward to a continued large consumption. Regarding rayons, the recent announcement that current prices would be maintained until October 31st, evidently removed doubts concerning the stability of values in most quarters. Consumption is steadily increasing and producers are centering their energies in diversifying their product in accordance with the varying demands of manufacturers. The finer sizes are reported to be well sold ahead. Woolen and worsteds continue to improve and an increasing interest in women's wear fabrics, coupled with the expanding demand for men's goods, are encouraging factors.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Interrupted by the holiday, markets for domestic cotton goods have been generally quiet during the week. Aside from some spot business, and retailers shopping for odd lots for Summer bargain sales, orders have not been very plentiful. Many buyers and sellers were out of the market during the first half of the week, while the majority of mills closed their plants the entire week. Supplementing the already large reduction in production schedules practiced for some months past, it is expected that stocks will be reduced about 2% of the annual output by this week's shutdowns. Nevertheless, many are considering the advisability of prolonging the suspensions, claiming that much of the effect would be lost if they were to resume full time operations immediately. Stocks in the hands of mills are estimated to be equal to several weeks' output, and if they were to start full production now it would only mean a reduction of about 20% in their accumulations. In the meantime, prices have continued steady to firm, despite the fact that quotations for the raw product eased off earlier in the week and subsequently rallied after the holiday. Merchants are continuing their efforts to bring prices on a parity with the raw material. Sentiment is relatively confident and it is expected that jobbers will enter the market within a week or so to cover their fall requirements. Recent warm weather has done much to stimulate consumer buying and reduce stocks, which should encourage more active buying of the new lines. Print cloths 28-inch 64x61's construction are quoted at 6½¢, and 27-inch 64x60's at 6¢. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 9¢, and 39-inch 80x80's at 10½¢.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Business in the markets for woolens and worsteds continues to improve. It is apparent that the market, as a whole, has almost completed its readjustment to the current practice of small lot buying. In doing this, manufacturers have had to keep production down to the basis of buying and confine themselves to accumulating stocks of goods known to have a ready market. The industry is in an undeniably strong statistical position, and prospects for the coming season are bright. In the meantime, although the volume of orders placed has been fairly good, the absence of many factors, extending their holiday, has tended to more or less restrict business the greater part of the week.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Aside from a scattered request for hot weather requisites such as dress goods, knickers and handkerchiefs, markets for linens have failed to show any improvement this week. Orders are relatively scarce as buyers remain generally uninterested. On the other hand, many houses have continued busy taking inventories. Reports from the continent indicate that business is so poor that many are considering closing mills for a considerable period in order to conserve resources. However, others are hoping to revive interest through the uniting of rayons and flax. Experiments in this direction have elicited favorable comment. Burlaps are firmer in both primary and domestic markets owing to the preliminary Government forecast of a small jute acreage planted. Light weights are quoted at 8.35¢, and heavies at 10.70¢.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JUNE AND FOR THE HALF-YEAR.

State and municipal financing for the month of June aggregated \$129,686,458. This figure compares with \$154,205,720, which represented the total output for the previous month. In June 1927 long-term borrowing was \$158,862,319.

The total output of State and municipal bonds during the first six months of 1928 aggregated \$774,978,051. In the first half of 1927 the disposals totaled \$839,907,720, being approximately \$64,000,000 more than in the current year, which is to be attributed in part to the unsettled condition of the money market, particularly during the last month, though last year's total was also swollen by the bringing out in May 1927 of an issue of \$60,000,000 4% bonds by the City of New York, which has made no public offering the present year thus far, with the exception of an issue of \$10,000,000 assessment bonds issued during this month. For the first six months of 1926 the total was \$748,986,936; for 1925, \$751,838,574; for 1924, \$788,744,973, and for 1923, \$584,800,923.

The most conspicuous borrowing during June was that of the City of Baltimore, Md., which disposed of ten issues of bonds maturing serially from 1933 to 1975, inclusive, nine issues, aggregating \$11,604,000, bearing 4% interest and one issue of \$1,756,000 sold as 5s. The total amount placed was \$13,360,000, the award being made to a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York at 99.949, a basis of about 4.165%. The other large issues sold during the month are indicated in the following:

- \$8,550,000 bonds of the City of Buffalo, N. Y., maturing serially from 1929 to 1948, incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. at 100.081, a basis of about 4.173%, taking \$6,950,000 bonds as 4½s and \$1,600,000 bonds as 4s.
- 7,500,000 4% bonds of the City of Philadelphia, Pa., \$1,750,000 of which maturing in 1978 were awarded to the Sinking Fund Trustees at 100.05, and the remaining bonds were distributed to about 18 local banks at par, each institution receiving 58% of the amount of bonds bid for.
- 6,356,000 4¼% bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, Pa., consisting of nine issues maturing serially from 1929 to 1958 incl., awarded to the Union Trust Co. and the Mellon National Bank, both of Pittsburgh, jointly, at a cost basis to the city of about 4.086%.
- 5,500,000 4½% bonds maturing in 1948 of the City of Louisville, Ky., awarded privately to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis and Harris, Forbes & Co., jointly. (Price paid not disclosed.)
- 4,275,000 4½% bonds of the City of Milwaukee, Wis., consisting of two issues maturing serially from 1929 to 1947 incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. at 102.35, a basis of about 4.21%.
- 3,000,000 West Chicago Park District, Ill., bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by A. B. Leach & Co. as 4½s at 101.69, a basis of about 4.29%. The bonds mature serially from 1929 to 1947 inclusive.
- 2,872,000 5% State of Michigan bonds, consisting of three issues, awarded to Watling, Lerchen & Hayes of Detroit as follows: \$2,602,000 bonds at 100.312, \$137,000 bonds at 100.09, and \$133,000 bonds at 100.012. (Report unofficial.)
- 2,700,000 4% Cook County, Ill., bonds maturing in equal annual amounts from 1930 to 1947 incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 98.10, a basis of about 4.225%.
- 2,080,000 Houston, Texas, bonds, consisting of 10 issues maturing serially from 1929 to 1958 incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by Lehman Bros. of New York, at 100.012, a basis of about 4.29%, taking \$1,000,000 bonds as 4s, \$638,000 bonds as 4½s and \$442,000 bonds as 4¼s.
- 1,874,000 bonds of the State of Maryland, consisting of two issues maturing serially from 1931 to 1943 incl., \$1,250,000 4% bonds awarded to Alex Brown & Sons of Baltimore at 99.313, a basis of about 4.01%, and \$624,000 4½% certificates of indebtedness awarded to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of N. Y. at 100.533, a basis of about 4.29%.
- 1,500,000 4½% Mobile County, Ala., bonds maturing serially from 1931 to 1958 incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York at 99.25, a basis of about 4.56%.
- 1,475,000 4¼% City of Yonkers, N. Y., bonds maturing serially from 1929 to 1943 incl., awarded to Estabrook & Co. and Bancitaly Corp., both of New York, jointly, at 100.441, a basis of about 4.14%.
- 1,351,876 4¼% Minneapolis, Minn., bonds maturing serially from 1929 to 1948 incl., awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at 100.81, a basis of about 4.15%.
- 1,250,000 4¼% City of Cleveland, Ohio, bonds maturing serially from 1929 to 1938 incl., awarded to the Old Colony Corp. of Boston and Grau & Co. of Cincinnati, jointly, at 100.04, a basis of about 4.24%.
- 1,175,000 City of Birmingham, Ala., 4¼% bonds, awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Co. of Detroit, taking \$1,005,000 bonds at 102.26, a basis of about 4.35%, and \$170,000 bonds at 100.26, a basis of about 4.45%.
- 1,030,000 6% Coral Gables, Fla., bonds, consisting of two issues awarded to a syndicate headed by the Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit at 95.
- 1,000,000 4¼% Lake Champlain Bridge Commission, N. Y., bonds, maturing serially from 1940 to 1958 incl., awarded to the National City Co. and the Old Colony Corp. jointly at 99.429, a basis of about 4.29%.

1,000,000 4% Portland, Ore., bonds maturing serially from 1939 to 1958 incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York at 96.16, a basis of about 4.28%.

On account of the tense monetary situation, a number of municipalities did not succeed in disposing of their offerings, either having failed to receive bids or having rejected the bids because unsatisfactory. Among the more important of these may be mentioned: Three issues of 4¼ or 4½% bonds aggregating \$986,000 of the Borough of Ridgefield, N. J., offered on June 5, all bids rejected; \$608,000 not to exceed 6% Sanford, Fla., bonds, offered on June 11, no bids were submitted. Five issues of 4¼% bonds aggregating \$204,000 of the City of Muskegon, Mich., offered unsuccessfully on June 8. Allen County, Ind., failed to receive a bid on June 11 for \$125,000 4% bonds offered for sale. Sioux City, Iowa, on June 27 rejected all bids for two issues of 4¼% bonds aggregating \$180,000 scheduled for sale. In addition, the State of Mississippi on June 21 rejected all bids for the purchase of three issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$5,845,000. The bonds were re-offered on July 2 with the same result.

Temporary borrowing during the month aggregated \$45,294,982. This includes \$26,370,000 borrowed by New York City. The city also issued during June \$4,100,000 general fund bonds bearing 3% interest and maturing on Nov. 1 1930, and \$10,000,000 assessment bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4% and maturing on or before June 13 1938. The City and County of Honolulu sold an issue of \$1,000,000 5% bonds maturing serially from 1933 to 1957, inclusive, to a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 107.41, a basis of about 4.38%, and the Government of the Philippine Islands awarded an issue of \$500,000 4½% bonds maturing on May 1 1958 to a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. of New York at 105.15, a basis of about 4.18%. The Dominion of Newfoundland sold an issue of \$10,003,400 5% bonds to the Dominion Securities Corp. and Wood, Gundy & Co., both of Toronto, bidding jointly with a group of London bankers, paying £97 15s. per £100. None of the bonds were sold here. Canadian loans for the month amounted to \$12,296,885, none of which were placed in the United States. We learn authoritatively that the Province of Nova Scotia has floated a short term loan of \$10,500,000, maturing in 2 months, to bear interest at the rate of 4%. The loan was negotiated with a syndicate headed by the Bank of Montreal, Canada, and included a number of American investment houses.

Below we furnish comparison of all the various forms of obligations sold in June during the last five years:

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm. loans (U. S.)	129,686,458	158,862,319	140,731,789	139,653,772	242,451,538
*Temp. loans (U. S.)	45,294,982	33,251,224	60,248,000	99,813,948	52,231,933
Canada'n l'ns (perm't):					
Placed in Canada	12,296,885	3,463,862	6,326,919	7,523,780	7,507,352
Placed in U. S.---	-----	-----	16,292,000	12,132,000	1,705,000
General fund bonds					
(N. Y. City)---	4,100,000	-----	-----	15,000,000	-----
Bonds U. S. Posses's	1,500,000	3,435,000	1,000,000	-----	-----
Total	192,878,325	199,012,405	224,698,708	274,123,600	303,895,823

* Includes temporary securities (revenue bonds and bills and corporate stock notes) issued by New York City, \$26,370,000 in June 1928, \$35,975,000 in 1926, \$66,494,000 in 1925, \$23,350,000 in 1924 and \$30,629,000 in June 1923.

The number of municipalities in the United States issuing permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during June 1928 were 433 and 565, respectively. This contrasts with 520 and 733 for May 1928 and 583 and 713 for June 1927.

For comparative purposes we give the following table, showing the aggregate for June and the six months for a series of years. In these figures temporary loans and bonds issued by Canadian municipalities are excluded:

Month of	For the	Month of	For the		
June.	Six Months.	June.	Six Months.		
1928	\$129,686,458	\$774,978,051	1910	\$119,369,775	\$162,846,110
1927	158,862,319	839,907,720	1909	*62,124,450	207,125,317
1926	140,731,789	748,986,936	1908	31,606,064	169,082,579
1925	139,653,772	751,838,574	1907	21,390,486	115,347,589
1924	242,451,538	788,744,973	1906	21,686,622	102,338,245
1923	161,711,897	584,800,923	1905	19,016,754	111,723,054
1922	118,969,285	655,086,150	1904	24,425,909	137,869,155
1921	110,412,059	466,415,487	1903	16,926,619	79,576,434
1920	45,113,020	322,661,532	1902	28,417,172	87,628,395
1919	100,378,461	305,650,839	1901	13,468,098	61,223,060
1918	27,821,083	151,766,284	1900	19,670,126	77,943,665
1917	28,510,832	221,579,100	1899	29,348,742	63,345,376
1916	47,555,691	283,464,572	1898	9,704,925	44,078,547
1915	108,976,280	322,982,610	1897	16,385,065	73,275,377
1914	54,403,787	357,557,177	1896	12,732,308	43,176,964
1913	39,386,230	218,879,270	1895	15,907,441	56,991,613
1912	49,455,807	246,289,293	1894	16,359,377	66,426,992
1911	27,470,820	223,262,370	1893	1,888,935	32,663,115
			1892	12,249,000	49,093,291

z Includes \$71,000,000 4½s of N. Y. City. * Includes \$40,000,000 4s of N. Y. City.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS

Florida (State of).—Further Developments in Everglades Litigation.—Bearing on the suit instituted by Spitzer, Rorick & Co. to stop delivery of \$20,000,000 Everglades Drainage District bonds (V. 126, p. 3959) to Dillon, Read & Co., and Eldredge & Co., the following comment on the action, written by Edward H. Collins, appeared in the "Herald-Tribune" of July 5:

The essential points involved in the suit of Spitzer, Rorick & Co. to prevent delivery of \$20,000,000 Florida Everglades bonds to the purchasers of the latter, Dillon, Read & Co., and Eldredge & Co., are summarized in a memorandum that has just been prepared for this column by Murray, Aldrich & Roberts, counsel for the plaintiff bankers.

The main portion of the action, it is pointed out in this memorandum, is to have the so-called Martin Act, passed by the Florida Legislature in 1927, authorizing \$20,000,000 in new bonds declared unconstitutional on the ground that it violates the contractual rights of the holders of the \$10,250,000 previously emitted bonds now outstanding. Most of these latter bonds were marketed through Spitzer, Rorick & Co. As an incident to the main purpose of this suit and to prevent the Drainage Board from selling and distributing to investors the newly issued bonds, the plaintiffs are praying for a temporary injunction to restrain the Everglades Drainage Board from selling any part of these bonds until "full and final hearings" can be held in the action attacking their constitutionality.

The Principle at Issue.

"The principle of law involved in the suit," according to attorneys for the plaintiff, "is whether a State Legislature can impair the contractual rights existing between any previous purchaser of municipal or district bonds and the municipality or district issuing said bonds, by thereafter passing an act attempting to modify, lessen or impair the security given to said bondholder under the laws existing at the time his bonds were issued by said municipality or district and purchased by him.

"Section 19 of the original drainage act provides but nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation of the right of the Legislature to authorize additional bonds of said board, payable from drainage taxes, within said district, provided any such additional authority shall be accompanied by the levy and imposition of additional taxes and assessments sufficient to meet the payment of the bonds authorized and interest thereon as the same shall become due, such payment to be provided for by a sinking fund as herein required, and such additional bonds shall constitute an obligation of equal dignity with the bonds herein authorized, and equally with the bonds herein authorized may be entitled to payment from all drainage taxes then or thereafter imposed upon the lands within said district, without preference to any bonds or series of bonds over any other bonds or series of bonds.

"Counsel for plaintiffs contended at the hearing that the act of 1927 authorizing \$20,000,000 new bonds was not accompanied by a levy by the Legislature of sufficient additional taxes and assessments to pay all additional bonds as required by Section 19 of the Everglades Drainage Act and which provision constituted a very important part of the contract existing between the holders of the bonds now outstanding and the drainage district.

Instead of the Legislature in 1927 levying sufficient additional taxes and assessments with which to pay the \$20,000,000 of bonds authorized, Section 2 of said act provides: there is hereby appropriated for the payment of such bonds proceeds of the acreage taxes heretofore or hereafter levied in such district, over and above the amounts which the Board may use for amounts or redemption of bonds now outstanding and payable exclusively out of such acreage taxes. Counsel for plaintiffs contended that the 1927 Act did not levy any taxes whatever under said act and that the statute itself expressly provided "all assessments and levies herein authorized shall be made by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District."

The Tax Question.

"Counsel contended that as a matter of fact the Drainage Board has never undertaken to make any levy of any ad valorem tax or any other tax with which to pay the \$20,000,000 of bonds authorized except to levy an ad valorem tax of one-fifth of one mill upon the real property within the district having an assessed valuation at present of approximately \$106,000,000 which purported ad valorem tax would only produce if paid in full by every property owner the insignificant amount of approximately \$21,200, whereas the annual interest of 5% on \$20,000,000 of new bonds would be \$1,000,000 and the minimum annual sinking fund required by status of 2% would be \$400,000 more. In other words, to meet the minimum annual interest and sinking fund charge of \$1,400,000 on the \$20,000,000 new bonds the legislature levied no taxes whatever in the act and the Drainage Board in pursuance to the authority given them under said act have only levied an ad valorem tax of approximately \$21,200.

New Jersey (State of).—Municipal League Committee Appointments.—The following article, taken from the New York "World" of June 26 gives the list of the committee appointments as announced by President of the State League of Municipalities Henry A. Lardner of Montclair:

Legal Advisory Committee: George S. Harris of Montclair, Chairman; Alfred Hurrell of Glen Ridge, Jerome T. Congleton of Newark, Walter C. Ellis of East Orange, Charles H. Stewart of Irvington, Spaulding Frazer of Essex Fells, Leighton Caulkins of Plainfield, Edward Nugent of Elizabeth, F. Hamilton Reeve of Englewood, James D. Carton of Asbury Park, Charles F. Lynch of Paterson and William C. Asper of Weehawken.

Engineering Advisory Committee: Morris R. Sherrard of Newark, Chairman; Henry A. Lardner of Montclair, William D. Willgerod of East Orange, Arthur Noack of Garfield, Thomas E. Collins of Elizabeth, Howard V. Keast of Salem, J. P. Broomer of Summit, E. J. Fort of Ridgewood, Mayor Clyde Potts of Morristown, William H. Collison of Ocean City, Paul C. Volcker of Cape May City, J. C. Remington, Jr., of Camden, William A. Stickle of Newark, Gerald W. Knight of Passaic, Henry J. Sherman of Camden, Jacob Bauer of Elizabeth and Frederick O. Runyon of Newark.

New York State.—Mrs. Knapp Files Appeal.—The former Secretary of State on June 26 filed a notice of appeal from her conviction of misappropriation of funds from the 1925 census. The appeal will come up before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State in the fall. Although sentence was postponed by the presiding judge until Sept. 4, Mr. John J. Conway, Mrs. Knapp's defense counsel said the reason for the filing of the appeal was his determination not to await the sentencing of his client.

New York State.—Last of \$22,500,000 Bond Issue Floated During March Sold.—The Chase Securities Corp of New York according to the New York "Times" of July 6, announced on behalf of the syndicate which was awarded on March 6—V. 126, p. 1553—\$22,500,000 3½, 3¾ and 4% bonds, that the last of the issue which was a block of \$4,000,000 has been sold to a single purchaser. The price of the remaining bonds had been reduced to 3.85% basis from a 3.70% yield which has been prevailing for several weeks. The bonds it is stated will remain out of the market indefinitely. The "Times" also said:

The bonds originally were offered by the Chase syndicate last March at prices to yield 3.50 to 3.65%. They consisted of 3¼s, 3¾s and 4s, maturing serially from 1929 to 1978. Those sold en bloc yesterday consisted of 3¼s, 3¾s and 4s of short maturities.

These bonds were sold by the State when the municipal bond market was at its peak. The subsequent declines which have taken place in high-grade municipals have forced the market for the State's bonds lower. The market has never been overloaded with State of New York bonds since Comptroller Tremaine adopted the plan of utilizing the State Sinking Fund to improve the market for the State's own bonds.

At the time of the sale last March the Comptroller announced that the State would not be in the market again this year with bonds. This announcement, coupled with the fact that the new bonds have been in strong hands, has tended to keep the prices steady despite the downward trend of municipal prices for many weeks.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABILENE, Dickinson County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4% semi-annual coupon bonds aggregating \$66,500, offered for sale on June 25—V. 126, p. 3959—were awarded to the Citizens Bank of Abilene at a discount of \$331, equal to 99.59, a basis of about 4.10%. The issues are described as follows: \$58,500 general sewer bonds. Due \$5,850 from 1929 to 1938, incl. 8,000 paving bonds. Due \$800 from 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated July 1 1928.

ADAMS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Decatur County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Township Trustees, until 10 a. m. July 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$19,500 4½% school building bonds. Dated June 15 1928. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$1,000, June and Dec. 15 1929 to 1937 incl.; and \$1,000, June \$500, Dec. 15 1938. Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross and McCord of Indianapolis.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 4¼% road improvement bonds offered on June 28—V. 126, p. 3959—were awarded to the First National Bank of Fort Wayne, on its unconditional bid of par and accrued interest. Dated June 25 1928. Due \$2,000, on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. The following conditional bids were received:

Bidder—	Premium.
J. F. Wild Investment Co.....	\$201.00
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.....	147.00

ALLISON SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), San Diego County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on July 9 by J. B. McLees, County Clerk, for the purchase of an \$8,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5½%, payable on June and Dec. 11. Alternate bids at differing rates may be made. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 11 1928. Due \$1,000 from 1941 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Approving opinion of Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco will be furnished. A certified check for 3% must accompany the bid.

The assessed valuation of said school district for the year 1928, is \$1,499,215 and the outstanding bonded indebtedness is \$50,000. Said district includes an area of 25 square miles and the estimated population is 3,518.

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Anderson), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 18, by C. S. Minor, Jr., Business Manager of the Board of Education, for the purchase of an issue of \$105,000 semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. (These are the bonds scheduled for sale on June 30—V. 126, p. 3803.)

BAY CITY, Bay County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—George L. Lusk, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$28,000 4½% local improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1931. A certified check for \$500 must accompany each bid.

BEACHWOOD (P. O. Warrensville R. F. D.), Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted on June 19, for the purchase of \$25,000 5% special assessment sewer bonds scheduled to have been sold—V. 126, p. 3630—were rejected.

BELEN, Valencia County, N. M.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$126,000, offered for sale on June 25—V. 126, p. 3331—were awarded as follows: \$60,000 water supply bonds as 6s to Taylor, Wilson & Co. of Cincinnati at a price of 102, a basis of about 5.83%. Due from July 1 1933 to 1974 and optional after July 1 1948. 36,000 sewer system bonds as 5½s at par to a local bank. Due from July 1 1933 to 1944 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,200 4¼% coupon road bonds offered on June 30—V. 126, p. 3803—were awarded to the J. F. Wild Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$365 equal to 101.44, a basis of about 4.70%. Dated June 15 1928. Due \$1,260, May and Nov. 15 from 1929 to 1938 incl. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Premium.
Union Trust Co.....	\$282.00
Meyer-Kiser Bank.....	305.00
City Securities Corp.....	257.00

BERKELEY COUNTY (P. O. Moncks Corner) S. C.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$45,000, offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 3960—were awarded as follows: \$30,000 highway improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1929 to 1958 incl. to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati for a premium of \$723, equal to 102.41, a basis of about 4.77%. 15,000 highway improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1929 to 1943 incl. to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Moncks Corner for a premium of \$140, equal to 100.933, a basis of about 4.91%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank in New York City.

BERNALILLO COUNTY (P. O. Albuquerque), N. Mex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$120,000 issue of 6% road bonds that was reported sold—V. 126, p. 3630—was jointly purchased by the U. S. National Co., Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co. and the International Trust Co., all of Denver at a price of 100.265, a basis of about 5.88%. Due \$30,000 from Sept. 1 1929 to 1932 incl.

BERKLEY, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, were awarded on June 25, an issue of \$225,000 village bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5¼% at a premium of \$1,428, equal to 100.634.

BLAWNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the District Secretary, until 7 p. m. July 24, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 4½% school bonds dated Aug. 1 1928 in denoms. of \$1,000 and maturing on Aug. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937 and 1939; and \$15,000, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1948. A certified check payable to the order of the District for \$1,000 is required.

BOGOTA, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harlan P. Ross, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 2, for the sale of bonds aggregating \$191,080.63: \$101,500 4¼% public improvement bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce, including the premium the amount authorized. \$9,580.63 not to exceed 5½% temporary improvement bonds.

The long term bonds mature on Aug. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1937 incl.; \$7,000, 1938 to 1944 incl.; and \$7,500, 1945. The temporary impt. bonds mature on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1937 incl.; \$7,000, 1938 to 1944 incl.; and \$7,500, 1945. The temporary impt. bonds mature on Aug. 1, as follows: \$61,580.63, 1929; \$6,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; and \$5,000, 1933 and 1934. Prin. and int. payable in gold in New York or Bogota. A certified check payable to the order of Frederick H. Purdue, Borough Collector, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

BORDULAC TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bordulac), Foster County, N. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by C. O. Johnson, Township Clerk, that the \$3,000 issue of semi-annual township bonds offered on June 28—V. 126, p. 3960—has not as yet been sold.

BOSTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer until 11 a. m. July 9 for the purchase of a \$1,500,000 temporary loan, on a discount basis. Dated July 10 1928 and maturing on Oct. 3 1928.

BRADENTON, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Aug. 1, by L. L. Hine, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$302,000 issue of semi-annual refunding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5½%. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$20,000, 1931 to 1943 incl. and \$21,000, 1944 and 1945. Bonds will be delivered as the funds are needed. Details as listed above may change to suit proposals. A \$10,000 certified check payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

BOWLING GREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bowling Green), Ky.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following detailed statement is furnished in connection with the offering on July 18—V. 126, p. 4116—of the \$90,000 issue of coupon school bonds:
Estimated actual value of taxable property.....\$14,000,000
Assessed value for taxation for year 1927..... 8,732,873
Assessed value for taxation for year 1928..... 8,633,125
Total bonded debt of City of Bowling Green..... 617,500
Estimated floating or unfunded debt..... 30,000
Water works bonds included in the above..... 378,000
(\$309,000 of the above water works bonds are secured solely by the income from water works, and not from taxation.)
Population: Census 1920 was 9,638. Estimated now 15,000. Present rate of taxation: For city purposes, \$1; for school purposes, \$1; for hospital sinking fund, 15 cents; total, \$2.15.

BROWNSVILLE, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$100,000 4½% serial park bonds was registered by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, on June 25.

BURTON, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry O. Hill, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 10, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$11,500: \$8,000 trunk line sanitary sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$800, 1929 and \$400, 1930 to 1947, inclusive.
3,500 Village's portion water works bonds. Due \$500, Oct. 1 1929 to 1935, inclusive.
Dated July 1 1928. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Henry F. Lehan, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 9, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$1,000,000 temporary loan dated July 9 1928 and payable on Nov 7 1928 at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

CAMDEN, Ouachita County, Ark.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$20,000 issue of 5½% semi-annual fire equipment bonds offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 4117—was not sold. They will be reoffered in the near future.

CANTON, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank J. Ellwood, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$15,000 4½% coupon street bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1 1929 to 1943, inclusive. Principal and interest payable in Canton. Bidders to satisfy themselves as to the legality of the bonds.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Roscoe), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 21, by Ella Brown, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$3,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school building bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due in 1933. A certified check for \$150 must accompany the bid.

CARLISLE, Nicholas County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. O. Vaughn, City Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. on July 9, for the purchase of a \$2,500 issue of improvement bonds.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 5% improvement bonds offered on June 29—V. 126, p. 3961—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, at a premium of \$198.80 equal to 101.42, a basis of about 4.70%. Dated April 1 1928. Due \$1,400, Oct. 1 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

CARSON COUNTY (P. O. Panhandle), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$220,000 issue of 4½% road bonds that was registered on May 28—V. 126, p. 3804—has recently been purchased by the State Board of Education at par. Due serially from 1929 to 1958. This issue is a part of a total authorized issue of \$1,000,000 and the sale of these bonds makes total sold of \$520,000.

CATLETTSBURG, Boyd County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 issue of bridge improvement bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 3804—was awarded to Walter Woody & Heimerdinger of Cincinnati as \$5 for \$215 premium, equal to 100.767. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$1,400 from 1929 to 1948, incl.

CEDAR COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$112,000 issue of semi-annual primary road bonds offered for sale on June 29—V. 126, p. 3961—was awarded to the City National Bank of Tipton as 4½% bonds, for a premium of \$1,220, equal to 101.089, a basis of about 4.38%. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1934 to 1942 and \$22,000 in 1943. The other bids for the same rate were as follows:

	Premium.
John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago.....	\$1,215
C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago.....	1,040

CHARLESTON, Charleston County, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$56,000 issue of 4½% series O paving bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 3961—was awarded to the South Carolina National Bank of Charleston for a discount of \$770 equal to 98.625, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 and 1931; \$5,000, 1932; \$6,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; \$6,000, 1935 and 1936; \$5,000, 1937 and 1938 and \$6,000 in 1939.

The other bids for the bonds were as follows:
Bidder—
Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati..... Price Bid.
Peoples Security Co. of Charleston..... \$55,165.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein of Cincinnati..... 54,940.00

CHEROKEE COUNTY (P. O. Gaffney), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,000 issue of coupon highway bonds offered for sale on June 28—V. 126, p. 3804—was awarded to David Robison & Co. of Toledo as 4½% bonds for a \$25 premium, equal to 100.051, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$4,900 from Jan. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.

CHESAPEAKE, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,240 6% improvement bonds offered on June 28—V. 126, p. 3631—were awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$231.00 equal to 103.86, a basis of about 5.18%. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$624 on Sept. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive. Other bids were as follows:

	Premium.
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.....	\$19.77
Well, Roth & Irving Co.....	14.00
First Citizens Corp.....	137.12

CHICOPEE, Hampton County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Third National Bank & Trust Co. of Springfield, was awarded on July 2, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 4.74% discount basis plus a premium of \$7.00. The loan matures in about 5 months. The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Boston, was the only other bidder offering to discount the loan on a 4.93% basis.

CLARKSTOWN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Valley Cottage), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Mehrkens, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1929 to 1938, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Rockland County Trust Co., Nyack. A certified check for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

CLAWSON, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk until 8 p. m. July 10, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$183,500 rate of interest not to exceed 6%:
\$128,500 special assessment paving bonds. Due July 15 as follows: \$12,500, 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$13,000, 1932 to 1938 incl.
43,500 special assessment water bonds. Due July 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$4,500, 1932 to 1938 incl.
11,500 special assessment sewer bonds. Due July 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.; and \$1,500, 1936 to 1938 incl.
Dated July 15 1928. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for \$5,000 is required.

CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. A. Gesell, Clerk-Treasurer Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) July 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 4% coupon building bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$75,000, on Oct. 1 from 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York. Bids for bonds bearing a different interest rate will also be considered, fractional rate, however, to be stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%.

A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for \$50,000 is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$41,440 offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3961—were awarded to the Farmers Bank of Frankfort, at a premium of \$933, equal to 102.25 a basis of about 4.04%:
\$24,200 Frank Daywitt et al road bonds. Due \$1,212, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.
17,200 D. F. Maish et al road bonds. Due \$860, May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.
Dated June 15 1928.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The \$61,000 promissory notes offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 4117—were awarded to Stephens & Co. of New York, as 4¾s, at a premium of \$22, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated July 15 1928. Due Jan. 15 1930.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The \$345,000 4½% bonds awarded to R. W. Pressprich & Co. and Grau & Co., jointly, were offered on a yield basis of 4¼% and we learn have all been sold. The bonds were awarded on the above mentioned concerns at 102.193, a basis of about 4.22% (V. 126, p. 4117). A complete list of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

	Premium.
*R. W. Pressprich & Co., New York, and Grau & Co., Cincinnati.....	\$7,566.00
Stephens & Co. and M. F. Schlatter & Co., New York, and Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.....	6,866.00
Roosevelt & Son, New York.....	6,755.10
Eldredge & Co., New York.....	6,709.56
R. M. Schmidt & Co., New York.....	6,617.10
Lehman Bros., New York, and Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....	6,348.00
Harris, Forbes & Co. and National City Co., New York, and Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland.....	6,276.00
Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, and Graham, Parsons & Co. and Stone, Webster & Blodgett, New York.....	5,737.00
First National Co. of Detroit and Puleyn & Co., New York.....	4,910.00
Bankers Trust Co., New York.....	4,723.05
Guaranty Co. of New York.....	4,688.55
Otis & Co., Columbus, and Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, New York.....	4,623.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo.....	4,002.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago.....	3,150.00
Dewey, Bacon & Co., New York, by Ohio Nat. Bank, Columbus.....	3,047.00
C. W. Whitits & Co. and Batchelder, Wack & Co., New York.....	2,760.00
David Robinson & Co., Inc., and Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Inc., Toledo.....	759.00

*Awarded bonds.
The First Citizens Corp. of Columbus was the only other bidder offering a premium of \$14.00 for 5½% notes.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Dearborn R. F. D. No. 3), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—William T. Kronberg, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 9 for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 school bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Dated July 9 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 9 1958. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Board of Education for \$2,000 is required.

DEKALB COUNTY (P.O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,440 4½% Jackson Township gravel road bonds offered on June 30—V. 126, p. 3804—was awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$150, equal to 101.43, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated June 15 1928. Due \$422 May and Nov. 15, from 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

NO BIDS.—There were no bids submitted for the issue of \$2,840.80 6% drain bonds offered at the same time.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Manchester) Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 3962—was awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago as 4½% bonds, for a premium of \$1, equal to 100.0044, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$25,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943 incl. Optional after 5 years.

The other bidders and their bids were as follows:
Bidder— Rate Bid. Price.
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport..... 4¾% \$947.00
White-Phillips Co. of Davenport..... 4¾% Par
Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines..... 4¾% Par

DES MOINES, Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk, until July 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$130,000 4½% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1935; \$7,000, 1937 and 1938; \$8,000, 1939 to 1942 and \$7,000, 1943 to 1948, all inclusive.

DEWEY COUNTY JOINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Leedeey), Okla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of school bonds aggregating \$14,000, have recently been awarded as follows: \$8,000 school bonds as 4s, to the Sinking Fund at par.
6,000 school bonds as 6s, to R. J. Edwards, Inc., of Oklahoma City at par. Due in 1946.

DILL, Washita County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. B. Williams, Town Clerk, until 2 p. m. on July 10, for the purchase of a \$4,000 issue of electric light system bonds.

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$17,725 4¼% street improvement bonds awarded on June 22 to the Reeves Banking & Trust Co. of Dover—V. 126, p. 4117—was a premium of \$10, equal to 100.055, a basis of about 4.73%. Dated June 1 1928. Due as follows: \$1,000, April and \$500 Oct. 1 1929; \$1,000, April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1936, incl.; and \$1,000, April and \$1,225, Oct. 1 1937.

DUMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ripley), Tiptah County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 issue of 6% school bonds offered for sale on June 1—V. 126, p. 3333—was awarded to a Mr. S. S. Finger for a \$50 premium, equal to 100.83, a basis of about 5.89%. Due in 20 years. (This corrects report of sale given in V. 126, p. 3962.)

EAST CHICAGO SCHOOL CITY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 school bonds offered on June 27—V. 126, p. 3631—were awarded to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, as 4s, at a premium of \$235, equal to 100.094, a basis of about 3.955%. Dated July 1 1928. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1935 to 1944, inclusive; and \$50,000, 1945 to 1948, inclusive.

EAST GRAND RAPIDS (P. O. Grand Rapids), Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, was recently awarded a issue of \$188,780 4½% street construction and sewer improvement bonds at a premium of \$26.00, equal to 100.013.

ECORSE, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Isabel Morris, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 17, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$224,565.85 rate of interest not to exceed 6%:
\$177,932.40 special assessment paving bonds. Due serially from 1929 to 1932 incl. A certified check for \$2,500 is required.
46,633.45 public pavement intersection bonds. Due July 15, as follows: \$10,633.45, 1929, and \$12,000, 1930 to 1932 incl. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.
Dated July 15 1928.

ECTOR COUNTY (P. O. Odessa) Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$130,000, 4½% serial independent school district bonds was registered on June 25 by State Comptroller G. N. Holton.

EDGEcombe COUNTY (P. O. Tarboro) N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$50,000 issue of 4½% coupon, series "A" school bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3962—was not sold, the bids received by the Chairman were not opened as there was no quorum present. Dated July 1 1928. Due from Jan. 1 1931 to 1958 incl.

EUDORA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eudora), Chicot County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 19, by the Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 6% semi-annual school bonds.

EGG HARBOR CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Otto Boysen, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$71,000 4½% coupon or registered street improvement bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount authorized. Dated

July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1933, inclusive; \$8,000, 1934 and 1935; and \$10,000, 1936 and 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the Egg Harbor Commercial Bank, Egg Harbor City. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$322,000, offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3962—were awarded to the Central Home Trust Co. of Elizabeth, as follows: \$91,000 public library bonds at 100.49, a basis of about 4.21%. Due June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1937, incl., and \$4,000, 1938. 50,000 playground bonds at 100.382, a basis of about 4.21%. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1948, incl., and \$1,000, 1949 to 1953, incl. 181,000 temporary loan at 100.357, a basis of about 4.18%. Due June 1 1934. Dated June 1 1928.

ELIZABETHTON, Carter County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$225,000 issue of street, sidewalk and sewer improvement bonds has been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth Miltenberger, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$20,500 4 1/2% Earl Neu et al road construction bonds. Dated July 16 1928. Denoms. \$512.50. Due \$512.50 on May and Nov. 15, of each year commencing in 1929.

ENGLEWOOD, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on July 16, by J. E. Abbott, Mayor, for the purchase of a \$6,500 issue of 5 1/2% paving district No. 4 bonds. Due on or before 20 years.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE AWARD.—The Warren National Bank of Peabody, was awarded on June 29 an issue of \$50,000 tuberculosis hospital notes on a 4.74% discount basis. The notes mature in about 10 months.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$303,000 were awarded on June 30 as below: \$159,000 macadam road bonds to the city sinking fund at par. Due July 1 as follows: \$33,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$30,000, 1932 and 1933. 109,000 sidewalk bonds to the Everett Trust Co. at par. Due July 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$21,000, 1933.

35,000 water main bonds to the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. at par. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$2,000, 1934 to 1943, incl. Dated July 1 1928. These are the bonds offered on June 29—V. 126, p. 4118—for which no bids were submitted.

FALLS CITY, Richardson County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$45,000 issue of 4 1/2% refunding bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due on July 1 1938 and optional after 1934. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at a local bank.

FLORENCE, Florence County, S. C.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on July 10 by A. McTaggart, City Clerk and Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$44,662.16 issue of 6% semi-annual street improvement assessment certificates. Denom. \$2,350.64. Dated June 15 1928. Due \$2,350.64 on Dec. 15 1928 and \$2,350.64 on June and Dec. 15, from 1929 to Dec. 15 1937, incl. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Beach, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 7 for the purchase of an issue of \$16,400 5% highway improvement bonds maturing semi-annually from 1929 to 1948, inclusive.

FORDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$280,000 school building bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 4118—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4 1/2%, at a premium of \$2,815, equal to a price of 101.00%. The bonds are dated July 15 1928.

FORREST COUNTY (P. O. Hattiesburg), Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on July 3—V. 126, p. 3805 the voters approved the proposal to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds for a county wide paving program. The unofficial count was 1,200 "for" and 833 "against." The bonds, it is said, will not be sold until after the State Legislature meets late this summer or early fall, when it may adopt a statewide paving program. If such action is taken the bonds will not be sold. If the statewide program does not go through, the supervisors will ask the Legislature to allow the county the use of all gasoline and auto tax license revenues, amounting to \$125,000 annually, for retiring these bonds.

FORT WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Scheimer, Treasurer Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 7:15 p. m. July 24, for the purchase of an issue of \$290,000 4% coupon school bonds. Dated July 31 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1932 incl.; \$12,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.; \$14,000, 1937 to 1940 incl.; \$7,000, 1941 to 1944 incl.; \$19,000, 1945 to 1947 incl.; and \$21,000, 1948. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Fort Wayne. A certified check payable to the order of the District, for \$5,000 is required.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$38,500 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 2805—were awarded to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$918.00, equal to 102.38, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated July 2 1928. Due May 15, as follows: \$2,500, 1929; and \$2,000, 1930 to 1947 inclusive. The Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis offered a premium of \$567.00 for the bonds.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Hampton), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$325,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on June 28—V. 126, p. 3962—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4 3/4% bonds, for a premium of \$1,545, equal to 100.511, a basis of about 4.65%. Dated July 1 1928. Due on May 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1934 to 1938 and \$35,000, 1939 to 1943, all inclusive. Optional after 5 years. The other bids and bidders were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Premium, Amount. John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago: \$1,540. Wheelock & Co. of Des Moines: 1,300. Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines: 1,230. A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago: 1,130.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Louisburg), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on July 9, by Q. S. Leonard, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of six negotiable promissory notes aggregating \$50,000 as follows: \$10,000 and one for \$25,000 6% appropriations payment notes. Denom. \$10,000 and one for \$5,000. Dated July 9 1928 and due on Jan. 9 1929. 25,000 6% bond payment notes. Denom. \$10,000 and one for \$5,000. Dated July 9 1928 and due on Nov. 9 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the National Park Bank in New York City. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The \$35,000 issue of 5% school bonds purchased by R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco—V. 126, p. 4118—was awarded for a premium of \$1,428, equal to 104.08, a basis of about 4.47%. Due \$2,000 from 1929 to 1945 and \$1,000 in 1946. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Premium, Amount. R. E. Campbell & Co.: \$1,336. Bank of Italy: \$1,131. Dean Witter & Co.: 1,098. Fidelity Bond & Surety Co.: 1,025. Capital National Bank of Sacramento: 877. Heller, Bruce & Co.: 189.

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Boston was awarded on July 3, a \$150,000 temporary loan maturing in about six months, on a 4.95% discount basis. Other bids were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Discount Basis, Amount. First National Bank, Boston: 4.97%. Gardner Trust Co.: 5.125%.

GARY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lloyd B. Snowden, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4 1/4% fire station bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000, June 1 1929 to 1938, inclusive. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the bonds offered is required.

GEORGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Uniontown R. D. No. 5) Fayette County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on June 12—V. 126, p. 3334—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1928, and mature on Aug. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1933, and \$15,000, 1938.

GLEN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Cora S. Atwood, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 19, for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the authorized amount \$340,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1951 incl.; and \$15,000, 1952 to 1959 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Glen Ridge Trust Co., Glen Ridge. A certified check payable to the order of J. C. Van Duyn, Custodian of School Moneys, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

GREAT FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Great Falls), Chester County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 9 by Geo. M. Wright, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5% semi-annual school bonds.

GREECE (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$19,000 offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3963—were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York, as follows: \$10,000 Stonewood-Conrad sidewalk bonds, at 101.45, a basis of about 4.68%. Due \$1,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive. 9,000 Oakwood Sidewalk District bonds at 101.33, a basis of about 4.68%. Due \$1,000, Apr. 1 1929 to 1937 inclusive. Dated Apr. 1 1928.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BIDS.—The following bids were also submitted for the \$14,000 coupon sewer bonds awarded on June 27 to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York, as 4.40s, at 100.122, a basis of about 4.39%—V. 126, p. 4118. Interest rates not given.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Amount. Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.: 100.336. George B. Gibbons & Co.: 100.092. R. F. DeVoe & Co.: 100.029. Dewey, Bacon & Co.: 100.901.

GREENBURGH, Greenville Water District (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles D. Millard, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 3.15 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 11, for the purchase of an issue of \$21,000 coupon or registered water extension bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1 1930 to 1950, inclusive. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Tarrytown National Bank & Trust Co. of Tarrytown. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town Supervisor for \$1,000, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York.

GRIFFITH, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% water main extension bonds offered on June 27—V. 126, p. 3805—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$89, equal to 100.59, a basis of about 4.85%. Dated April 10 1928. Due as follows: \$1,000, July and Dec. 10 1929 to 1934, inclusive; \$1,500, July 10 1935 and 1936.

GROSSE POINTE RURAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 school building bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/4% offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 4119—were awarded to the First National Co. of Detroit. The bonds mature in 30 years.

GULFPORT, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$37,500 issue of 6% coupon refunding bonds has been purchased by Farson, Son & Co. of New York. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928. Due on May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 to 1933; \$6,500, 1934; \$4,000, 1935 to 1938 and \$5,000 in 1939. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Lake Pleasant), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon or registered county building bonds offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 4118—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, as 4.30s, at 100.19, a basis of about 4.28%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$5,000, July 1 1935 to 1954 inclusive.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid, Amount. Prudden & Co.: 4.50%, 101.127. Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.: 4.40%, 100.48. George B. Gibbons & Co.: 4.40%, 100.314.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,400 4 3/4% road bonds offered on June 28—V. 126, p. 3806, were awarded to the American First National Bank of Findlay, at par. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,400, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; and \$1,000, 1931 to 1933 incl. No other bid was submitted.

HARAHAN, Jefferson Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Frank H. Mayo, Mayor, until July 27, for the purchase of a \$9,000 issue of jail bonds.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Savannah), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 11, the people will have an opportunity to pass on a \$300,000 road bond issue. According to the Memphis "Appeal" of July 4: Highway No. 15 crosses the county from east to west, a county-wide connection; the proposed Savannah-Florence highway will connect this section directly with the Muscle Shoals territory. The new roads proposed will connect every district of the county with the county seat and give an outlet to every adjoining county.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Savannah), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on July 30 by L. L. Harbert, County Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 5% coupon highway bonds. Due in from 1 to 20 years.

HARMONY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Baden), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth Schuler, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 6.30 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$12,000, June 1, in 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944 and 1948.

HAZLEHURST, Copiah County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters approved of a proposed issuance of \$150,000 in bonds for school construction and impt. purposes.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Ocean Side), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3963—were awarded jointly to Barr Bros. and Pulley & Co., as 4.40s, at 100.209, a basis of about 4.38%. Dated July 1 1928. Due July 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1948 incl.; and \$6,000, 1949 to 1953 incl. The following bids were also received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid, Amount. Roosevelt & Son: 4.40%, 100.189. Dewey, Bacon & Co.: 4.50%, 100.68. Batchelder, Wack & Co.: 4.50%, 100.16. R. F. DeVoe & Co.: 4.75%, 101.00.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Wantagh), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3963—were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York, as 4 1/4s, at 100.08, a basis of about 4.73%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$9,000, July 1 1929 to 1933 inclusive.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Pleasant), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—After all bids received for the purchase of the \$300,000 issue of 4 1/4% annual primary road bonds offered on June 29—V. 126, p. 3963—had been rejected, the bonds were privately awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of

Davenport as 4 3/4% bonds, for a premium of \$1,500, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.64%. Due \$30,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943, inclusive. Optional after May 1 1933. The other bids (all for 4 3/4s) were as follows:
Bidder—
John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago... \$1,240
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport... 1,225
Iowa National Bank of Des Moines... 1,210

HILLSDALE COUNTY (P. O. Hillsdale), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman Board of County Road Commissioners, until 1 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$185,000 Assessment District No. 20 bonds, interest rate not to exceed 6%. Dated July 1 1928. Due May 1, as follows: \$20,000, 1930; \$25,000, 1931; \$26,000, 1932; \$27,000, 1933; \$28,000, 1934; \$29,000, 1935; and \$30,000, 1936. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for 1% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

HOLDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Holden), Johnson County, Mo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$60,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds that was purchased by the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis—V. 126, p. 3963—is further described as follows: coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928 and due on June 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1935; \$3,000, 1936 to 1940; \$4,000, 1941 to 1944; \$5,000, 1945 and \$6,000, 1946 to 1948, without option. Awarded at a price of 102.74, a basis of about 4.22%.

HOT SPRINGS, Sierra County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Joseph W. Marshall, Village Clerk, until 2 p. m. on Aug. 6, for the purchase of an \$18,000 issue of 6% semi-annual coupon water bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1925. Due on Dec. 1 1955 and optional after Dec. 1 1935. A certified check for 5% of the bonds must accompany the bid.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. Lee Kerlin, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 17, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$22,300:
\$11,200 road bonds. Due \$560 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.
8,400 road bonds. Due \$420 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.
2,700 road bonds. Due \$135 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.
Dated June 15 1928.

ILLINOIS (State of), P. O. Springfield.—BOND OFFERING.—Cornelius R. Miller, Director Department of Public Works and Buildings, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. (standard time) July 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$13,000,000 4% coupon highway bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$500,000, 1949 to 1954 incl.; \$2,000,000, 1955 and 1956; and \$3,000,000, 1957 and 1958. A certified check payable to the order of the State Treasurer for \$260,000 is required. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. According to the offering circular the State does not contemplate the offering of any further highway bonds before Sept. 15, 1928.

INGLEWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Inglewood), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on June 26, a bond issue of \$400,000 for the election of a new high school was passed by a vote of 1,614 "for" and 712 "against."

INGRAM (P. O. Pittsburgh) Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by D. H. Hainer, Borough Secretary, until 8 p. m. July 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 4 3/4% street, sewer and repaving bonds. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for \$1,000 is required.

ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bay Shore), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Kountze Bros. of New York, were awarded on June 28, an issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% school bonds at par. Due as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1935, inclusive, and \$20,000, 1936 to 1958, inclusive.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Independence), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—We learn unofficially that sealed bids will be received until Aug. 2, by the County Clerk for the purchase of a \$1,000,000 issue of 4% serial road and bridge bonds.

JANESVILLE, Bremer County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$16,000 issue of water system bonds will be offered for sale at public auction by the Town Clerk, on July 7 at 10 a. m.

JOLIET, Will County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago were recently awarded an issue of \$153,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due June 1 as follows: \$500, 1930; \$13,500, 1932; \$14,500, 1934; \$13,000, 1936; \$18,000, 1938; \$18,500, 1942; \$18,000, 1944; \$19,500, 1946 and \$19,000, 1948. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. The bonds are now being reoffered for investment at prices ranging from 102.40 for the 1938 maturing bonds to 103.44 for the 1944 maturing bonds, all bonds priced to yield 4.20%.

Financial Statement. (As officially reported.)
Assessed valuation for taxation... \$47,186,781
Total debt (this issue included)... 335,000
Population, estimated 45,000
Total debt less than 3/4 of 1% of assessed valuation.

JONES COUNTY (P. O. Anamosa), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on June 28—V. 126, p. 3963—was awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, as 4 3/4% bonds, for a premium of \$1,375, equal to 100.458, a basis of about 4.65%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$30,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943, inclusive. Optional after 5 years.

KINROSS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kinross), Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$40,000 issue of school bonds offered on June 21—V. 126, p. 3964—was not sold. They will again be offered for sale on July 10.

KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$300,000 issue of semi-annual sewer bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3489—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated June 1 1928. Due from June 1 1938 to 1948, incl. The bonds will shortly be re-offered for sale.

LA BELLE, Hendry County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$400,000 issue of improvement bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. I. Kauffman, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) July 7, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$64,435:
\$50,000 municipal building bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929; \$3,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 and 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1935 and 1936; \$2,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938; \$2,000, 1939; \$3,000, 1940 and 1941; \$2,000, 1942; \$3,000, 1943 and 1944; \$2,000, 1945, and \$3,000, 1946 and 1947.
44,010 Bunts Road sewer main bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$800, 1929 to 1932, inclusive, and \$810, 1933.
7,450 Cohasset Place paving bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$450, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$500, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$500, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$500, 1937 and \$1,000, 1938.
2,975 Bunts Road water main bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$575, 1929, and \$600, 1930 to 1933, inclusive. Dated Aug. 1 1928. A certified check, payable to the order of the City for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Larchmont National Bank & Trust Co. was awarded on July 2, an issue of \$200,000 drain and sewer improvement bonds as 4 3/4s, at 100.269, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated July 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, July 15 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, New York. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

LEHIGH COUNTY (P. O. Allentown), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 4% coupon county bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3807—were awarded to E. B. Smith & Co. of Philadelphia at a premium of \$100.01, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 3.99%. Dated June 1 1928. Due June 1 as follows: \$100,000, 1933; \$125,000, 1938; \$150,000, 1943; \$175,000, 1948; \$200,000, 1953, and \$250,000, 1958.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 4119—was

awarded to the First National Bank of Boston, on a 4.97% discount basis. The loan matures on Dec. 14 1928.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Carrizozo N. Mex.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a complete list of those who submitted bids on June 18—V. 126, p. 3964—for the \$50,000 issue of school bonds awarded to Morris Mather & Co. of Chisago as 5s, on a 4.98% basis:

Table listing bidders for Lincoln County School District No. 7 bonds, including W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo, Ohio; Taylor, Wilson & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; Channer Securities Co., Chicago, Ill.; Heath-Schlessman & Co. and Benwell & Co., Denver, Colo.; Morris Mather & Co., Chicago, Ill.; International Trust Co. and U. S. National Co., Denver, Colo.; Sutherland, Barry Co., New Orleans; bBosworth-Chanute, Loughridge & Co., Denver, Colo.; Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago, Ill.; Gray, Emery Vasconcells Co., Denver, Colo.; George W. Vallery Co., Denver, Colo.; Commercial Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. on July 9, for the purchase of two issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$435,000 as follows: \$300,000 Pomona City High School District bonds. Due \$10,000 from July 1 1930 to 1959, inclusive. 135,000 Pomona City School District bonds. Due \$5,000 from July 1 1931 to 1957 inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3% of the bonds payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, must accompany each bid.

Financial Statements. Pomona City High School District has been acting as a high school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1900. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said high school district for the year 1927 is \$18,083,635.00, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$581,000.00.

Pomona City High School District includes an area of approximately 31.5 square miles, and the estimated population of said high school district is 25,900.

Pomona City School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1900. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1927 is \$16,564,545.00, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$60,000.00.

Pomona City School District includes an area of approximately 13.8 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 25,400.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—At the primary election to be held in August the voters will be called upon to vote on the proposal to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds to purchase a site in the Civic Center for a proposed State building in Los Angeles. San Francisco donated ground, it is stated, on her State Building in the Civic Center and State authorities expect Los Angeles county to do the same. The county now owns considerable real estate in the region officially designated as the Civic Center, but has available no plot sufficiently large to accommodate the proposed structure. The bond issue, if successful, is deemed adequate to purchase land for the building with a setting in consonance with the present structures on the site.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Chariton), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$155,000 issue of 4 1/2% annual primary road bonds offered for sale on June 25—V. 126, p. 3807—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$15,000 from May 1 1934 to 1942 incl. and \$20,000 in 1943. Optional after 5 years.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ward O. Shetterley, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$6,000 "Lilly Creek Bridge" bonds. Denoms. \$600. Due \$600 on July 1, from 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Marcia Barton, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$9,000 4 1/4% A. L. Greenwood et al road improvement bonds. Dated July 16 1928. Due in 10 years. Purchaser to furnish legal opinion.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$87,600 offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 3965—were awarded to F. L. Putnam & Co. of New York, as 4 1/2s, at a premium of \$906.66, equal to 101.03, a basis of about 4.35%:

\$81,000 street improvement bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$5,000, 1934; and \$4,000, 1935 to 1948 incl.
6,600 street sweeper bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$600, 1929; and \$1,500, 1930 to 1933 inclusive. Dated July 1 1928.

MANGUM, Greer County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on June 27 the voters authorized the issuance of \$120,000 in bonds for public improvements by a large majority. The issue will provide a water softener, airport, extra fire engine and a combined gymnasium, library and auditorium.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% water works improvement bonds offered on June 28—V. 126, p. 3807—were awarded to the Mansfield Savings Bank & Trust Co. at a premium of \$19.00, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 5.06%. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$2,000, June 1 1929 to 1933 inclusive.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,592,86 6% road construction bonds offered on June 30—V. 126, p. 3807—were awarded to the Marshall County Savings Bank of Plymouth, at a premium of \$35 equal to 101.348. The bonds are dated May 3 1928 and mature on May 3 from 1929 to 1938 incl.

MASSENA, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 village bonds offered on June 18—V. 126, p. 3808—were awarded to the Massena Banking & Trust Co. and the First National Bank & Trust Co., both of Massena, jointly, at par. No other bid was submitted.

MATAGORDA COUNTY (P. O. Bay City), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 26, State Comptroller G. N. Holton, registered a \$500,000 issue of 4 1/2% serial road series H bonds.

MARTINSVILLE, Henry County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on July 19 (opening at 3 p. m.) by A. S. Gravelly, Clerk of Council, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable Aug. 1 and Oct. 1. Dated Oct. 1 1928 and due on Oct. 1 1933. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Campbell, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) July 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$12,000 5% water works bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the National Park Bank, New York. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for \$200 is required. Legality to be approved by Peck, Schafer & Williams of Cincinnati.

MICHIGAN (State of) (P. O. Lansing)—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$2,872,000 offered on June 20—V. 126, p. 3634—were unofficially informed, were awarded to Waring, Lerchen & Hayes of Detroit as 5s, as below:

\$2,602,000 Macomb and Wayne Counties, Road Assessment District No. 475 bonds at 100.312. The bonds are the obligations of Erin and Warren Townships in Macomb County, Grosse Pointe and Gratiot in Wayne County, the Counties and Macomb and Wayne and an Assessment District.

137,000 Sanilac and St. Clair Counties Road Assessment District No. 451 bonds at 100.09. The bonds mature serially on May 1 from 1930 to 1938, incl., and are the obligations of Worth, Fremont and Speak Townships in Sanilac County, Greenwood, Grant and Brockway in St. Clair County, the Counties and Sanilac and St. Clair and an assessment district.

133,000 Monroe and Lenawee Counties Road Assessment District No. 472 bonds at 100.012. Due May 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$15,000, 1932 to 1938, incl. The bonds are the obligations of Mason and Ridgeway Townships in Lenawee County and Milan and Dundee Townships in Monroe County and an assessment district.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on July 11 by Chas. E. Dool, Secretary of the Finance Committee of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the purchase of four issues of bonds aggregating \$341,800 as follows: \$150,000 municipal flying field bonds. Due \$10,000 from July 1 1929 to 1943 incl.

102,000 Lynnhurst Field improvement bonds. Due \$10,200 from July 1 1929 to 1938.

54,800 Kenwood Park improvement bonds. Due \$10,960 from July 1 1929 to 1933.

35,000 Stinson Boulevard extension bonds. Due \$7,000 from July 1 1929 to 1933 incl.

Denoms. desired on middle issues. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated July 1 1928. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the city's fiscal agency in New York. Thompson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, is required.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY (P. O. Sioux Falls), S. Dak.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$559,776.58 issue of semi-annual drainage ditch bonds to be offered on July 14—V. 126, p. 4120—is due from 1929 to 1947 incl. Junell, Dorsey, Oakley & Driscoll of Minneapolis will furnish legal approval.

MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The three issues of bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 4120—were not sold as all the bids submitted were rejected. This is the second unsuccessful offering, the first having occurred on June 21—V. 126, p. 3695. The bonds are described as follows:

\$3,745,000 4 1/4% permanent improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1 1953.

1,600,000 4 1/4% State University improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1 1948.

500,000 4 1/4% coupon class D State Hospital removal improvement and land sale commission bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Due on June 1 1943 and optional after June 1 1933.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the bank in New York City that is designated by the State Bond Commission.

In commenting upon the unsuccessful sale, Edward H. Collins in the "Herald-Tribune" of July 3, said:

"For the second time within a fortnight Mississippi essayed a bond sale yesterday, and for the second time in a fortnight failed to obtain a tender for its obligations that it considered satisfactory. As a result all bids on the \$5,845,000 offering were again rejected."

When four banking groups submitted tenders for these same three issues on June 21 last, state officials, dissatisfied with the offers received, decided to withdraw from the market. A few days later, however, they concluded that by readvertising the issues on terms which would permit of bidding on the basis of "delayed delivery" higher tenders might be obtained. On this point they were apparently disappointed. Three tenders are reported to have been made, with the highest that of Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., the New Orleans banking house, which purchased \$2,374,000 Mississippi bonds the last week in May, only to learn that another sale of twice that size was to follow within three weeks. The Sutherland, Barry offer was 101.49, but whether this was predicated on delayed delivery or immediate delivery could not be learned here yesterday.

In view of the recent controversy between this banking house and the state officials as to the time of delivery of the original issue purchased by the former, the presumption is that the offer of the New Orleans house was based on delayed delivery. Making allowance for this consideration, the tender does not look as attractive as the offer made on June 21 by the National City Co. group, an offer of 101.41. Even assuming it to have been for immediate delivery of the bonds, it obviously was not sufficiently higher than the original top bid to induce the officials to believe that there had been any upward revision in the pricing of the bonds. Rejection of all bids, therefore, was inevitable.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 issue of 5% series CD, public improvement bonds offered for sale on July 3—V. 126, p. 3965—was awarded to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$8,000 from July 1 1929 to 1938, incl.

MONTECITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Barbara), Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The \$300,000 issue of 5% coupon dam construction bonds purchased jointly by the American National Co. and Heller, Bruce & Co., both of San Francisco—V. 126, p. 3966—was awarded to them at a discount of \$3,000, equal to 99.00, a basis of about 5.08%. Due from 1933 to 1963, inclusive.

MOUNT PLEASANT (P. O. North Tarrytown), Westchester County N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$160,500 offered on June 30—V. 126, p. 4120—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, as 4 1/4% s, at 101.81, a basis of about 4.29%:

\$64,500 highway improvement bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$500, 1932, and \$4,000, 1933 to 1948, inclusive.

54,000 highway imp. bonds. Due \$3,000, June 1 1931 to 1948, incl.

42,000 highway imp. bonds. Due \$3,000, July 1 1932 to 1945, incl.

Other bids for 4 1/4% bonds were as follows:

Bidder Rate Bid. Dewey, Bacon & Co. 100.83 Barr Bros. & Co. 101.467 Sherwood & Merrifield Inc. 100.837 Batchelder, Wack & Co. 100.96 Pullen & Co. 101.086

MUNDELEIN, Lake County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The State Bank of Mundelein was recently awarded an issue of \$36,000 Village Hall bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% at a premium of \$725, equal to a price of 102.013.

MUSCATINE COUNTY (P. O. Muscatine), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed by Frances B. Rosenbaum, County Treasurer, that the \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% registered road bonds offered for sale on June 25—V. 126, p. 3966—was awarded to the American Savings Bank of Muscatine at par. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943, inclusive.

(This corrects the report of non-sale in V. 126, p. 4120.) (The above sale automatically cancels the offering on July 16—V. 126, p. 4120.)

MUSCOGEE COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ga.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The \$644,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon or registered road bonds awarded on June 27—V. 126, p. 4120—to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York at 104.27, a basis of about 4.08%, is now being offered for public subscription at prices to yield as follows: 1929 to 1933, 3.90% and from 1934 to 1956, 3.95%. According to the offering circular the bonds are full, direct obligations of Muscogee County, protected by an unlimited direct annual tax on all the property, both real and personal, in the county. Each bond is validated and confirmed by judgment of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, and bears certificate of clerk and seal of court to this effect, which makes them forever incontestable.

Financial Statement. Actual value \$75,000,000 Assessed value, 1927 41,262,300 Total bonded debt (including this issue) 1,540,000 Population, 1920 census 44,165

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The City Treasurer, informs us that an issue of \$7,400 bonds has been sold to a local investor.

NASHUA, Valley County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of semi-annual electric and power plant bonds offered for sale on June 30—V. 126, p. 3634—was awarded to the State of Montana as 5 1/2% bonds at par. Dated June 30 1928.

NASHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Barry County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held recently, the voters rejected a proposal to bond the District for an additional \$70,000, the proceeds to be expended for the construction of a new school building.

NAVARRO COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Corsicana), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 29, G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, registered an \$82,000 issue of 6% serial improvement bonds.

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS OFFERED.—George H. Kell, Township Secretary, received sealed bids on July 5, for the purchase of an \$180,000 4 1/4% township bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$60,000, July 1 1938; 1948 and 1957. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The merchants National Bank of New Bedford, was awarded on July 3, a \$500,000 temporary loan on a 4.75% discount basis. The loan matures on Feb. 4 1928.

NEW BERN, Craven County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 issue of coupon or registered fire house bonds offered for sale on July 3—V. 126, p. 3966—was awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati as 5% bonds, for a premium of \$504, equal to 101.44, a basis of about 4.88%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1931 to 1965, incl.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newcastle), Young County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on June 18—V. 126, p. 3808—was awarded to Roger H. Evans & Co. of Dallas for a premium of \$227.50, equal to 100.758.

NEW PORT RICHEY, Pasco County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on July 10 by Wm. C. Prietorius, City Clerk, for the purchase of three issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$80,000 as follows: \$45,000 coupon general improvement bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1941 and \$3,000, 1942 to 1948, incl.

20,000 coupon special improvement bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1947 incl. and \$2,000 in 1948.

15,000 park improvement bonds. Due July 1 1938.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable either at the Chase National Bank in New York City or at the First State Bank of New Port Richey.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—Alice N. Leonard, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 12, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$20,000: \$10,000 sewer bonds. Due \$2,000, July 1 1929 to 1933 inclusive.

\$10,000 sewer bonds. Due \$5,000, July 1 1929 and 1930. Dated July 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at holder's option at the first National National Bank, Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement, June 21 1928. Valuation for year 1927 \$77,158,700.00 Sinking Fund Bonds \$436,000.00 Less sinking funds 262,407.28 173,592.72 Serial bonds (incl. issues advertised) \$1,645,000.00 Total net debt \$1,818,592.72 Population 1920, 30,255.

NEWPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Newport), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Anna M. Cole, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (standard time) July 25, for the purchase of an issue of \$136,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1936, inclusive, and \$3,500, 1937 to 1968, inclusive. A certified check for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—MUNICIPAL FINANCING DURING JUNE.—During the month of June the city issued \$10,000,000 4% assessment bonds maturing on or before June 13 1938; \$4,100,000 3% general fund bonds, due on March 1 1930, and the following corporate stock notes, aggregating \$26,370,000:

Table with columns: Amount, Maturity, Int. Rate, Date Iss., Water Supply, School Construction, Dock Improvement. Includes \$5,900,000 Water Supply bonds, \$2,000,000 School Construction bonds, etc.

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Homer Thomas, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 25, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% special assessment bonds: \$6,600 sewer construction bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; and \$1,600, 1934.

\$13,100 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1931 inclusive; \$1,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.; and \$1,100, 1938.

Dated Apr. 1 1928. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Peck, Schafer & Williams of Cincinnati.

NORTH BRADDOCK, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. G. Wallace, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 6.30 p. m. (standard time) July 27, for the purchase of an issue of \$185,000 coupon 4 1/4% bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due July 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1938 to 1955 incl. and \$5,000, 1956. A certified check for \$1,850 is required. Official advertisement of the proposed sale of this issue appears on the last page of this section.

OKENE, Blaine County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on July 12, by Samuel G. Fox, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$47,000 issue of sanitary sewer construction bonds.

OLD TOWN WATER DISTRICT, Penobscot County, Me.—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co. of New York, were awarded on June 30 an issue of \$350,000 4% water bonds at a price of 96.78, a basis of about 4.26%. The bonds mature as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$8,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.; \$9,000, 1939 to 1943, incl.; \$10,000, 1944 to 1948, incl.; \$11,000, 1949 to 1953, incl.; \$12,000, 1954 to 1958, incl.; and \$13,000, 1959 to 1963, incl. The bonds are being reoffered to investors at prices to yield from 4.15% to 4.50%.

ORD, Valley County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 6 by W. E. Walters, Commissioner, for the purchase of a \$38,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual water works system bonds.

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Appleton), Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$175,000 4 1/4% highway improvement bonds has been jointly purchased by the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee and A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928 and due on June 1 as follows: \$60,000, 1938 and 1939 and \$55,000 in 1940. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

PACIFIC COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. South Bend), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon school bonds aggregating \$11,000, offered for sale on June 27—V. 126, p. 4121—were awarded to the Willapa Harbor Building & Loan Association as 6s, for a \$55.00 premium, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.91%. The issues are divided as follows: \$5,500 school bonds and \$5,500 school bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due from 2 to 12 years. The other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate, Price. Includes State of Washington 5% Par, Pacific State Bank 5 1/4% Par.

PACIFIC COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. South Bend), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Elbert Pedersen, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. on July 11 for the pur-

chase of a \$15,000 issue of coupon or registered school building bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1928.

PALESTINE, Anderson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—State Comptroller G. N. Holton registered on June 26 two issues of bonds as follows: \$51,000 4 3/4% serial refunding, series B bonds. 49,000 4 3/4% serial refunding, series A bonds.

PALISADES PARK, Bergen County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the scheduled sale on July 9, of two issues of coupon or registered bonds consisting of \$111,000 assessment bonds and \$44,000 street, building and apparatus bonds full description of which appeared in—V. 126, p. 4121—we are in receipt of the following:

Financial Statement. I. Indebtedness. Gross Debt: Bonds outstanding \$528,000.00 Floating debt, incl. temporary bonds outst g... 181,877.50 Deductions: Water debt... none Sinking funds other than for Water bonds... none Net Debt: Bond to be issued Assessment bonds \$111,000.00 Street, Building and Apparatus bonds 44,000.00 Floating debt to be funded by such bonds... 12,500.00

Net debt including bonds to be issued \$722,377.50 The amt. of said debt pay. out of special assessm t is est. at... 529,020.05 Therefore, the net debt payable from general taxation is only \$193,357.45

II. Assessed Valuations. Real property, incl. improvements, 1928 \$4,189,849.00 Personal property, 1928 390,978.00 Real property, 1927 3,614,214.00 Real property, 1926 3,249,405.00 Real property, 1925 2,951,419.00

III. Population. Census of 1920, 2,633. Estimated, 1928, 6,500. IV. Tax Rate. Fiscal year, 1928. \$65.40 per thousand.

PALMER, Ellis County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$42,500 issue of water works bonds has been purchased by local investors.

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pasadena) Harris County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$100,000 5% serial school bonds was registered on June 27 by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller.

PHELPS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55 (P. O. Loomis), Neb.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—We are now informed that the \$30,000 issue of 4 1/2% schoolbuilding bonds reported sold to the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha—V. 126, p. 3966—was actually purchased by the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha

PHILIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Philip), Haakon County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$10,000 issue of 5% school bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Bank of Philip. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 15 1928 and due on June 15 1938. Prin. and annual int. payable in Philip.

PIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Flowing Wells), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—A \$9,000 issue of 5 1/2% refunding bonds has been purchased by Gray, Emery, Vasconcellos & Co. of Denver. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$500 from June 1 1931 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 1) payable at the County Treasurer's office in Tucson or at the Chase National Bank in New York City.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of general obligation bonds aggregating \$320,000 offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 4121—were awarded to the Griswold-First State Co. of Detroit and the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, jointly, as 4 1/2%, at a premium of \$5,956.75, equal to 101.86, a basis of about 4.31%: \$210,000 water improvement and extension bonds. Due \$7,000, June 1 1929 to 1958 incl. 90,000 surface drain bonds. Due \$3,000, June 1 1929 to 1958 incl. 20,000 fire and police alarm bonds. Due \$2,000, June 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated June 1 1928.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—BIDS.—The following is a list of other bids submitted on June 25, for the purchase of the \$240,000 4% coupon permanent improvement bonds awarded to the National City Co. of New York, at 99.577, a basis of about 4.03%—V. 126, p. 4121: Bidder Rate Bid. R. L. Day & Co. 99.399 Harris, Forbes & Co. 99.06 Eldredge & Co. 99.017 Phelps, Fern & Co. 98.81 Atlantic-Merrill-Oldham Corp. 98.72 Alexander Gordon & Co. 98.69 Estabrook & Co. 98.20

PORTO RICO (Government of).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Aug. 2 by Major General Frank McIntyre, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, at Room 3042, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., for the purchase of a \$76,500 issue of 5% coupon Municipality of Guaynabo bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933 to 1939; \$1,500, 1940 to 1947; \$2,000, 1948 to 1951; \$2,500, 1952 to 1955; \$3,000, 1956; \$3,500, 1957 and 1958; \$4,000, 1959 to 1962 and \$4,500, 1963 to 1965, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the U. S. Treasury at Washington, D. C. in gold coin.

Under date of June 25 1928, the Acting Attorney General of the United States rendered an opinion in which he passed upon the legality of the proposed issue of bonds a copy of which will be furnished to the successful bidder. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the above named chief is required.

According to the census of 1920, the Municipality of Guaynabo had a population of 10,800. The total value of the taxable real and personal property in the Municipality of Guaynabo at the time of the last assessment made for the purpose of levying insular taxes amounted to \$1,942,600. Its outstanding municipal debt of approximately \$11,000 is to be paid off from the proceeds of this new issue, towards the payment of which the sum of \$2,507.59 has already been accumulated in the sinking fund. The forthcoming issue of bonds will therefore not increase the indebtedness of the Municipality of Guaynabo beyond the maximum amount which it may legally incur under authority of Congress; that is, up to 5 per centum of the aggregate tax valuation of its property.

PUEBLO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 3967—was awarded to the Wm. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$3,268.80, equal to 105.446, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated July 1 1928. Due from July 1 1931 to 1948 incl.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Ottawa), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 12 m. July 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$3,580.71 5% Monroe Township road improvement bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$780.71, 1929; and \$700, 1930 to 1933 incl. Dated May 1 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer, for \$200 is required.

RADFORD, Montgomery County, Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds has been purchased at a price of 98.59 by Stein Bros. & Boyce of Baltimore.

READING, Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$750,000 4% series "Z" coupon or registered city bonds offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 3636—were awarded to Edward B. Smith & Co. of Philadelphia, at a premium of \$80, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 3.99%. Due as follows: \$25,000, 1929; \$26,000, 1930; \$27,000, 1931; \$28,000, 1932; \$29,000, 1933; \$32,000, 1934; \$33,000, 1935; \$34,000, 1936; \$35,000, 1937; \$36,000, 1938; \$39,000, 1939; \$40,000, 1940; \$41,000, 1941; \$42,000, 1942; \$43,000, 1943; \$46,000, 1944; \$47,000, 1945; \$48,000, 1946; \$49,000, 1947 and \$50,000, 1948.

RIVER FOREST (P. O. Oak Park), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, was awarded on June 27, \$240,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds at 101.075, a basis of about 4.36%. There are two issues one for \$175,000 water works bonds and the other \$65,000 public library bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$11,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$13,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; and \$14,000, 1944 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable on June and Dec. 1, at the River Forest State Bank, River Forest. The bonds are being reoffered for investment at prices ranging from 100.22 for the 1929 bonds to 103.34 for the 1948 bonds all bonds priced to yield 4.25%.

Financial Statement. (As officially reported.) Assessed valuation for taxation \$9,610,849 Total debt (this issue included) 390,000 Less water debt 295,500 Net debt 94,500 Population, estimated, 8,500. 1920 census, 4,358.

ROSEAU, Roseau County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Roy J. Hagen, Village Clerk, until 7.30 p. m. on July 9, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of village bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable on Feb. & Aug. 1. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Salisbury), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Max L. Parker, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a. m. on July 23 for the purchase of three issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$65,000 as follows:

- \$20,000 Providence School District No. 1 bonds. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. 20,000 Faith School District bonds. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1931 to 1950 incl. 25,000 Blackwell School District bonds. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1931 to 1955 incl.

Int. rate is to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, not exceeding 6% and must be the same for all the bonds of each issue. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 1) payable in New York in gold. No bids for less than par acceptable. Each issue may be sold as an independent contract. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the above Board, is required.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—D. J. Campbell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 10 a. m. July 21, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds: \$56,000 George Wiseley et al road construction bonds. Denoms. \$700. Due \$2,800, on May and Nov. 15, from 1929 to 1938 incl. 25,000 John F. Leslie et al road construction bonds. Denoms. \$1,250. Due \$1,250, on May and Nov. 15, from 1929 to 1938 inclusive. 15,000 George E. Riggs et al road construction bonds. Denoms. \$750. Due \$750 on May and Nov. 15, from 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated July 1 1928.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$36,500 offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3810—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$404, equal to 101.10, a basis of about 4.26%: \$20,000 Union Township road construction bonds. Due \$1,000 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl. 16,500 Madison Township road construction bonds. Due \$825 on May and Nov. 15 from 1929 to 1938, incl. Dated June 1 1928.

SALIX CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salix), Woodbury County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$75,000 issue of school bonds awarded on June 25 as 4 1/2% bonds, at par to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport—V. 126, p. 4122—is further described as follows: coupon bonds in \$1,000 denoms. Dated June 1 1928. Due on June 1 1948 and optional after 1929. Int. payable on June & Dec. 1.

SAN BERNARDINO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Bernardino), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 9, by John H. Osborn, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Due in 1946 and 1947.

SAN BUENAVENTURA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on July 3—V. 126, p. 3967—was awarded to R. E. Campbell & Co. at a price of 105.117, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$4,000 from July 1 1929 to 1953 incl.

SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$135,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 4122—was awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco, and associates, as 4s and 4 1/2s, for a premium of \$17,408.60, equal to 101.323. Bonds are divided as follows: \$250,000 as 4s and \$1,065,000 as 4 1/2s.

SAN DIEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$998,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 126, p. 4122—was awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco, as 4 and 1/2% bonds, for a premium of \$14,072.20, equal to 101.41. This issue is divided as follows: \$213,000 as 4s and \$785,000 as 4 1/2s.

BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The above two issues of bonds aggregating \$2,313,000 are being offered for public subscription by R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco, Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York and the Security Co. of Los Angeles at the following prices: The 4 1/2% bonds, due from 1934 to 1945, are priced to yield 4.25%, and the 4% bonds, due from 1946 to 1948, at 97 3/4 and interest.

SANDSTONE TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Parma) Jackson County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—L. O. Hunn, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 school bonds rate of interest not to exceed 4 1/2%. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1935, incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1946, incl.; and \$3,000, 1947 to 1956, incl. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 9 by E. F. Housholder, City Commissioner, for the purchase of a \$425,000 issue of refunding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6% and is to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Split interest rate bids are acceptable. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$13,000, 1931 to 1940; \$15,000, 1941 to 1945; \$20,000, 1946 to 1950 and \$40,000, 1951 to 1953, all incl. Authorized under Florida State Legislature Act of 1927 and approved by the Governor on June 6 1927. The City reserves the right on the date of the sale to sell only bonds of the above issue to the amount of \$345,000.00. Should the City decide on the date of the sale to sell bonds only to the amount of \$345,000.00 of the above issue, the successful bidder shall have the right to select and designate the maturities of the bonds to the amount of \$345,000.00 then sold by the City. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank in New York City. Sale of bonds is subject to legal approval of Caldwell & Raymond of New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds to be sold must accompany the bid. (These are the bonds previously scheduled for sale on June 13—V. 126, p. 3492.)

SAN JOSE, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$275,000 issue of 4 1/2% municipal improvement bonds has recently been jointly purchased by the American National Co. and Heller, Bruce & Co., both of San Francisco, for a premium of \$5,218, equal to 101.89. The Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco and the Detroit Co. of Detroit, jointly, were second with a premium offer of \$4,513. The city of San Jose has an assessed valuation of \$42,182,145, a total bonded indebtedness, inc this issue, of \$1,197,225, and a population of 65,000. Other bids were:

Bidder Premium. R. H. Moulton & Co. \$4,305.00 United Security Bank & Trust Co. 3,256.00 Dean Witter & Co., and Bank of Italy 2,860.00 Crocker-First National Bank; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., and William Cavalier & Co. 2,722.50

SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election, held on June 26, the voters authorized the issuance of \$140,000 in bonds for fire fighting purposes by a vote of almost 3 to 1. The election was called after the fire insurance companies placed a 10% increase on insurance rates in the business district on the grounds that Santa Barbara's fire equipment is insufficient. Later, when the city authorities called a bond election, this increase was removed.

SANTA FE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Fe), Santa Fe County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered for sale on June 29—V. 126, p. 3636—was awarded to the First National Bank of Santa Fe for a premium of \$187.50, equal to 100.187, a basis of about 4.48%. Dated June 1 1928. Due from June 1 1933 to 1948 incl.

Bidders—

	Price Bid.
State Treasurer of New Mexico	Par
C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago	98.32
A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago	97.654
Sutherland, Barry & Co., of Chicago	95.595

SCHOHARIE COUNTY (P. O. Richmondville), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered highway and bridge bonds offered on June 29—V. 126, p. 3967—were awarded to W. A. Harriman & Co. of New York, at a premium of \$1,297.50, equal to 100.519, a basis of about 4.18%. Dated Mar. 1 1928. Due \$25,000, Mar. 1 1935 to 1944, inclusive. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidders—

	Premium.
Manufacturers & Traders' Peoples Trust Co.	\$1,098.00
Bankers Trust Co.	1,097.50
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	1,075.00
Pulleyn & Co.	1,047.50
Bancitaly Corp.	877.50
George B. Gibbons & Co.	675.00

SEAGRAVES, Gaines County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water works construction bonds offered for sale on June 25—V. 126, p. 3967—was awarded to Brown & Boner of Dallas at par. Dated June 1 1928.

SEBRING, Highlands County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. A. Hathaway, Chairman of the State Road Department at his office in Tallahassee, until 10 a. m. on July 24, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 6% semi-annual street improvement series B bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1925 and due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 and 1933 and \$1,000 in 1934.

SEVEN MILE, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred J. Sloneker, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 25 for the purchase of an issue of \$8,244.07 6% coupon special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 20 1927. Due serially in from 1 to 9 years. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

SEVIER COUNTY (P. O. Sevierville), Tenn.—REISSUANCE OF BONDS PROTESTED.—The following is an extract from the "Nashville Banner" of June 27 dealing with the opposition of the county taxpayers to the \$275,000 issue of 4 1/2% road bonds which was sold to Caldwell & Co.—V. 126, p. 3636 and 4122.

"The cancellation of these bonds is not the only issue at stake," said Judge A. M. Paine, chief counsel for the complainants. "The complainants want to know if the County Court has the right to burden the citizens of Sevier County with a bond issue of this sort. They want to know if the State Highway Department has the right to charge the people of Sevier County for work on a highway which Highway Commissioner Berry promised would be paid by the State.

"It is true that they asked that the bonds sold by the committee be cancelled but they want to prevent the reissuance of bonds by the County Court in the future.

"The case comes down to this point: Are the citizens who brought the suit to be barred from proving their allegations and having the court pass on the issues raised in the bill?"

Defense counsel insisted that the only issue before the court was the cancellation of the bonds, and inasmuch as the defense not only was willing but asked for cancellation of the bonds, the question was moot and no reason existed for further litigation.

Chancellor Robertson agreed.

The decision, however, was a victory for the complainants, inasmuch as the prayer of the bill—cancellation of the bonds—was granted.

After Chancellor Robertson announced his decision, Judge Paine asked: "Who pays the costs?"

"The defense," said the court.

"On what grounds are the bonds cancelled?" he asked.

"Irregularity."

Afterward Judge Paine made this comment:

"We win, but we didn't want to win in that way. We were ready to go to trial to prove our charges of fraud, collusion and illegality. We wanted the court to pass on the issues raised."

SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. P. Rudolph, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) July 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$58,510 4 3/4% coupon special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000; one bond for \$510. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,510, 1929; \$6,000, 1930 and 1931; \$5,000, 1932, and \$6,000, 1933 to 1938 inclusive. Principal and interest payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

SHARON, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$165,000 offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 3967—were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of New York, at 100.53, a basis of about 3.92%.

\$85,000 school bonds. Due July 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$4,000, 1934 to 1948, incl.

80,000 school bonds. Due July 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$5,000, 1934 to 1943, incl.

Dated July 15 1938.

SHEFFIELD, Colbert County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 17 by the City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 public improvement bonds.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bert Fix, Director of Finance and Public Record, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds:

\$4,600 property owner's portion improvement bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$600, 1930, and \$1,000, 1931 to 1934, inclusive.

1,600 special assessment sewer improvement bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$400, 1930, and \$300, 1931 to 1934, inclusive.

A certified check, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

SHELBYVILLE, Shelby County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert C. Hale, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. July 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 4% city hall bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000, July 1 1929; and \$3,000, Jan Denoms. 1930 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Security Trust & Savings Co. of Shelbyville. A certified check payable to the order of the City for 3% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Smith, Remster, Hornbrook & Smith of Indianapolis.

SILVER CREEK, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS SOLD.—The \$12,000 4 1/4% certificates of indebtedness offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 3967—were awarded to the Silver Creek National Bank. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$3,000 from 1929 to 1932 incl.

SOMERSET COUNTY (P. O. Somerset), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 coupon or registered 4 1/4% county bonds offered on July 2—V. 126, p. 3810—were awarded to the Guaranty Co. of New York, at a premium of \$12,359.60, equal to 103.08, a basis of about 4.05%. Dated July 1 1928. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1948 and 1953; \$200,000, 1958.

Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia, were in joint account with the above-mentioned purchaser. The successful bidder is now offering the bonds for investment at prices, according to maturity, to yield 4.00%.

Other bids for the bonds were as follows:

Bidders—

	Premium.
National City Co.	\$11,319.60
Mellon National Bank	3,288.50

SOUTH ESSEX SEWERAGE DISTRICT, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Salem, was recently awarded a \$80,000 temporary loan on a 4.95% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1.68. Due Feb. 1 1929. The Naumkeag Trust Co., Salem, was the only other bidder, offering to discount the loan on a 5% basis.

SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Allentown), Lehigh County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on June 8—V. 126, p. 3338—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia. The bonds are dated July 1

1928, the legality of which will be approved by Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul of Philadelphia.

SPEERS (P. O. Charleoi) Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—James T. Heffran, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$4,500 5% street improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denoms. \$500. Due \$1,500 on May 1 1937 to 1939, incl. A certified check for \$500 is required.

SPRANGLES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spokane), Spokane County, Wash.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$15,000 issue of school bonds that was recently purchased—V. 126, p. 3968—is more fully described as follows: 4 1/4% bonds awarded at par to the State of Washington. Due in from 2 to 20 years.

SPRING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sinking Spring), Berks County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary Board of School Directors until 8 p. m. July 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$175,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1933; \$15,000, 1938; \$20,000, 1943; \$30,000, 1948; \$45,000, 1953 and \$55,000, 1958. A certified check, payable to the order of the District Treasurer for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, were recently awarded an issue of \$285,500 4 1/4% coupon new high school bonds at 101.349, a basis of about 4.13%. Dated June 1 1928. Due June 1, as follows: \$9,500, 1930 to 1958 incl.; and \$10,000, 1959. These are the bonds offered on June 15—V. 126, p. 3636—as 4s. At that time no bids were submitted.

STATESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Statesville) N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on July 12, by J. C. Fowler, Secretary of the School District, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of coupon school building bonds. Int. rate, payable on Jan. and July 1, is to be named by the bidder. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1943 and \$3,000, 1944 to 1958. Principal only of bonds may be registered. Prin. and int. is payable in gold in New York. Caldwell & Raymond of New York City, and J. L. Morehead of Durham will approve the validity of the bonds and they will be prepared and certified by the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York. The Secretary or the above named trust company will furnish required bidding forms. A \$2,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

The Statesville Graded School District is a special Charter District, co-terminous with the City of Statesville. The bonds herewith offered were voted at an election held on the 22nd day of May, 1928 (votes for, 665; votes against, 2).

Assessed valuation of district for 1927	\$14,873,723.00
Actual value, estimated	20,000,000.00
Outstanding indebtedness heretofore created in the name of the district	94,000.00
Indebtedness of City of Statesville for school purposes	256,000.00
(Chapter 113, Public Laws 1925, provides that school bonds heretofore issued by the City of Statesville for school buildings for and in the Statesville Graded School District shall be deducted from the gross debt in computing net debt of the City, and taxes for payment of such bonds shall be levied solely upon the property taxable within the Statesville Graded School District.)	
Bonds herewith offered	\$75,000.00
Total debt of School District, incl. bonds offered	425,000.00
Other debt of the City of Statesville after deducting water bonds	\$325,000.00
Light, or water and light bonds and gas	100,000.00
School bonds	256,000.00
Special assessments heretofore levied and applicable to the payment of bonds of the city	181,000.00
	\$815,000.00
Indebtedness of township, as such	None
Census population, 1920, 7,895. Present population, estimated, 15,000.	

SULPHUR, Calcasieu Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 17 a special election will be held for the purpose of passing upon a proposed bond issue for \$60,000 for water works construction. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Due serially in 30 years. Etha Bell Vincent, Clerk.

SWEETWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Eden) Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 25, by John M. Carlson, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$7,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual school bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due in 1943 and optional in 1933. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

TETERBORO (P. O. Hasbrouck Heights), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon surface drainage system bonds offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 3968—was awarded to the Postal Life Insurance Co. of New York at par, taking \$11,500 bonds (\$12,500 offered). The bonds are dated May 1 1928 and mature \$500 July 1 1930 to 1952 incl.

THOMSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Thomson), McDuffie County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 school bonds has recently been purchased by the Trust Co. of Georgia of Atlanta at a price of 102.52.

TILLMAN COUNTY (P. O. Frederick), Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on June 26—V. 126, p. 3493—the voters defeated the proposed issuance of \$875,000 in State and county highway bonds by a count of 1,855 "for" and 1,722 "against" lacking the required 60% majority.

TOOLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Sunburst), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on July 9 by C. W. Michaelson, District Clerk, for the purchase of an \$18,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. A \$450 certified check must accompany the bid.

TORRANCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Estancia), N. M.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds has been purchased recently by the United States National Co. of Denver. Due \$500 from 1933 to 1944 incl.

TROY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Troy), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—School Director, C. F. Hart, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$16,000 school bonds rate of interest not to exceed 5 1/4%. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1929 to 1944, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for \$1,000 is required.

TUNKHANNOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wyoming County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$59,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on July 3—V. 126, p. 4123—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia at a premium of \$1,552.29, equal to 102.631, a basis of about 4.26%. Dated July 1 1928. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1954 incl.; \$3,000, 1955 to 1957 incl., and \$4,000, 1958. A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia offered 102.60 for the bonds.

UKIAH, Mendocino County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until July 10, for the purchase of a \$34,000 issue of 5% semi-annual city bonds. Due from 1928 to 1961 incl.

UNION TOWNSHIP (P. O. Union), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William W. Friberger, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$119,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the issues:

\$83,000 assessment bonds. Due June 1, as follows: 8,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$10,000, 1934; and \$11,000, 1935 to 1937 inclusive.

36,000 public improvement bonds. Due \$4,000, June 1 1930 to 1938 incl. Dated June 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in gold.

A certified check payable to the order of the Township for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Glasgow), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on July 24 by A. B. Friedland, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$55,000 issue of semi-annual road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated June 30 1928. Due in 1933. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Frazer) Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on July 16, by M. A. Lien, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Bids are to specify whether serial or amortization bonds are desired. A \$500 certified check, payable to the District Clerk, must accompany the bid.

VAN BUREN COUNTY (P. O. Keosauqua) Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of annual registered primary road bonds offered for sale on June 28—V. 126, p. 3968—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4 1/2% bonds, for a premium of \$1,200, equal to 104, a basis of about 3.86%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$30,000, from May 1 1933 to 1943 incl. Optional after 1933. The other bidders also bid on a 4 1/2% rate. They were as follows:

Bidder	Premium
Iowa National Bank of Des Moines	\$1,199.00
White-Phillips Co. of Davenport	1,162.50

VINTON, Calcasieu Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 10, by C. Andrews, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$33,000 issue of paving bonds.

VISALIA, Tulare County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on June 28—V. 126, p. 2697—the voters authorized the issuance of \$50,000 in bonds for the purchase and improvement of a municipal airport by a vote of 1,173 "for" and 372 "against." About \$30,000 will be used to acquire 103 acres of land and the remainder will be spent for improvements.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. DeLand), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on July 30, by the Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of school bonds.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Indianola), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 issue of 4 1/2% annual primary road bonds offered for sale on June 25—V. 126, p. 3811—was awarded to Harry H. Polk & Co. of Des Moines. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$12,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943, incl. Optional after 5 years.

WASHINGTON, Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 4 1/2% street paving bonds offered on June 29—V. 126, p. 3811—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia, at 102.60, a basis of about 4.20%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$5,000, Aug. 1 1929 to 1950 incl. The following is a list of the other bids submitted:

Bidder	Rate Bid
First Bank & Trust Co., Washington, Pa.	102.177
National City Co., New York	102.579
M. M. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia	100.91

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lynn), Randolph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William F. Swain, Township Trustee, until 10 a. m. July 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$68,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,500, Jan and July 1, 1929 to 1941 incl.; and \$3,000, Jan. 1 1942. Prin. and int. payable at the Citizens Banking Co. Lynn. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$1,000 is required. These are the bonds offered unsuccessfully on May 12—V. 126, p. 2697.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Dingman, Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) July 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$128,000 drainage bonds rate of int. not to exceed 6%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$18,000, 1935; and \$20,000, 1936 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds offered on June 23—V. 126, p. 3811—were awarded to the Dickinson Trust Co. of Richmond at a premium of \$675, equal to 102.25, a basis of about 4.05%. Due \$1,500 on May and Nov. 15 from 1929 to 1938 incl.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 102 (P. O. Ft. Lupton), Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,500 issue of 4 1/2% school building bonds has been purchased by Donald F. Brown & Co. of Denver. Denom. \$500. Dated May 15 1928. Due \$500, 1930 and \$1,000, 1931 and 1932. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York.

WEST VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Charleston).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 11, by Governor Howard M. Gore, for the purchase of a \$1,000,000 issue of coupon or registered road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 4 1/2% stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1927 and due on July 1, as follows: \$100,000, 1946 and \$150,000, 1947 to 1952, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in gold at the State Treasurer's office or at the National City Bank in New York. Approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will be furnished if purchasers pay fee for said approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the State, is required.

Financial Statement	
Assessed valuation	\$2,095,430,997.00
Bonded indebtedness	
1. 1919 Virginia debt bonds (orig. issue \$13,500,000.00)	7,263,900.00
2. State road bonds, incl. this offer	\$49,460,000.00
Total indebtedness, incl. this offer	\$56,723,900.00
Maximum total bonded indebtedness, except by Amendment to Constitution submitted to a vote of the people	\$56,763,900.00
1. \$675,000.00 required to be retired annually, beginning in 1919	
2. Issued pursuant to the good roads Amendment to the Constitution and payable serially last maturity July 1 1952.	
The Constitution of West Virginia provides that the aggregate amount of bonds outstanding for roads shall at no time exceed \$50,000,000.00.	
The Constitution of West Virginia does not authorize the issuing of bonds for any other purpose.	
Population (1920 Census), 1,463,701.	

WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2.30 p. m. on July 9 by C. C. Ellis, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of 4% coupon park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1938, incl. Bids will be opened at 3 p. m. in the City Commissioner's Room.

All bids are to be made and will be received subject to the following conditions:
First: That the said bonds are required by law to be submitted to the State's School Fund Commission which commission has the option to take or reject the same. If taken in whole or part by said School Fund Commission the bonds so taken will not be included in this sale. Each bidder is required to state whether his bid covers the whole of said bonds or whether he will take such portion thereof as has not been taken by the State School Fund Commission.

This issue rejected by State School Fund Commission, June 18 1928.
Second: All proposals and bids are subject to the right of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Wichita, to reject any and all of said bonds. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

WINSTON SALEM, Forsyth County, N. C.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$1,000,000 temporary loan has recently been purchased at 5.10% by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. Dated June 28 1928 and due on Mar. 15 1929.

WORTH COUNTY (P. O. Northwood) Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on June 26—V. 126, p. 3969—was awarded to Wheelock & Co. of Des Moines as 4 1/2% bonds, for a premium of \$405, equal to 100.405, a basis of about 4.65%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943 incl. Optional after 5 years. No bids for 4 1/4s or 4 1/2s were received. The other bids were:

Bidder	Premium
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport	\$405.00
Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines	300.00

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry F. Stemm, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 25, for the purchase of an issue of \$42,813.63 5% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$6,813.63 1930 and \$9,000, 1931 to 1934 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA (Province of).—PROPOSED BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—According to the June 29 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto, the provincial officials have decided not to float a \$3,500,000 loan during July as was intended. The postponement was attributed to the poor condition of the market at present.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—BOND SALE.—Johnston & Ward were recently awarded \$27,000 4 1/2% 20-year school bonds \$24,000 4 1/2% 20-year water bonds and \$1,000 5% 20-year cemetery bonds according to the June 29 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto. The successful bidders paid 98.57 for the first two issues and 103.57 for the cemetery bonds. The following bids were received:

Bidder	Cemetery	Water and School
Johnston & Ward	103.57	98.57
J. C. Mackintosh & Co.	103.46	98.53
Eastern Securities Co.	102.57	98.09
Royal Securities Corp.	102.03	96.17
MacKay-MacKay	99.50	93.00

ESSEX COUNTY, Ont.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—A bond issue of about \$160,000 to bear interest at the rate of 5% and mature in 10 instalments will shortly be placed on the market according to the June 29 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto. The proceeds of the issue will be expended for the improvement of highways.

MIDLAND, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$228,000 offered on June 29—V. 126, p. 3969—were awarded to the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Toronto at 99.03: \$143,500 bonds, dated Sept. 15 1927 and maturing in 20 installments. 66,500 bonds dated June 15 1928 and maturing in 30 installments. 18,000 bonds dated June 15 1928 and payable in 10 installments.

PEEL COUNTY (P. O. Brampton), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—W. M. Willis, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$14,500 5% building bonds. The bonds mature in 10 annual instalments.

POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. J. Depocas, Secretary-Treasurer, until 6 p. m. July 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$41,500 5% 25-year serial bonds dated July 2 1928 in denoms. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 and payable at Montreal and Pointe Claire.

PRESTON AND RUSSEL COUNTIES (P. O. L'Orignal), Ont.—BOND SALE.—Matthews & Co. of Toronto, were awarded on June 27, an issue of \$200,000 highway bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% at 98.73. The following bids were also received:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Harris, McKeen & Co.	98.51
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	98.39
Wood, Gundy & Co.	98.01

SANDWICH, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$162,169.25 offered on June 25—V. 126, p. 3969—were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 100.125: \$61,927.35 sewer bonds. Due in 1958. 45,241.90 street construction bonds. Due in 1948. 45,000.00 water meter bonds. Due in 1943.

WATFORD, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% coupon bonds offered on June 22—V. 126, p. 3969—were awarded to a local investor at par. The bonds mature serially from 1928 to 1947 incl. Three other bids were submitted offering 99.25, 98.875 and 98.53.

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All bids must be accompanied by a check in the sum of \$1,850.00, certified by some responsible financial institution. All bids must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than **FRI-DAY, JULY 27TH, 1928**, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., Standard Time, at which time the bids will be opened at a meeting of the Board at its office in the High School, Bell Avenue & Verona Street, North Braddock, Pa. The School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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