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The Financial Situation.

There is one phase of the subject of brokers' loans that is suddenly attracting unusual attention. These brokers' loans have latterly been, as is known, diminishing, though only in a slow kind of way and not proportionate to the tremendous liquidation that occurred on the Stock Exchange during May and June. This week there has been a further small diminution in the total of the loans and we discuss the same further below. But, while the grand total of these loans has during recent weeks been appreciably reduced and is still undergoing some contraction, a great change has latterly been going on in the sources from which the borrowings have been obtained—at least in the case of the weekly figures. These weekly figures relate entirely to the 45 reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve system in New York City which make returns each week to the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Being confined to these 45 member banks, the amounts are far from including the whole of the borrowing on speculative account; and the Stock Exchange's own compilations may be said to be much the most comprehensive, though these are made up only once a month and do not go into details as to the groups of institutions from which the loans are obtained.

Taking the Federal Reserve figures, therefore, just as they stand, the feature referred to, namely, the changes in the sources of the contributions to the totals, is decidedly in evidence and the present week's returns serve to make the change still more pronounced. These brokers' loans, on the security of stock and bond collateral, are grouped in three main categories. In the first of the three groups the loans made by the 45 reporting member banks on their own account are shown. In the second group

appear the loans which the New York City reporting member banks make "for account of out-of-town banks," and in the third group the loans made by these reporting member banks "for account of others." The loans made by the reporting banks for their own account have within recent weeks been heavily reduced, though for the current week a trifling increase again appears. On the other hand, the loans in the other two groups, and more particularly those "for account of others," have been steadily rising, even while the grand total of the borrowings has been recording substantial contraction.

The result is that the loans "for account of others," which formerly constituted merely a minor factor in the brokerage loaning field, have risen to the dimensions of a major one. The reporting member banks have unquestionably been very greatly restricting borrowing on Stock Exchange collateral—have perhaps been obliged to restrict their lending on brokerage account in order to accommodate the rest of their customers. Accordingly these member bank loans on own account are now actually well below the amount so loaned out twelve months ago, notwithstanding total borrowing on Stock Exchange account, even after the recent decrease, runs over a billion dollars in excess of that at the corresponding date a year ago. Stated in brief, loans for own account (taking this week's statement as a basis) are down to \$823,516,000 against \$1,047,608,000 on July 27 last year, while loans for account of the out-of-town banks stand at \$1,551,758,000 as against \$1,187,441,000 a year ago and the loans "for account of others" now aggregate no less than \$1,808,645,000 against only \$906,144,000 at the corresponding date a year ago. The latter at \$1,808,645,000 now run far in excess of the amounts in each of the other two groups, while a year ago at \$906,144,000 they ranked far below the amounts in either of the other two groups. "For account of others" is of course a very broad designation and includes loans for foreign banks, corporations and individuals.

In the foregoing we see disclosed a very bad banking practice. What is evidently happening is that certain large customers of the banks, not content with the 2 or 3% interest allowed them on their deposit accounts, are compelling the banks to loan out the money represented by the deposit accounts referred to in the call loan branch of the market where it has been possible recently to obtain rates of interest as high as 5 to 10% per annum, the banks acting as agents for the depositors in thus loaning. And the banks appear to be very pliant instruments for the purpose. With \$902,501,000 more of such loans outstanding than was the case twelve months ago, it cannot be deemed strange that the matter is not viewed with complacency. Col L. P.

Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Company, in the July 15 monthly bulletin of that company, from which we quoted extensively in our issue of last Saturday (page 321) made some caustic comments in condemnation of the practice (we wonder if Col. Ayres' institution never acts in the same accommodating way for its large depositors), saying: "This great and growing volume of credit extended for speculative use is protected by no reserves." But isn't it? Were not the banks which held the deposits obliged to carry the reserves in the first instance and will not the banks which will receive the deposit, through the loaning out process, be obliged in like manner to carry the requisite reserves?

The very fact that the banks in either case are obliged to carry such reserves (which of course do not bear interest) and thus are saddled with an element of expense which the depositor is not obliged to bear would seem to constitute the strongest of reasons why the banks should not allow themselves to be used in that way. Lending is the business and the prerogative of the bank, and not of the depositor. Col. Ayres seems to have been misled by an unguarded statement to a like effect emanating from very respectable sources, for the remark with reference to no reserves being required really originated with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which in its monthly review issued July 1, permitted itself the following observations:

The retirement of bank credit during May was offset by a comparatively new type of credit expansion which has taken place without a corresponding increase in bank deposits or reserves. This credit expansion, *requiring no reserves*, takes the form of loans to brokers on Stock Exchange collateral, largely by individuals and corporations other than banks. Brokers' loans of this sort placed by New York City banks for their customers, and reported as loans "for account of others," have increased more than 350 million dollars since May 2, and 800 million since January 4. The credit made available in this way thus more than offset the decline in bank credit during May. These loans apparently represent the lending to brokers of idle deposits of individuals and corporations, and the consequent conversion of inactive deposits into very active accounts.

For ourselves we cannot see that there is the slightest difference, as far as the requirement of reserve is concerned, between a loan which the bank itself makes out of the deposits in its custody and a loan made for the depositor himself. The money is checked out in either case, and the duty rests on the bank to maintain the reserve—no less on the bank which receives the deposit than on the bank which held it originally.

Of course, the practice of loaning for the depositor is objectionable—is in fact in the nature of an evil—and we do not mean to say anything in defense of it, but mistaken statements as to its causes or its effects will not help to remove it—may indeed tend to retard removal.

It seems to us, too, that the rest of Col. Ayres' characterization and criticism is rather far fetched, though perhaps the picture was purposely overdrawn in order to direct attention in a very striking way to a practice in justification of which little or nothing can be said. After remarking, as already noted, that "This great and growing volume of credit extended for speculative use is protected by no reserves," Col. Ayres goes on to say: "It is be-

yond the control of the Federal Reserve authorities (for that matter, is not all Stock Exchange loaning beyond their control?). It is a vast extension of one branch of the New York money market under the control of a miscellaneous group of individuals and corporations who are charged with no responsibility for the regulation or the safeguarding of credit conditions."

There is no denying the fact that the responsibility of the bank is greater and more direct than that of the depositor who, equally with the bank, indulges in the practice of unwise or excessive loaning on speculative account, but that carrying responsibility counts for much as a deterrent may well be questioned in view of the fact that the member banks to-day are borrowing over a billion dollars (\$1,025,109,000 July 25) at the Reserve institutions as against only \$398,130,000 twelve months ago. Col. Ayres' criticisms lead him inevitably to the conclusion (the argument would lose much of its effectiveness if it were not capped with a climax of that kind) that: "In a few weeks now large amounts of these funds will be required by these firms for use in their own businesses, as the seasonal demands of the regular autumn expansion of credit uses develop. When that time comes these funds will be withdrawn in large amounts and without warning. The present prospects are that the resulting reduction in brokers' loans will cause serious declines in stock prices." We pretend to no knowledge as to the likelihood of any such happening as Col. Ayres foresees, but assuming that withdrawals of the kind do occur at the autumn season will the banks who are to-day so largely borrowing at the Reserve institutions be entirely absolved from responsibility? It is the banks who have engaged Reserve credit to such an extent, *in advance of the autumnal demand for banking accommodation in the legitimate sense*, not the depositors. As for the objectionable practice itself, the banks have the remedy in their own hands. They will be themselves to blame if they tolerate it any longer. As already stated, the practice falls outside the province of legitimate banking. Lending is the function of the banks, not of the depositors.

The Federal Reserve statements this week are colorless, which is the same as saying that they show no great changes of moment. As far as brokers' loans are concerned, there is a further small decrease, the total of the loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) by the 45 reporting member banks in New York City being this week (July 25) \$4,183,919,000, against \$4,194,415,000 a week ago (July 18). As compared with the maximum figure of \$4,563,240,000 on June 6 this shows a substantial decline, and yet not to the extent looked for or desired. And as compared with a year ago when the amount of the loans was no more than \$3,141,193,000 it shows that there is still a considerable way to go before the figures will be back to normal proportions. In the comparison with a week ago a point of interest is that the loans for own account are slightly larger, being \$823,516,000, as against \$820,201,000 July 18, while the loans for account of out-of-town banks are somewhat lower, being \$1,551,758,000, against \$1,602,482,000, but that the loans "for account of others" have risen still higher, having now reached \$1,806,645,000, against \$1,771,732,000 on Wednesday of last week.

The changes shown in the statements of the Federal Reserve Banks themselves are also comparatively slight, though a fact of interest to be noted is that member bank borrowing has again slightly increased, the amount for July 25 being \$1,025,109,000, against \$1,011,757,000 on July 18. As against the increase here, however, holdings of acceptances bought in the open market are somewhat lower, being down to \$169,083,000, against \$181,035,000. Holdings of U. S. Government securities have also been reduced somewhat more, and are now at \$207,641,000, against \$209,342,000. The result altogether is that total bill and security holdings (which together represent the full amount of Reserve credit in use) stand practically unaltered, being \$1,402,323,000 July 25, against \$1,402,624,000 July 18. On July 27 1927, however, the aggregate was only \$953,831,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was reduced during the week from \$1,618,863,000 to \$1,606,582,000, while at the same time gold reserves slightly increased, rising from \$2,599,592,000 to \$2,604,031,000.

As was the case last week, there has been little to the stock market the present week. Movements of consequence have been largely in individual stocks, generally high-priced ones. Room traders have devoted their attention mainly to these, there being little speculation on account of the outside public, and no difficulty has been encountered in moving the stocks selected to higher levels. As a matter of fact, many of these have been very substantially advanced, evidence of pool activities being by no means altogether lacking. The volume of trading has been somewhat larger than last week and yet of moderate proportions as compared with the hectic days of two or three months ago. The money market has played little or no part in the speculation, the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange having ruled at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ throughout the whole week. Transactions on the New York Stock Exchange aggregated 1,395,310 shares on Monday, 1,764,410 shares on Tuesday, 1,703,840 shares on Wednesday, 1,459,830 shares on Thursday, and 1,841,200 shares on Friday. On the Curb Market the dealings aggregated 326,565 shares on Monday, 361,975 shares on Tuesday, 437,340 shares on Wednesday, 330,282 shares on Thursday, and 354,675 shares on Friday.

While the general trend of prices in the case of the high-priced specialties was upward, fluctuations have nevertheless been somewhat irregular, with the trend in one or two instances somewhat lower. General Motors shares displayed perhaps more irregularity than any of the other high-priced specialties; the extremes for the week were $184\frac{5}{8}$ on Tuesday and $192\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday, with the close yesterday at $192\frac{1}{4}$, against $187\frac{7}{8}$ the close on Friday of last week. Montgomery Ward & Co. ranged between $163\frac{1}{2}$ on Monday and 173 on the same day, with the close yesterday at 171, against $166\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. American Tel. & Tel. ranged between 172 on Tuesday and $176\frac{1}{4}$ on Wednesday with the close yesterday at 175, against $173\frac{3}{8}$ the previous Friday. General Electric ranged between $145\frac{1}{4}$ on Monday and $150\frac{7}{8}$ on Wednesday and closed yesterday at $150\frac{1}{2}$, against $146\frac{5}{8}$ the previous Friday. Allied Chemical & Dye ranged between $173\frac{5}{8}$ on Saturday and $179\frac{3}{8}$ on Wednesday and closed yesterday at $177\frac{1}{4}$, against 175 the previous Friday.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. ranged between $115\frac{1}{4}$ on Monday and $118\frac{1}{2}$ on the same day and closed yesterday at $117\frac{1}{8}$, against $116\frac{5}{8}$ the previous Friday. Radio Corporation of America fluctuated between $163\frac{1}{2}$ on Monday and $176\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday, with the close on the latter day at $175\frac{3}{4}$, against $168\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week.

In the general list the net changes for the week are not very great in most instances. The copper stocks and the independent motor stocks perhaps showed the greatest strength, Chrysler ranged between 72 on Saturday and $79\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday and closed on the latter day at $79\frac{3}{8}$, against $72\frac{7}{8}$ the previous Friday. Studebaker closed yesterday at 71, against 68 the previous Friday; Packard at 73, against $72\frac{3}{4}$; Nash at $83\frac{1}{2}$ against 83; Hudson at 81 against 82, and Hupp at $56\frac{1}{2}$, against $57\frac{1}{4}$. In the copper group Kennecott again displayed great strength; it closed yesterday at $94\frac{5}{8}$, against 93 the previous Friday; Anaconda closed at $67\frac{1}{8}$ against $66\frac{3}{8}$; American Smelting & Refining at $204\frac{3}{4}$, against $190\frac{1}{2}$; Magma Copper at $51\frac{1}{4}$, against $49\frac{3}{4}$; Cerro de Pasco at 75, against $74\frac{1}{2}$. The steel stocks have many of them enjoyed substantial advances during the week. U. S. Steel common closed yesterday at $144\frac{1}{2}$, against 139 the previous Friday; Bethlehem Steel closed at $57\frac{3}{8}$, against $55\frac{3}{8}$; Midland Steel at $214\frac{3}{4}$, against $214\frac{1}{2}$; Crucible Steel at $72\frac{1}{8}$ against 71, and Ludlum Steel at $58\frac{1}{4}$, against $57\frac{1}{4}$. Among the oil stocks, Atlantic Refining closed yesterday at $147\frac{1}{2}$, against $142\frac{1}{8}$ the previous Friday; Marland Oil closed at $35\frac{1}{2}$, against $34\frac{3}{4}$, and Standard Oil of N. J. at $43\frac{3}{4}$, against $43\frac{1}{8}$. The rubber stocks have also moved higher, and U. S. Rubber pref. closed yesterday at $64\frac{1}{4}$, against $61\frac{3}{4}$ the previous Friday and the common at $33\frac{1}{4}$, against 31; Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed at $52\frac{1}{8}$, against $47\frac{3}{4}$, and B. F. Goodrich at $77\frac{3}{8}$, against $74\frac{1}{4}$.

The railroad list displayed moderate strength, though the returns of earnings that have come in during the week for the month of June have not been favorable as a rule; where the comparison of net with the previous year is good, the reason as a rule is found in the fact that expenses have been heavily reduced. Texas & Pacific continued to furnish an exception to the rule and under the influence of strikingly favorable returns of earnings the stock moved still higher the present week, the close yesterday being 175, against 170 the previous Friday. New York Central closed yesterday at $163\frac{3}{4}$, against $160\frac{1}{8}$ the previous Friday; Chesapeake & Ohio at $180\frac{1}{2}$, against $178\frac{1}{2}$; Atchison at 188, against $186\frac{1}{8}$; Canadian Pacific at $206\frac{7}{8}$, against $202\frac{3}{8}$; Great Northern at $96\frac{1}{2}$, against 96; Northern Pacific at 95, against 95; Wabash at $73\frac{1}{2}$, against $70\frac{3}{4}$; Union Pacific at $193\frac{7}{8}$, against $191\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Pacific at $119\frac{1}{4}$, against $118\frac{1}{2}$; St. Louis-San Francisco at 113, against $111\frac{1}{8}$; Reading at 100, against $98\frac{3}{4}$; Delaware & Hudson at $189\frac{1}{2}$, against $183\frac{1}{8}$; Baltimore & Ohio at $105\frac{7}{8}$, against 105; New York Chicago & St. Louis at 125, against $124\frac{1}{2}$, and St. Louis Southwestern at 84 against $85\frac{1}{8}$.

Irregularity was the prevailing feature of trading on all European stock exchanges the past week. Lacking the lead of a definite tendency at New York, stocks at London, Paris and Berlin drifted about almost aimlessly with occasional small flurries in some sections of the respective lists. On the London Stock Exchange trading was very quiet in all ses-

sions to yesterday's close. Gilt-edged securities continued their rise on Monday and Tuesday, but it appeared less certain Wednesday that accumulation of gold by the Bank of England would continue, and this section of the list thereafter showed fractional declines. Home railroads declined further on selling by nervous holders, with something of a rally occurring Thursday on publication of a favorable dividend statement by the London, Midland & Scottish Railway. Industrial shares moved about idly, but oils began to improve late in the week on reports of better prices for petrol. Renewed liquidation in the Loewenstein companies, the Hydro-Electric Securities Company and International Holding Company, brought a sharp decline in these issues Wednesday. In yesterday's market Home Rails were a feature because of further dividend announcements that exceeded expectations.

The Paris Bourse was extremely dull all week, cabled reports repeatedly indicating that practically no business was being done. This is in marked contrast with the heavy trading of last month when speculation outran the facilities of the Bourse. Lack of buyers Monday produced some weakness which was succeeded by a better tone Tuesday. By Wednesday, however, the downward trend had again set in, with buyers virtually absent. Larger offerings than usual, Thursday, in a few issues found so few takers that prices declined out of proportion with the volume of transactions. The Berlin Boerse opened dull Monday, but showed slight improvement the following day on more optimistic reports from New York. Chemical shares were bid up, with Oberkoks in the lead. Weakness set in on Wednesday, with attention centered on a bear raid on Polyphone which set that issue back 40 points in the course of the day. The decline in this stock continued Thursday, with artificial silk issues joining in the downward movement on reports of reductions in prices.

Negotiations for concluding a multilateral treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, reached their final stage late last week with the receipt in Washington of favorable replies from Japan and Czechoslovakia to Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg's invitation of June 23. Fourteen nations were invited by Secretary Kellogg to subscribe to the simple agreement to renounce war, which he placed before the respective Governments along with a covering note explaining the American interpretation of its provisions and of objections put forward by France and Great Britain. Twelve replies previously received were summarized in these columns in our two preceding issues. All the responses were favorable, the Governments of Germany, France, Italy, the Irish Free State, Belgium, Poland, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India signifying in the order named that they were prepared to attach their signatures to the proposed treaty. The explanations and interpretations contained in the covering note of June 23 were also found acceptable.

The replies of Japan and Czechoslovakia, received respectively on July 20 and 21, were in similar vein. Baron Giichi Tanaka, Premier and Foreign Minister of the Tokio Government, expressed full concurrence in the alterations in the preamble of the draft treaty and announced his Government as in readiness to proceed with the signature of the treaty in the form

conveyed by Secretary Kellogg on June 23. "I cannot conclude," the Japanese statesman added, "without congratulating your government most warmly upon the rapid and general acceptance which their proposals have met with. The Imperial Government are proud to be among the first to be associated with a movement so plainly in unison with the hopes everywhere entertained, and confidently concur with the high probability of the acceptance of this simple and magnanimous treaty by the whole civilized world." The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic also expressed its great willingness to sign the text of the proposed accord. Foreign Minister Eduard Benes reviewed the negotiations in his reply and agreed specifically with the interpretations placed on the accord by Secretary Kellogg. The agreement to renounce war, he declared, "would be an immense benefit for humanity; and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic rejoices to see that the American Government is ready to offer participation in this treaty, on the one hand to the powers who are parties to the neutrality treaties, and on the other to all other powers, in order to invest it with as universal a character as possible."

Favorable replies having been received from all invited Governments, attention was turned, over the last week-end, to arrangements for signing the treaty. Suggestions that the treaty be signed in Paris had been previously heard and took more definite form on July 20 and 21. President Coolidge, at his summer retreat in Wisconsin, was understood to have learned from Secretary Kellogg that the State Department looked with favor upon the idea of a Paris conference for final signature of the accord and readily gave his assent to the plan. The belief was expressed that all the other fourteen signatories were receptive to the idea of holding the Paris conference. It appeared likely early this week that the latter days of August, probably the 27th or 28th, will be chosen for the ceremony. Paris dispatches of July 21 stated that conclusion of the pact in Paris would be especially gratifying to Foreign Minister Aristide Briand, with whom the negotiations originated in June, 1927.

Advancement of the negotiations to the point of signature caused two questions to be brought forward which are of peculiar significance to the United States. The first of these hinged upon the extent to which the treaty would involve this country in European affairs. Press dispatches from Paris have indicated persistently that Europe believes the United States would be under the necessity of taking a definite stand toward the problems of the Continent should these ever eventuate in warfare. Regarding these predictions Mr. Kellogg was quoted in a Washington dispatch of last Saturday to the New York Times as saying that the anti-war compact would not draw the United States into European affairs any more than the various arbitration treaties which this country has negotiated with European Governments. "Other officials remarked," the dispatch added, "that public opinion in the United States might pay more attention to the merits of an international controversy in the event any government broke the anti-war compact and resorted to arms, but that this would not mean that the United States would go to war."

The second question brought up by the assurance that fifteen Governments will subscribe to the treaty was that of securing parliamentary ratification of

the accord. Such ratification will be necessary in practically all cases, but it was not thought likely that any difficulty would be experienced on that point anywhere, excepting possibly in Washington. The possibility of such difficulties arising was broached in dispatches from New York to the French capital which were given great prominence in the French press. Review of this situation at Washington last Sunday indicated, however, that there is little likelihood of the United States Senate withholding its assent. "The confidence of the State Department that the treaty will be approved by the Senate found substantial support to-day in Democratic quarters," a dispatch to the New York Times said. "Republican Administration Senators, it was predicted, will be found solidly behind the treaty, while the Progressive Republicans, it is confidently expected, will be influenced favorably by Senator Borah, who not only has supported the project wholeheartedly but was first in the lists with his advocacy of the outlawry of war."

Increased unemployment in Great Britain in recent months was made the occasion for a debate in the House of Commons, Tuesday, after the Labor Party had put a motion censuring the Conservative Government of Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin for "ineffectiveness" in dealing with "this tragic national problem." Official figures of British unemployment, published July 20, showed that the list has been steadily growing longer since March. The figures showed the situation up to July 9, on which date there were 1,273,360 working people unemployed out of the total of approximately 12,000,000 registered under the Unemployment Insurance Act. A year ago this figure was 1,069,386, most of the increase of 203,974 having taken place since March this year. The total figure, it was pointed out in a London dispatch to the New York Times, is higher than it was four years ago when the Labor Party was in power and has reached such a height that even the Conservatives are greatly depressed and inclined to pessimism. In the past year, moreover, some 30,000 jobless have been taken off the roster because they have passed the age of 65 and have ceased to be insurable even though they have failed to get employment. "It is conceded," the Times dispatch added, "that the figure of unemployment is a quarter of a million higher than in July, 1927."

The motion of the Labor Party censuring the Government, when it came up for debate Tuesday was decisively defeated by 331 votes to 151. The problem, however, was broadly considered by Premier Baldwin, who acknowledged at the outset that the state of permanent unemployment might properly be considered a national emergency. He called on employers to give jobs again to the workless in the same spirit as they cared for veterans of the World War when they returned from the front. The Government, Mr. Baldwin said, had three major plans for coping with the crisis. It would speed freight reductions on coal, which had been contemplated under Winston Churchill's scheme of rating reform, putting them in force in December of this year instead of the following October. It would lend money to any workman in any depressed area to enable him to go to some other part of the Empire where a job was assured and allow him to pay the debt in small instalments spread over a long period. It would con-

tinue the export credits guarantee an additional two years after September, 1929, when it is due to lapse.

The Premier announced further that Lord Lovat, Under Secretary of the Dominions Office, would leave in a few days for Canada, Australia and New Zealand, to consult these Dominions with a view to obtaining closer cooperation in the task of emigration within the empire.

Ramsay MacDonald, former Prime Minister, and leader of his Majesty's Labor Opposition, criticized the Conservative Government for its "inaction" in the face of this problem. Mr. MacDonald based his criticisms on the report of the Industrial Transference Board which had been published the day before. This report stated that 200,000 British unemployed, mostly miners, are facing starvation and that whole communities must be moved to other homes if they are to be saved. In reviewing this report before the House of Commons, Mr. MacDonald charged that over-capitalization fostered under the Conservative Party had wrecked many of the country's major businesses, and the Government had neglected the great obvious tasks of drainage and road building the nation needed done which might have minimized unemployment. He charged that the Empire Emigration act had broken down and that thousands of British families had been for several years trying to reach the Dominion with practically no help from the Government. Winston Churchill of the Exchequer, closed the debate for the Government, declaring that the coal industry was the crux of the whole problem and that he hoped relief would shortly be forthcoming.

Agitation for "Anschluss," or union of Germany and Austria under the hegemony of Berlin, was carried on with great fervor the past week, causing more than a little anxiety in the capitals of the different countries. An interview by Dr. Herman Mueller, the German Chancellor, published last Saturday in the Vienna "Neue Freie Presse," was considered to contain a hint that the Berlin Cabinet would labor unremittingly for union of the two States. "One of the foremost tasks of the present Reich Government," Dr. Mueller said, "will be not only to maintain our relations with Austria on the existing good footing, but if possible to draw them still closer so that the consciousness of homogeneousness will become increasingly common property of the German people." At Graz, Austria, Paul Loebe, President of the German Reichstag, declared Tuesday that the German peoples had no intention to resort to force to obtain union. He proposed, however, before a mass meeting attended by 30,000 persons that all present take oath never to rest until union was effected by gradual stages. The two countries, he added, would promote economic, cultural and legalization measures until union existed in fact if not in name. In addition to these pronouncements, the leaders of a huge song festival held in Vienna over the past week-end managed to turn the meeting in large part into a demonstration in favor of fusion of the two States. These developments were viewed with undisguised concern at Paris, where political observers accused Germany and Austria not only of endangering the peace of Central Europe, but of a revival of the spirit of Pan-Germanism. In a Paris dispatch of Tuesday from Edwin L. James, special correspondent of the New York Times, "Anschluss" was described as the most important political issue

confronting Europe at the present time. "It would mean," the dispatch added, "that Germany, after losing the World War, would be a political power in Europe stronger than before the conflict, and that means that the conquerors of Germany are entirely disposed to stand on their rights in the treaties of Versailles and Trianon and prevent *anschluss*. But there is doubt of their ability to do so and in that doubt lie elements of danger."

The long list of revolutionary attempts against the Portuguese Government was augmented by a further abortive uprising late July 21, at Lisbon. Rumors that had been current for some time were turned into certainty that evening, when the Government received information that the Seventh Regiment of *Cacadores* intended to revolt. With the aid of loyal troops, the revolt was quickly suppressed, the Government issuing the following official statement last Sunday: "Friday evening some officers of the 7th Regiment *Chasseurs*, stationed at *Castellosao* barracks, mutinied, preventing their commander from entering the barracks, and trying unsuccessfully to involve a portion of the Lisbon garrison in their movement. The government, having assured itself of the cooperation of all regiments of the garrison, immediately commenced a siege of the barracks and ordered artillery to take positions in order to speedily stifle the seditious attempt. Total stoppage of traffic in streets was ordered and streets strongly patrolled by pickets and armored cars during the night. In the early hours of Saturday morning a storming force started a vigorous offensive supported by artillery. The rebels quickly submitted, and about 8 o'clock in the morning the mutinous officers, some non-commissioned officers and civilians who had joined the movement were arrested." Seven persons were killed in the revolt and about thirty seriously wounded. Steps were immediately taken by the authorities to disband the revolutionary forces and to deport the most active insurrectionaries to the island of Timor, in the Malay Archipelago.

Diplomatic moves to clarify the present puzzling and uncertain international status of China were begun in the past week between China and Japan on the one hand and between China and the United States on the other. The recent unification of China proper, under the Nanking Nationalist Government, made such steps inevitable, as it brings before all powers the question of *de jure* recognition of the Nanking regime. A number of complications appear, however, chief among them the fact that Manchuria remains under the hegemony of Chang Hsueh-liang, son of the late dictator of the "Three Eastern Provinces." "Young" Chang enjoys the protection of the Japanese military, who have stated definitely that they will not tolerate fighting between Chinese factions in Manchuria. Accordingly, the Nanking Government is put to the necessity of negotiating diplomatically for accession of Manchuria to its influence, and in this diplomatic game Japan holds the upper hand. Japanese policy of course is dictated by the extensive interests of her nationals in Manchuria. Additional complication between China and Japan relate chiefly to the settling of the Tsinan incident, the anxiety of the Chinese to have Japan withdraw the most of her

heavy military forces in China, and the long expressed intention of China not to renew the unilateral treaties which accord extra-territoriality to foreigners in China. The latter point concerns all Governments which have treaties with China excepting Russia and Germany which have relinquished their privileges of extra-territoriality.

The Nanking Government took the initiative in this diplomatic game on July 20 by filing with the Japanese Consul at Nanking a notice to the effect that the treaty between the two countries was ended and that thereafter all Japanese in China will be treated in accordance with Chinese and international law. This action was made possible by expiration of the extension of the treaty granted by Chang Tso-lin when in control of Peking. The Japanese Consul, after reading the note, returned it, saying that it was not acceptable. This action was followed Monday by abrupt termination by Chang Hsueh-liang of negotiations for incorporation of Manchuria under Nationalist rule. Whether these incidents were related has not yet been made clear. Reports were widely circulated to the effect that Baron Tanaka, Premier and Foreign Minister of Japan, had warned Chang Hsueh-liang against any alliance with Nanking. Tokio denied these reports, but Chinese opinion nevertheless was that Japan was moving to block amicable settlement and to keep Manchuria separated from the rest of China. Tokio advices at the same time (Monday) stated that the Manchurian Dictator had accepted Japan's "advice" and broken off dealings with the Nationalists.

The other matters at issue between Japan and China remained in status quo the past week. The understanding was arrived at some time ago that parleys for settlement of the Tsinan incident would be instituted by Nanking and Tokio. Unofficial intimations have been given by Tokio periodically that such settlement would be most acceptable. To these intimations an official statement was added on July 19 to the effect that Japanese troops would not be withdrawn from Shantung until the incident had been settled. The presence of these troops is, of course, a thorn in the side of the Chinese, not merely from the viewpoint of prestige, but also from a military standpoint. At Tsinan the Japanese troops are in contact with the principal north and south railway in China and they would be able to cut communications in a moment. Japanese forces in China are estimated at 50,000 all told, with 15,000 in Shantung, 10,000 in the Peking-Tientsin region and 25,000 in Manchuria.

The negotiations between the United States Government and the Nanking Government were of an entirely different nature, being based upon the desire of the Nationalists for the recognition by the United States of their regime. This issue is a relatively simple one and it is to be met in the traditionally friendly spirit that animates the United States Government in all its dealings with China. The Nationalist Government on July 11, through Chao Chu-wu, its Washington representative, addressed a communication to Secretary of State Kellogg and to this communication Mr. Kellogg replied July 24 making his note public on the following day. This action was considered to accord *de facto* recognition to the Nanking Government. Cordial in tone, the note agrees "that a new and unified China is in process of emerging from the chaos of civil war

and turmoil which has distressed that country for many years," and indicates that if the Nationalists continue in their organization of the country and demonstrate that they can discharge their obligations under international law and comity, de jure recognition will be forthcoming.

The note was looked upon generally, Washington dispatches indicated, as placing the United States in the lead of other nations in its attitude toward China. That it will greatly influence other Governments was considered inevitable. No specific mention was made in the note of extraterritoriality, that subject not being immediately at issue. A hint of the American attitude toward the Chinese was, however, contained in the note in the statement that "we ask of them only that which we look for from every nation with which we maintain friendly intercourse, specifically, proper and adequate protection of American citizens, their property and lawful rights." This was construed, a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" said, as pointing to a willingness of the United States to relinquish extraterritorial rights proportionately as the Chinese Government sets up proper judicial and legal safeguards for the protection of American nationals in China. "I am happy now to state," Secretary Kellogg said in conclusion, "that the American Government is ready to begin at once, through the American Minister to China negotiations with properly accredited representatives whom the Nationalist Government may appoint, in reference to the tariff provisions of the treaties between the United States and China, with a view to concluding a new treaty in which it may be expected that full expression will be given reciprocally to the principle of national tariff autonomy and to the principle that the commerce of each of the contracting parties shall enjoy in the ports and the territories of the other treatment in no way discriminatory as compared with the treatment accorded to the commerce of any other country." At the same time that this note was sent, the Navy Department ordered the withdrawal of nearly 1,500 officers and men of the Marine Corps from Tientsin, leaving slightly more than 2,600 American marines in China.

An additional announcement, made in Washington late last evening, indicated that a new tariff treaty had been signed between the United States and the Nanking Nationalist Government on July 25. It was signed at Peking by United States Minister John Van A. MacMurray, and T. V. Soong, Nationalist Minister of Finance of the Chinese Republic. The treaty was made public in Washington without comment as it bore out very closely the general statements made the previous day by Secretary Kellogg. Article I of the new accord provides for the annulment of all previous unequal tariff treaties between China and the United States and affirms the principle of complete national tariff autonomy. Provision was made, however, that the nationals of either contracting party "shall enjoy in the territories of the other treatment in no way discriminatory as compared with treatment accorded to any other country." To supplement this general statement the treaty affirms specifically that "the nationals of neither of the high contracting parties shall be compelled under any pretext whatever to pay within the territories of the other party any duties, internal charges or taxes upon their importations or exportations other or higher than

those paid by nationals of the country or by nationals of any other country."

Political affairs in Mexico have presented a highly confused aspect since the assassination on July 17 of President-elect Alvaro Obregon, who was by far the strongest single figure in the country. The confusion, however, has been confined entirely to the question of "intellectual responsibility" for the murder and to the peaceable realignment of forces in the present deep-seated political struggle. No attempt has been made by any faction to have recourse to arms, unlike the experience in all previous crises for the past twelve years. Party lines have been drawn tighter, however, resulting in sharp cleavage between the agrarian elements and the forces of organized labor. President Calles, nevertheless, has retained firm control of the various factions and of the army, making it increasingly likely, according to well informed observers in Mexico City, that the country will emerge peacefully from the present turbulent situation.

The slain leader was buried last Saturday at his birthplace in the little village of Huatabampo, State of Sonora, just across the United States border from Nogales, Arizona. Jose de Leon Toral, the young art student who shot and killed General Obregon, was given every assurance, meanwhile, that proceedings against him would be conducted in a civil court. Moreover, the dominant Obregonista group in the National Congress decided against the death penalty for the murderer, last Tuesday, giving additional indication of the confidence felt in the country's future by the leaders.

The deep rift between the dominant Obregonistas, or Agrarians, and the forces of the Labor Party was manifested over the week-end by open accusations that the Labor leaders were the "intellectual authors" of the assassination of President-elect Obregon. The Government, according to a Mexico City dispatch of July 21 to the Associated Press, even considered an official investigation into charges by Obregon supporters that the assassination was in a measure instigated by Luis Morones, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labor and Supreme Head of the Regional Confederation of Mexican Labor, or Crom. These charges were to the effect that Senor Morones and other labor leaders opposed to General Obregon were "psychologically responsible" for his assassination by "causing an anti-Obregon atmosphere which influenced a religious fanatic to kill him." Less sedate elements in the Agrarian ranks threatened publicly to kill Minister Morones in retaliation for his alleged responsibility. Morones, taking heed of this intense antagonism, resigned his place in the Calles Cabinet last Sunday. Along with his resignation went those of General Celestino Gasca, Director of the Ordnance Department, and Eduardo Moneda, Chief of the Government Printing Shops, both, like Morones, prominent labor leaders. The three labor Ministers resigned their portfolios, they said, "to assist in maintaining the unity of the revolutionary family and to facilitate the investigation of the cause of General Obregon's murder."

The problem of the succession to the Mexican Presidency on the expiration of President Calles's term December 1 next, occupied all minds in Mexico the past week. No provision is made by the Mexican Constitution for the emergency that has arisen,

nor may a President succeed himself in office. The removal of General Obregon from the scene promptly brought suggestions that President Calles remain in office for a further two years under the amendment to the Constitution extending the term of future Presidents to six years. A more likely procedure, however, according to dispatches from the Mexican capital, will be the designation by the Congress of either President Calles or Aaron Saenz, Governor of the State of Nuevo Leon, as Provisional President for two years, new elections to be held in the interim. This was authoritatively stated to be the plan favored by Colonel Ricardo Topete, leader of the Obregonists in the Congress. The new Chamber of Deputies meets for the first time on Sept. 1 next, and it was considered highly probable that action to fill the vacancy will be taken at that time. Whether President Calles would agree to continue in office appears to be an open question, as all reports from Mexico City assert that he is very tired of the post.

The skillful and moderate handling of the crisis in Mexico by President Calles has aroused admiring comment from well informed observers. His accusation of the Catholic party has a political significance that is clearly summarized in the following dispatch of July 25 from a Mexico City correspondent of the New York "Times": "Observers in Mexico have been struck with admiration and a certain amount of wonder at the exhibition of diplomatic highwire walking which has been visible at the National Palace during these last few days. They have seen one man stepping slowly and bravely among hazards terrible in nature. They have seen President Calles acting to hold the Government together. His method has been a desperate one, since he has been using an institution of slighter political weight than any other here as a target for the national rage. There is, it is said on high authority, no Catholic party. There are certainly many Mexicans who are devout Christians, but anybody can be defied to point to any one else as an actual leader and spokesman for the Church in politics. In other words as a practicing, vote-getting organized political body it does not exist. Nevertheless, President Calles early accused this virtually non-existent party of the assassination of General Obregon. And only last night he reiterated the charge. Not for an instant has he allowed the widely advertised accusation against the more extreme left wing of the laborites to have his approval. The killing was done, presumably, by a religious fanatic, and that, politically, has been enough for President Calles."

Official reports to the effect that the activities of the Nicaraguan General Augustino Sandino had ceased and that he had apparently fled his country were made early this week by Rear Admiral David F. Sellers, commander of the United States Special Service Squadron in Central American waters. These reports were handed to President Coolidge by Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, Tuesday. A dispatch to the New York "Times" said: "Whether or not Sandino has actually fled from Nicaragua, his operations have ceased, and so have those of the other rebels operating either in conjunction with him or independently. Armed resistance to the United States in Nicaragua has died down, and the outlook for an orderly election in the autumn was never better since the country was thrown into turmoil

about a year ago, the President was informed." The information, however, appears to have been somewhat premature. A Managua dispatch of Wednesday, by Tropical Radio, indicated that Marine planes had again been fired on by "rebels armed with rifles and machine guns," while the planes were near the confluence of Poteca and Coco Rivers at the frontier of Nicaragua and Honduras. A squadron of five planes flew over the camp of the "rebels" Wednesday, the insurgents again opened a severe fire, three of the Marine planes being hit by rifle bullets and the Marines responding. Due to the heavy forest growth, the number of rebels and the effect of the marine bombing and machine gun fire could not be ascertained.

Parliamentary rule in Egypt was suspended for three years, or longer if deemed necessary, by a royal decree published in Cairo, July 19. The decree invested King Fuad, with all his Ministers, with the full legislative authority. A letter from Premier Mohammed Pasha Mahmud to the King was published at the same time. In it, a Cairo dispatch to the New York "Times" said, the Sovereign was begged to take the measure mentioned in the interest of the establishment of a stable Government and to save the country from despotism of the corrupt faction which has succeeded in dominating the majority and in causing chaos throughout the country. Restrictions on the press of the country were also imposed by the decree. Behind the decree, a London dispatch to the "Times" pointed out, "lies the momentous admission that the limited self-government granted by the British to Egypt has failed. It has been wrecked, in view of observers here, on the rock of the political extremism of the Wafd together with the inefficiency and corruption existing in the Government. From now on Egypt will in reality be governed from London. Her King, placed on the throne by Britain, will take orders from the British High Commissioner. There will be no legal political opposition to trouble him, for temporarily, at least, the Wafd as a Parliamentary force is wiped out of existence, together with electoral self-government." Questioning in the House of Commons in London, last Monday, brought the statement from Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the British Government had taken no part in the suspension of the Egyptian Parliament by King Fuad.

No changes have been reported this week in discount rates by any of the central banks of Europe. Rates continue at 7% in Germany; 6½% in Austria; 5½% in Italy and Norway; 5% in Denmark and Madrid; 4½% in London and Holland; 4% in Belgium and Sweden, and 3½% in France and Switzerland. In London open market discounts are now 4% for short and 4 3-16@4¼% for long bills, against 4% for the former and 4@4 1-16% for the latter on Friday of last week. Money on call in London was 4% on Wednesday, but only 2⅞% yesterday. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3¼% and in Switzerland at 3⅞%.

This week's statement of the Bank of England reveals a gain in gold of only £76,478 and a loss in the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department of £49,000, due to an increase in note circulation of £125,000. The ratio of reserve to liabilities

continued its upward climb, rising this week from 48.47% to 50.39%, which is said to be the highest percentage since the 52.36% of July 22 1914. This compares with a low for the year of 21.95% on Jan. 4, while at this time last year the ratio stood at 29.56%. Public deposits fell off £4,651,000 and "other" deposits £154,000. Loans on Government securities declined £3,110,000 and loans on other securities £1,822,000. Gold holdings are at their highest point on record, this week's total being £176,020,387, against £151,804,741 last year and £152,126,713 two years ago (1926). Notes in circulation aggregate £136,016,000 in comparison with £137,958,185 in 1927 and £142,020,185 in 1926. The Bank's official discount rate remains at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items of the Bank of England statement for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1928.					1927.					1926.					1925.					1924.				
	July 25.	July 27.	July 28.	July 29.	July 30.	July 25.	July 27.	July 28.	July 29.	July 30.	July 25.	July 27.	July 28.	July 29.	July 30.	July 25.	July 27.	July 28.	July 29.	July 30.	July 25.	July 27.	July 28.	July 29.	July 30.
Circulation.....	£136,016,000	137,958,165	142,020,185	144,750,795	127,092,165	11,737,000	9,877,743	9,727,001	20,690,085	12,193,603	106,838,000	103,482,503	105,492,490	103,264,019	111,991,492	28,279,000	49,991,982	34,925,328	33,600,438	45,762,467	48,418,000	47,857,565	68,524,751	69,173,912	75,495,077
Public deposits.....	11,737,000	9,877,743	9,727,001	20,690,085	12,193,603	106,838,000	103,482,503	105,492,490	103,264,019	111,991,492	28,279,000	49,991,982	34,925,328	33,600,438	45,762,467	48,418,000	47,857,565	68,524,751	69,173,912	75,495,077	59,754,000	33,596,556	29,856,528	39,257,012	20,966,500
Other deposits.....	106,838,000	103,482,503	105,492,490	103,264,019	111,991,492	28,279,000	49,991,982	34,925,328	33,600,438	45,762,467	48,418,000	47,857,565	68,524,751	69,173,912	75,495,077	59,754,000	33,596,556	29,856,528	39,257,012	20,966,500	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665
Government securities.....	28,279,000	49,991,982	34,925,328	33,600,438	45,762,467	48,418,000	47,857,565	68,524,751	69,173,912	75,495,077	59,754,000	33,596,556	29,856,528	39,257,012	20,966,500	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665
Other securities.....	48,418,000	47,857,565	68,524,751	69,173,912	75,495,077	59,754,000	33,596,556	29,856,528	39,257,012	20,966,500	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665
Reserve notes & coin.....	59,754,000	33,596,556	29,856,528	39,257,012	20,966,500	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665
Coin and bullion.....	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665	176,020,387	151,804,741	152,126,713	164,257,807	128,308,665
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	50.39%	29.56%	25.91%	31¼%	16¾%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%
Bank rate.....	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency note issues 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 1925, includes £27,000,000 of Bank of England notes issued in return for the same amount of gold coin and bullion held up to that time in redemption account of currency note issue.

In its report of July 21, the Bank of France shows a large decrease in note circulation, namely 295,000,000 francs. Total circulation now stands at 59,866,000 francs as compared with 50,161,000,000 francs last week and 60,295,093,645 francs the week before. On the other hand creditor current accounts rose 824,000,000 francs while a drop of 77,000,000 francs was shown in current accounts and deposits. Gold holdings showed a substantial gain of 258,937,492 francs, bringing the total up to 29,662,178,055 francs. Credit balances abroad advanced 29,574,455 francs. French commercial bills discounted rose 198,000,000 francs and bills bought abroad, 61,000,000 francs while advances against securities dropped 7,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the bank's return for 3 weeks past:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Status as of—		
	July 21 1928.	July 14 1928.	July 7 1928.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings..... Inc.	258,937,492	29,662,178,055	29,403,240,563
Credit bal. abr'd. Inc.	29,574,455	16,569,308,910	16,539,734,455
French commercial bills discounted. Inc.	198,000,000	2,307,000,000	2,109,000,000
Bills bought abr'd. Inc.	61,000,000	12,769,000,000	12,708,000,000
Advances agst. sec. Dec.	7,000,000	1,934,000,000	1,941,000,000
Note circulation. Dec.	295,000,000	59,866,000,000	60,161,000,000
Creditor curr. accts. Inc.	824,000,000	8,237,000,000	7,413,000,000
Curr. accts. & dep. Dec.	77,000,000	5,826,000,000	5,903,000,000

In its statement for the third week of July the Bank of Germany reveals a contraction in note circulation of 237,549,000 marks. Total note circulation now aggregates 3,987,430,000 marks in comparison with 3,383,096,000 marks for the corresponding week last year and 2,644,941,000 marks in 1926. On the other hand, increases were shown in the items "other daily maturing obligations" and "other liabilities," amounting to 129,944,000 marks and 4,065,000 marks respectively. On the asset side of the account, gold and bullion showed an increase of 21,557,000 marks, silver and other coin 11,297,000 marks, notes on other German banks 7,851,000 marks, and other as-

sets 10,459,000 marks, while reserve in foreign currency dropped 6,111,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks 158,877,000 marks, advances 9,915,000 marks and investments 9,000 marks. Deposits abroad remained unchanged. A comparison of the various items of the bank's return for three years previous is given below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.			
	July 23 1928.	July 23 1927.	July 23 1926.	July 23 1926.
Assets—	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold coin and bullion. Inc.	21,557,000	2,148,808,000	1,801,106,000	1,492,485,000
Of which depos. abr'd. Unchanged	85,626,000	57,876,000	260,435,000	
Res'v in for'n curr. Dec.	6,111,000	193,987,000	97,494,000	308,449,000
Bills of exch. & checks. Dec.	158,877,000	2,083,180,000	2,238,590,000	1,130,463,000
Silver & other coin. Inc.	11,297,000	106,151,000	100,500,000	115,854,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Inc.	7,851,000	28,252,000	22,676,000	23,031,000
Advances. Dec.	9,915,000	34,005,000	25,203,000	8,326,000
Investments. Unchanged	93,987,000	92,405,000	89,494,000	
Other assets. Inc.	10,459,000	608,416,000	507,886,000	714,412,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation. Dec.	237,549,000	3,987,430,000	3,383,096,000	2,644,941,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig. Inc.	129,944,000	688,299,000	814,092,000	748,681,000
Other liabilities. Inc.	4,065,000	234,263,000	372,426,000	129,019,000

The New York money market has been quiet and firm the past week, with rates holding steadier than they have for months past. Call loans were quoted at the undeviating figure of 5½% throughout the week at the Stock Exchange lending table. Trading in call loans was reported in the outside market at 5¼% the first three days, while on Thursday and Friday there was a decline to 5% in this unofficial market. Funds were in fair supply in this department of the market, although banks withdrew \$10,000,000 Monday, a further \$10,000,000 Tuesday, and a third like sum Thursday. Maturity funds reflected the underlying firmness much more clearly. Quotations continued firm at 6% for all maturities, with bids much more plentiful than offerings. Further indication of the underlying strength in money rates was seen in an all-round advance of ¼% in bankers' acceptances, Wednesday. This constituted the most sweeping advance in such paper that has taken place this year, and it carried the rates to their highest level since late in 1921. It was believed to reflect the approach of autumn commercial borrowing. The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank on the same day advanced its rediscount rate to 5%, being the seventh Reserve institution to take similar action. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral showed a further slight decline for the week ended Wednesday evening. The statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York indicated a drop of \$10,496,000, this being the third successive decrease. Gold exports for the week ended Wednesday night were \$8,867,000, while imports were \$3,044,000.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day, it is only necessary to repeat what has been said above, namely that all call loans on the Stock Exchange on each and every day have been at 5½%, including renewals. In the case of time loans also the story is a short one. All through the week the rate has been firmly maintained at 6%. In commercial paper there has been practically no business at all. Names of choice character maturing in four to six months continue to be quoted at 5@5¼%, with only an occasional transaction at 5%. For names less well known the quotation is 5¼@5½%, which is also the rate for New England mill paper.

Rates for banks' and bankers' acceptances have again been advanced. On Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council for prime bankers' acceptances eligible for

purchase by the Federal Reserve banks was raised $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% for bills of all maturities. Quotations yesterday were $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{5}{8}\%$ asked for bills running 30 days and also for bills running 60 and 90 days, $4\frac{7}{8}\%$ bid and $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ asked for 120 days, and $5\frac{1}{8}\%$ bid and 5% asked for 150 and 180 days. The posted rate of the Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances was advanced on Monday from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 5% and remained at the latter figure the rest of the week. Open market rates for acceptances have also been advanced and are now as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	$5\frac{1}{4}$	5	$5\frac{1}{4}$	5	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$

	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	$4\frac{3}{4}$ bld
Eligible non-member banks.....	$4\frac{3}{4}$ bld

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia this week joined the ranks of the Reserve banks which have raised their rates of discount from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 5%, the announcement in its case coming on Wednesday and the increase becoming effective Thursday. 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 CLASS AND MATURITIES OF ELIGIBLE PAPER.

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on July 27.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
New York.....	5	July 13 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	May 25 1928	4
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 25 1928	4
Kansas City.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	June 7 1928	4
Dallas.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	May 7 1928	4
San Francisco.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	June 2 1928	4

Sterling exchange this week has been dull, irregular and ruling lower than at any time this year. On Saturday and Monday it looked as though sterling might have some support, but the rallying power seemed to be quite insufficient with the result that the rates slid off successively on the following days. The range this week has been from 4.85 9-32 to $4.85\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight, compared with 4.85 11-16 to 4.86 3-32 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.85 21-32 to 4.86 3-16, compared with a range of 4.86 1-16 to 4.86 15-16 a week ago. Sterling, which had been at a premium with relation to the dollar ever since the end of 1927, two weeks ago declined to par and is now under par. Bankers place the gold import point for sterling at 4.85 3-16. Should sterling go so low, however, bankers are inclined to believe that various measures would be taken in London to prevent any large export movement to New York. London bankers are of the opinion that if gold does leave London it will be for other centres than New York. As a seasonal matter exchange should work against London and all European countries from about the middle of June until the end of December. From June to about October the seasonal trend toward lower sterling and lower European exchanges generally is partly offset by tourist traffic, but the European bills for American imports gain rapidly in volume from August on. The great firmness at the end of December, which lasted until about the beginning of June, was due largely to heavy American loans and credits made to European countries, much of the proceeds of which were temporarily

lodged in London. American foreign loans were of record volume during the first half of the year, but dropped off sharply before the close of June. This circumstance has contributed largely to the weakness in rates. Now there is practically no demand for sterling and there is everywhere a larger demand for dollars. International balances have been gravitating toward New York for many weeks and the present depression on most of the European bourses shows that the money position on this side is being felt throughout Europe. The market has been expecting momentarily an increase in the rediscount rate of the Bank of England and traders are confident that on almost any Thursday the rate will be marked up from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5%.

The increase in bankers' acceptance rates in New York on Wednesday of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% on all maturities was an important factor in depressing sterling during the week. At the present time London three-months bills are quoted 4 1-16% to $4\frac{1}{8}\%$. This compares with $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid, $4\frac{5}{8}\%$ asked, for ninety-day bills in New York. The firmness of time money against Stock Exchange collateral here, ruling steadily at 6%, has also proved attractive to foreign money and so, to some degree at least, detrimental to sterling. While there is a difference of opinion with regard to the probability of gold exports, Amsterdam bankers seem to view the matter in a different light from opinions expressed in New York and London, and say that there is a probability that London may be forced to give up as much as \$50,000,000 in gold to New York.

This week the Bank of England shows an increase of £76,478 in gold holdings, bringing the total to £176,020,387, record high gold holdings for the Bank. On Monday the Bank of England bought £146,000 in gold bars. On Friday the Banks sold £763,000 in gold bars. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week July 19-25, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$44,000, \$42,000 of which came from Latin America and \$2,000 from Australia. Gold exports totaled \$8,867,000, of which \$8,505,000 was shipped to France, \$210,000 to Java, \$80,000 to Mexico, \$67,000 to Germany and \$5,000 to Trinidad. During the week the Canadian Bank of Commerce New York agents received \$2,000,000 gold from Canada. One million dollars of the \$3,000,000 Canadian gold accounted for this week by the Federal Reserve Bank was reported here last week. The Canadian gold import, although slight, brought about firmness in Montreal funds. While Montreal has ruled at a discount throughout the week, there was considerable improvement, as the discount was cut down from $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% on Saturday to 1-16 of 1% on Thursday and Friday. Foreign exchange traders stated that at the first sign of a substantial rally in Canadian, European importers who have to arrange for autumn payments to Canada rushed into the market as buyers, though most of them were unable to take advantage of the low exchange rates ruling last week. It is believed that the present rally in Canadian dollars marks the end of the period of seasonal weakness in exchange. From now until the close of the export season, payments from abroad for Canadian grain will be very large.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling was under pressure on Saturday last in a dull half-holiday market. Bankers' sight was $4.85\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4.85\frac{7}{8}$; cable transfers $4.86\frac{1}{8}$ @ 4.86 3-16. On Monday the market

was dull, with sterling showing a slightly firmer tone. Bankers' sight was 4.85 11-16@4.85 27-32, cable transfers 4.86 1-16@4.86 5-32. On Tuesday sterling declined further. The range was 4.85 9-16 @4.85 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 15-16@4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Wednesday pressure continued. The range was 4.85 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4.85 11-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.85 15-16 for cable transfers. On Thursday bankers' sight was 4.85 9-32 @4.85 7-16 and cable transfers 4.85 21-32@4.85 13-16. On Friday the range was 4.85 5-16@4.85 7-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 11-16@4.85 13-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were 4.85 7-16 for demand and 4.85 13-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.85 $\frac{1}{4}$, sixty-day bills at 4.81 $\frac{5}{8}$, ninety-day bills at 4.80, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4.81 $\frac{1}{2}$, and seven-day grain bills at 4.84 $\frac{5}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.85 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The Continental exchanges shared in the sterling reaction, but not to such an extent as might be expected. French francs, Italian lire and Antwerp belgas were on the whole very steady although transactions were comparatively light. Most of the support of these currencies is coming from transfers to meet tourist requirements. Berlin marks even moved up fractionally, owing not only to tourist demands, but to the greater attractiveness of money rates in Berlin and other German centres. The minor Continental exchanges have been extremely dull this week and quotations have been more or less nominal. As reported above, this week \$8,505,000 in gold was shipped from New York to France from earmarked stock of the Bank of France. It was stated here last week that New York bankers expected that an additional \$14,000,000 in gold would be shipped on the Ile de France last Saturday. It seems, however, that this shipment did not take place. The "Wall Street Journal" stated on Tuesday: "Recent withdrawals of gold earmarked here for foreign central banks have reduced the amount now held by Federal Reserve banks for foreign central banks to about \$34,000,000, unless additional gold has been purchased and placed on earmark since the end of June, which is not probable. It was established at New York Federal Reserve Bank that total French actual gold withdrawals since the movement started late last year have been \$318,000,000. As France had withdrawn only \$229,000,000 to the end of June, French withdrawals for export this month have totaled \$89,000,000. It is calculated from figures published by New York Federal Reserve Bank that metal on earmark for all accounts at end of June was \$123,000,000, so the subsequent withdrawal of \$89,000,000 leaves the figure at \$34,000,000, the smallest it has been for some time. France has withdrawn all or almost all of the metal purchased here in the last 15 months by Bank of France. Some of the remaining \$34,000,000 may belong to Bank of France, but part is thought to belong to other central banks." A recent dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" from its Paris office says that the temptation offered by French banks to employ their funds in London or New York, owing to higher money rates, is greatly reduced by the tendency of rates to rise in Paris, consequent upon developments following stabilization, as also by the risks of loss through depreciation of sterling and the dollar. At the same time the Bank of France is seeking to reduce the amount of exchange

"en rapport," i. e., swapped against francs by increasing its rate from $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 1%. It can earn more on its exchange by placing it directly abroad. The dispatch stated further: "It is expected that foreign funds will gradually be withdrawn from here, as a result of which the circulation is likely to shrink and the gold cover to increase. This process will be further accentuated as the smaller bank notes are withdrawn in exchange for new silver coin. This is another reason why the bank should not set about buying more gold, which would become necessary only in case of a great increase in activity of production and exchange and of demand for discounts. A still further increase in gold holdings is probable through deposits in Paris by foreign issuing banks, now that the Bank of France can open accounts on their behalf. On the other hand, a large stock of exchange is expected to remain in possession of the Bank, so that it will remain an important factor in credit conditions in New York and London." This week the Bank of France shows an increase in its gold holdings of 259,000,000 francs, bringing the total to 29,662,000,000 francs. As stated above, the trend of German marks has been slightly firmer than the other Continentals. As noted in the report on sterling exchange, \$67,000 in gold was shipped from New York to Germany this week. The Reichsbank shows an increase of 21,557,000 marks in gold holdings, bringing the total to 2,148,800,000 marks. The Reichsbank is reported to have bought about \$5,000,000 of Soviet gold last week. Recent London dispatches state that it is understood the \$250,000,000 Rumanian stabilization loan will be secured by the State railroads, the Government appointing American, French and British experts to examine the accounts. An additional immediate advance of \$20,000,000 to the central bank of credit will also be granted by an American and French banking group pending issue of the loan in the fall.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.08 on Friday of this week, against 124.20 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.91 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 3.91 $\frac{3}{8}$ a week ago; cable transfers at 3.91 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 3.91 $\frac{5}{8}$, and commercial sight bills at 3.91, against 3.91 $\frac{1}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.92 for checks and at 13.92 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, as against 13.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.93 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 23.88 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.86 and 23.87 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, as against 5.23 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 5.24. Austrian schillings have not changed from 14 $\frac{1}{8}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.9615, against 2.9615; on Bucharest at 0.61 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 0.61; on Poland at 11.45, against 11.15, 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 and 1.30 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have been extremely dull. Swiss francs have been firmer owing to European transactions rather than to any activity in the New York market. The Scandinavian currencies all ruled a few points lower than a week ago through sympathetic reaction to the dip in sterling. Holland guilders, the most active of the neutral currencies in the New York market, ruled in general a few points lower than a week ago. Dollars are in demand by Amsterdam

traders, with the result that the guilder has come to rule slightly under par for the first time in many months. The approach of seasonal import payments is an important factor in the lower guilder rate. Spanish pesetas have been generally a few points lower than prevailing rates last week, although a banking consortium has been organized, as told here a few weeks ago, to keep the peseta steady between gold points.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.20, against 40.22 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.22, against 40.24, and commercial sight bills at 40.16, against 40.19. Swiss francs closed at 19.25¼ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.26 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.25¼ and 19.26 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.70 and cable transfers at 26.71, against 26.73½ and 26.74½. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.75½ and cable transfers at 26.76½, against 26.77½ and 26.78½, while checks on Norway finished at 26.70 and cable transfers at 26.71, against 26.72½ and 26.73½. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.45 for checks and at 16.46 for cable transfers, which compares with 16.51 and 16.52 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been dull, with Argentine pesos depressed at times, though recovering at the close. It is believed that there is a possibility of gold leaving Buenos Aires for New York before long. At least, it is very unlikely that there will be any gold imported by Buenos Aires for the next two or three months. Money rates are very easy in Buenos Aires at present. One reason for the easier rates for the peso is the fact that several prosperous export seasons and generally flourishing business have resulted in a large increase of imports of a luxury character. Another factor is the continuance of the labor troubles in Argentine ports. The other South American exchanges have been on the whole very steady. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.20 for checks, as compared with 42.20 on Friday of last week, and at 42.25 for cable transfers, against 42.25. 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 12.11 for checks and at 12.12 for cable transfers, against 12.11 and 12.12, and Peru at 3.98 for checks and at 3.99 for cable transfers, against 4.01 and 4.02.

The Far Eastern exchanges have been depressed. This condition results largely from an undercurrent of unrest arising out of political disputes between the Japanese and the Chinese Nationalists over the Manchurian question. In Thursday's market yen made a new low for the year at 45.40 for cable transfers and yesterday went still lower to 45.27. Another factor depressing the yen is the continuance and growth of the Chinese boycott movements against Japanese goods. The political factors affecting the Far Eastern exchanges have been outlined in earlier pages. London dispatches state that one of the factors causing weakness in yen is the heavy purchase by Japanese of Japanese sterling bonds. Japanese 6% sterling bonds of 1924 have risen from £97½ to £100 since January. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 45¼@45¾, against 45.85@46⅛ on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 50¼@50½, against 49.90@50 1-16; Shanghai at 66⅛@66¼, against 64¾@65; Manila at 49¾, against 49 9-16; Singapore at 56¼@56½, against 56⅜@56½; Bombay at 36½, against 36½, and Calcutta at 36½, against 36½.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different countries of the world. We give below a record for the week just past:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JULY 21 1928 TO JULY 27 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	July 21.	July 23.	July 24.	July 25.	July 26.	July 27.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling.....	140878	140916	140927	140885	140961	140858
Belgium, belga.....	139301	139293	139263	139252	139247	139192
Bulgaria, lev.....	007215	007200	007200	007200	007200	007200
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	029624	029627	029622	029624	029626	029626
Denmark, krone.....	267335	267270	267190	267145	267037	267007
England, pound sterling.....	4.861321	4.861051	4.859508	4.858991	4.856789	4.856960
Finland, marka.....	025161	026175	025176	025180	025176	025181
France, franc.....	039155	039145	039158	039144	039153	039147
Germany, reichsmark.....	238648	238654	238699	238691	238766	238808
Greece, drachma.....	012981	012985	012978	012868	012972	012965
Holland, guilder.....	402302	402316	402269	402261	402180	402161
Hungary, pengo.....	174415	174381	174323	174366	174354	174392
Italy, lira.....	052388	052370	052355	052345	052338	052331
Norway, krone.....	267230	267230	267120	267117	267105	266998
Poland, zloty.....	112125	111877	111877	111877	111877	111883
Portugal, escudo.....	044160	044300	043740	044700	044560	044340
Rumania, leu.....	006136	006135	006136	006139	006135	006135
Spain, peseta.....	165130	165030	164630	164626	164557	164530
Sweden, krona.....	267744	267722	267670	267655	267532	267548
Switzerland, franc.....	192567	192566	192540	192530	192530	192566
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	017600	017600	017601	017591	017600	017597
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael.....	664583	674166	674166	674375	675416	675833
Hankow tael.....	671250	668333	667500	670208	671250	672083
Shanghai tael.....	650892	655892	655535	655982	658125	659142
Tientsin tael.....	679166	691666	689166	688541	691250	690416
Hong Kong dollar.....	497142	501160	500625	500178	500982	501839
Mexican dollar.....	466500	475500	473500	474250	474250	474750
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	466666	476666	474166	475833	475833	476250
Yuan dollar.....	463333	473333	470833	472500	472500	472916
India, rupee.....	362431	362418	362253	362003	361931	361900
Japan, yen.....	458094	454875	455822	455980	453580	452477
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	560000	560000	559583	559583	559166	559583
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	997541	998268	999184	999296	999240	999244
Cuba, peso.....	999281	999281	999218	999218	999312	999187
Mexico, peso.....	472000	472000	472000	471666	471666	471666
Newfoundland, dollar.....	995187	995781	996992	996906	996812	996906
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	959980	959783	960192	959913	959875	960423
Brazil, milreis.....	119445	119400	119436	119436	119490	119490
Chile, peso.....	121287	121284	121282	121194	121164	121167
Uruguay, peso.....	1,023,790	1,023,499	1,023,581	1,023,790	1,022,935	1,023,040
Colombia, peso.....	980400	980400	980400	980400	980400	980400

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, July 21.	Monday, July 23.	Tuesday, July 24.	Wednesday, July 25.	Thursday, July 26.	Friday, July 27.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 103,000,000	\$ 101,000,000	\$ 85,000,000	\$ 96,000,000	\$ 81,000,000	\$ 88,000,000	Cr. 564,000,000

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 26 1928.			July 28 1927.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 176,020,387	£ 176,020,387	£ 151,804,701	£ 176,020,387	£ 176,020,387	£ 151,804,701
France.....	237,297,424	237,297,424	147,280,559	237,297,424	237,297,424	147,280,559
Germany.....	104,316,000	28,197,000	132,513,000	104,316,000	27,105,000	131,001,000
Spain.....	52,855,000	1,965,000	38,214,000	52,855,000	3,835,000	50,446,000
Italy.....	22,941,000	1,248,000	24,189,000	22,941,000	1,248,000	24,189,000
Netherl'ds.....	17,914,000	2,250,000	20,164,000	17,914,000	2,250,000	20,164,000
Nat Belg.....	12,797,000	12,797,000	12,300,000	12,797,000	12,797,000	12,300,000
Switzerl'd.....	10,103,000	615,000	10,718,000	10,103,000	615,000	10,718,000
Sweden.....	8,168,000	8,168,000	8,180,000	8,168,000	8,168,000	8,180,000
Norway.....						
Total week	781,819,911	35,269,600	817,089,511	635,988,800	52,633,600	688,622,400
Prev. week	778,379,083	35,411,600	813,790,683	637,630,489	52,731,600	690,362,089

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. 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 Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

The United States and the Nationalist Regime in China.

The statement which Secretary Kellogg has transmitted to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and a number of other Powers having special interests in China, the text of which was made public on Thursday, followed by the announcement on Friday that a treaty between the United States and China granting to China "complete national tariff autonomy" had already been signed on Wednesday, opens another chapter in the long and complicated story of American relations with China, and may prove to be the beginning of diplomatic negotiations out of which China itself will greatly benefit. It has been known for some weeks that the situation in China, created by the successes of the Nationalist Government and reported clashes between that Government and Japan over Manchuria, has been receiving careful consideration at Washington, and that representatives of the Nanking Government, although enjoying at the moment only a doubtful diplomatic status, had been heard with respect and attention at the Department of State. The announcement on Wednesday that some 1,350 officers and men of the Marine Corps were at once to be withdrawn from China, on the recommendation of Admiral Bristol and Brigadier General Butler and with the approval of the Department of State, was a clear indication that American interests in China were regarded as in less danger than they have been for some months past.

The significance of Secretary Kellogg's statement, considering the fact that at the time it was issued the conclusion of a new tariff treaty was not yet known, turns more upon the circumstances under which it was made than upon its specific substance. The statement recalls the exchange of notes on Mar. 30 last between the American Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, in settlement of the unfortunate Nanking incident of March 24, 1927, and the appointment of a joint commission to appraise the damages suffered by Americans at that time. It further recites Mr. Kellogg's statement of Jan. 27, 1927, repeated on several occasions since, to the effect that the United States "was then, and from the moment of the negotiation of the Washington Treaty had been prepared to enter into negotiations with any Government of China, or delegates who could represent or speak for China, not only for putting into force the surtaxes of the Washington Treaty but for restoring to China complete tariff autonomy." The note of March 30, referred to above, expressed the sympathy of the American Government and the people of the United States with "the desire of the Chinese people to develop a sound national life of their own, and to realize their aspirations for a sovereignty so far as possible unrestricted by obligations of an exceptional character," and declared that the American Government "looked forward to the hope that there might be developed an administration so far representative of the Chinese people as to be capable of assuring the actual fulfillment of any obligations which China would of necessity have for its part to assume incidentally to readjustment of treaty relations."

In view of these declarations, and of the decision of the Nationalist Government, announced on July 11, to appoint plenipotentiaries to negotiate for treaty revision with the United States, Mr. Kellogg

declared that the American Government "is ready to begin at once, through the American Minister to China, negotiations with properly accredited representatives whom the Nationalist Government may appoint, in reference to the tariff provisions of the treaties between the United States and China, with a view to concluding a new treaty in which it may be expected that full expression will be given reciprocally to the principle of national tariff autonomy, and to the principle that the commerce of each of the contracting parties shall enjoy in the ports and the territories of the other treatment in no way discriminatory as compared with the treatment accorded to the commerce of any other country." This assurance was given, Mr. Kellogg further stated, "with a deep realization of the nature of the tremendous difficulties confronting the Chinese nation," but with the belief, which he felt "impelled to affirm," that "a new and unified China is in process of emerging from the chaos of civil war and turmoil which has distressed that country for many years."

The *de facto* recognition which the United States has accorded to the Nationalist Government by making and accepting official communications to which the Nationalist Government was a party, and by concluding a tariff treaty, is a natural consequence of the success of the Nationalists in overthrowing the Northern Government at Peking, establishing a new national capital at Nanking, and laying elaborate plans for the reorganization of the country. A national financial conference, which closed an eight-day session at Nanking on July 11, recommended a long list of important reforms, including control by the national Government of provincial finances, new tariff schedules intended to replace those which would cease to operate on Jan. 1, 1929, in case tariff autonomy went into effect at that date; banking and coinage regulations, payment of foreign debts, development of means of communication, disbandment of troops, and various other matters. The approval of these recommendations by the Nationalist Government serves to explain the refusal of Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, to acquiesce in so much of the plans of the Famine Relief Fund Committee of New York as contemplated the raising of a fund of \$10,000,000 in aid, among other things, of extensive road-building and other reconstruction work. "Reconstruction," Dr. Wang declared, "is the duty of the Chinese Government, and acceptance of such an offer of charity is certainly beneath our dignity." Eventually, he added, China would doubtless wish to negotiate foreign loans for reconstruction purposes.

The negotiation of new tariff treaties with other countries faces some serious difficulties. The customs conference between the then Chinese Government and representatives of foreign Powers, which met at Peking in October, 1925, did indeed fix upon Jan. 1, 1929, as the tentative date at which tariff autonomy should be inaugurated, but the grant of autonomy was conditioned upon various reforms and guarantees on the part of China which the outbreak of war between the North and the South rendered impossible, so that the date mentioned has at the moment no binding force or effect as far as other Powers than the United States are concerned. The new treaty with the United States, it is reported, is to go into effect on January 1 if it is ratified by that date. In the meantime the Nationalist Government is reported to

have denounced the commercial treaties existing between China and France, Italy and Spain, at the same time offering a modus vivendi to regulate commercial intercourse until new treaties shall have been concluded. A similar denunciation of the commercial treaty with Japan was reported on July 20, the date on which the last extension of that treaty expired. The Japanese Government, however, it is said, has called attention to a provision in the treaty by which, if the treaty is not revised and ratified within six months, it is to be automatically extended for ten years. The last attempt at revision was in October, 1926, but no conclusion was reached, and it is now understood that Japan proposes to claim the ten years' extension unless the Nationalist Government is willing to negotiate another treaty.

The precise position of Japan in the China controversy is reported to have occasioned some anxiety at Washington, and it is not, at least in details, wholly clear. It was announced on July 10 that 7,000 Japanese troops were shortly to be withdrawn from Shantung, but the well-informed correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled on Tuesday, after a visit to the whole area directly affected, that Japan still had about 50,000 troops in China, of which 15,000 were in Shantung province, 10,000 in the Peking-Tientsin region, and 25,000 in Manchuria. The demand for satisfaction for the losses sustained in the Tsinan affair has not been waived, and while Japan has appeared not unwilling to allow Manchuria to join the Nationalist Government as a kind of autonomous province, it has indicated its purpose to resist any attempt of the Nationalists to carry the war into Manchuria. If it be true, as has been stated, that the economic interests of Japan in Manchuria have an estimated value of \$1,250,000,000, the desire of Japan to prevent civil war from invading the province has an obvious explanation, but the establishment of a virtual protectorate over Manchuria, which the Nationalists appear to believe is the ultimate aim, is a matter in which other Powers as well as China and Japan are interested.

We shall probably know in a few days how Secretary Kellogg's action has been received by the Powers. The attitude of the British Government is of course, particularly important because of the very large British interests in China. It is to be hoped that Secretary Kellogg's confidence in the stability and wisdom of the Nationalist Government will turn out to have been fully justified, and it is entirely probable that the Department of State, which is certainly not given to haste in such matters, has information regarding actual conditions in China not yet made public in the press, that amply sustains Mr. Kellogg's position. The sudden seizure of Chefoo on Monday by a force of 5,000 troops representing the old Northern Government at Peking may turn out to have been only an act of lawlessness such as may occur in a country just emerging from civil war, but it undoubtedly shakes confidence in the ability of the Nationalists to maintain their authority throughout the whole of the northern area which they had apparently conquered. The United States, however, in addition to suddenly taking the lead in bringing the issue of tariff autonomy to a settlement, has again shown its friendship for China and the Chinese people, and committed itself once more to the grant to China of as complete autonomy and independence as China itself is capable of ad-

ministering with due regard to international obligations. If the other Powers support the American view, peace and reconstruction in China will have been brought appreciably nearer.

A Knight of the Seas.

A despatch from Southampton, England, July 15, to the New York "Times," read: "Sir James T. W. Charles, Commodore of the Cunard fleet, died suddenly here to-day almost within an hour of completing his last voyage before his retirement. . . . He was to have retired formally on Aug. 2, his sixty-third birthday." Then follows, in several columns, an account of one of the most notable careers devoted to the sea. Beginning his voyaging at the age of fifteen, at a time when "500-ton barques" were rounding the Horn, and advancing steadily until he became a fixture in the North Atlantic trade, Sir James Charles, as he came finally to be known, made "726 voyages across the Atlantic, a total of 2,178,000 nautical miles, which does not include his career in sailing ships, with the British India Steam Navigation to the East Indies and with the Cunard to South Africa trooping during the Boer War. . . . In March 1918 Sir James was placed in command of the Aquitania and transported 47,867 American troops across the Atlantic without the loss of a life." A tribute to the life and character of the deceased mariner was paid by Captain David W. Bone of the Anchor liner Transylvania in the following words: "Shipmasters never rest till they die. Sir James Charles was a great mariner and died after bringing his ship safe to port." Honors were heaped upon this Knight of the Seas during his long service, but there could be no greater praise than this by one of his contemporaries!

There is no position in human affairs quite like that of captain of the ship. In the palatial vessels of modern times thousands of lives are entrusted to his care. Huge treasure is buried in the hold. Only the other day a "liner" sailed carrying a passenger list that represented billions of wealth. All classes and races are transported across seas. The hopes and aspirations of the poor and lowly, cabined it may be in the lower reaches of the ship, are no less important to the captain in command than those of high rank and ample fortune. And outside the national lines, on the "high seas," the word of this captain is the law. These men who, with their fellows of lesser repute in the manning of the craft, "go down to the sea in ships," through storm and stress, through light and dark, are among those of whom it may be said "they were faithful to the end." And many of them have "gone down with the ship" rather than save themselves at the expense of others. They are traditionally "the last to leave" the post of duty. And in a day given to worship of the spectacular hero of modern devices for new "voyaging," it is well to dwell for a time in contemplation of the life and work of one who was willing to follow in the old lines to the end!

Those of us who live upon the land know little of the "perils of the deep." Cloud-wrack and tempest, tumult of elemental forces combined, the flash of lightning and the roll of thunder, these we may partially escape in the anchored fastnesses of our homes, but on the sea there is no escape but to carry on. The ship must ride the waves though they be "mountain high." On the "crossing," far from land, there is no casting of an "anchor to the windward."

Skill in maneuvering the vessel, steadfastness and tireless vigil, are the price of safety. While the timid may cower below, the captain on the bridge braves the dangers, with no cessation from his task and no thought save of his ship and the lives dependent on his care. Sometimes, with slight intervals, when the fog envelops the deep, he does not leave his post for forty-eight hours. And when at last he makes port he must resume his work with scant rest and no recreation. It is an occupation that tries men's souls, and the marvellous safety of ocean travel is an everlasting tribute to those who command and to those who fire the engines in the hold.

Not that a lifetime spent in this service is not without its own peculiar compensations. There are acquaintances gathered from all the world. There are honors and tributes long to be treasured and remembered. There are monetary considerations of no mean worth. There are times for study, thought and reading. And, often, there are calm seas, with glorious views of sea and sky. But through it all and in it all there is the proud sense of trust and responsibility. That men, thus circumstanced in life, should come to love the sea is not to be wondered at—for to them, turbulent or motionless, it is home! If at last they shall swing with the tides in its soundless deeps, they sleep in the medium that has borne them to glory and victory over the task they have elected for life and death. Vessels like the Mauretania and Aquitania, the last word in engineering and ship construction, floating palaces of pleasure and comfort, conquerors of the "mad Atlantic," are indelible marks of man's progress from the hollow log and the birch bark canoe.

The lesson we may learn, therefore, from the life of this notable mariner, is a lesson in helpfulness and satisfaction in the orderly advance of mankind. Though it is a far cry from the caravels of Columbus and the frail barks of the Norsemen, those who have followed the sea for a livelihood have asked only for opportunity and constant betterment. They have worked in season and out that transportation might join peoples together and link the lands in unity and peace. The merchant marine is a harbinger of good-will, wherever a flag flies or a harbor awaits. If in that sudden access of hate, which man knows as war, these ships have been armed, it is everywhere realized that ships and fleets have been torn from their moorings in the welfare of men, and doomed by no will of their masters to destruction and death. And it may be said of these men of the sea that they carried the civilization of trade to bless the remote places of earth and to lift up the lowly.

Slow and toilsome are the paths of life that end in renown. Who sails the seas, gathers knowledge and strength. Each new ship bears abroad new ideas in the orderly growth of things. Each shipmaster is a pioneer. Never does he follow a beaten path save in a general direction. In his going and coming from port to port though he travel "the line" he leaves no mark of his passage. A day on the ocean deep is as the appearance and disappearance of a single life in the sun and shadow of ever-flowing time; when a great captain of ship dies, after long years of service, his work is written in human hearts and his name is "writ in water." Of him it must always be said he builded better than he knew. Danger did not deter him. Monotony did not disconcert. Duty did not displease. To others it may have

been given to hold fast to the shore, to tread the mill of the changeless, to grow restive for the new and the novel; *he* "brought his ship to port."

Whatever may be a man's work, no greater praise can be given him than to say he made the "crossing" safely, that he brought *his* ship to port, and at the last he turned his life over to the Great Pilot to be guided "over the bar" and anchored in the "haven of rest." We seek restlessly and ceaselessly for fame and fortune. We run forward to win the race. We climb the heights to be seen of all men. We build in the marble of the material that others may lift monuments to our memories. But when the "evening star" shines at the coming of night and rest, when the last voyage through the mists of time is over, there are no milestones along the pathless deep of life and all that we do and all that we are lives on alone in those who follow us. To have been faithful and true, to have been satisfied with the course that opened to us, to have repeated o'er and o'er the good work given to us to do, to have stood in the way of no one who endeavored for the right, to have gained content out of contest and surcease out of toil, this is the lesson learned from every master mariner who bravely voyages through life.

Plans, Policies and Principles.

While the farmers are in the fields gathering in the harvests and the working men are tending the machines, while the vacationists are seeking rest and recreation in retreats of shade and shore, there are plans forming in the camps of the political parties. For we are told, on both sides, that "no time is to be lost." Does the citizen realize how much he is under consideration by those who manage campaigns? It is to be feared he does not and that much of this love's labor is lost. To be sure, he reads the innumerable columns of our daily papers, and when neighbor meets neighbor, he probably introduces the topic of politics by a few general queries as to party prospects, together with some volunteer expression of personal views and intentions, but for the most part he does his own thinking and confines his own activities to his own business. There can be little doubt that millions of money and "oceans of time" are lost in persuading the voter to vote and how to vote. And yet the winning of an election is a fair field and is of great importance to people and nation. But the buzzing of many minds in pent offices of the "headquarters," the laying of long lines of ammunition through spoken and written words, the collection and disbursement of expense funds, the strategic maneuvers to meet section and class, of what positive avail are these in an intelligent and free democracy?

We read of the laying of plans with really an idle interest as individuals. And it would be an experiment of the highest value to our representative democracy if, after the nominations are made and the platforms announced, there could be for once a complete cessation of political activities until the day of the election. The candidates and their friends and "workers" have never permitted this and never will. The voters must be educated, the "vote" must be gotten out, the possible defections in the ranks must be guarded against, the disgruntled in the opposition must be encouraged, and the sore spots at home must be healed—and there is always work for the faithful to do. Hence the appointment of national, State, city and precinct committees, charged with

the duties of census taking, publicity, finance, and organization. It is a great game. Speakers' bureaus are to be manned and drilled. Dates for rallies, barbecues, joint debates by leaders, are to be arranged, and by virtue of progressive machinery, radio talks are to be dated over thousands of miles of territory. And with it all only about half the voters go to the polls!

It is not surprising, therefore, to read in the dispatches concerning the preliminaries that both of the parties are laying plans to "get out the vote." And the citizen who can escape a notification of his duty at an early stage of the "campaign" we may assume to be a hermit. In this familiar counting of noses, this poll of the precinct, this forecast of the election, there will develop, coming down from the headquarters, the policies to be pursued. Even at this early time, before the "organization" is perfected, we read that policies to be stressed are not to be the same for all sections and all voters. Surveying the "prospects" there are black and white spots on the map. The Middle West is to be looked upon as the territory of the farmer who is avid for "relief"; the area of the East is to know that the tariff is the cause of the "full dinner pail" and of "prosperity"; the South, alleged to be enraptured with the Eighteenth Amendment, is not to be pressed too hard by the "wets"; and the Far West, where a sort of primitive freedom is embattled, is to be regarded as the ground of strategy and opportunism. Thus policies are to be fitted to occasion. Ours is a big country. A party that can cover the whole with a set of blanket principles seems not to be in the running this year, at least. And still not all the voters vote!

Policies water-color the platforms, that should only enunciate principles. Yet even these are not the policies of the campaign managers. If policies are bent to fit the campaign plans, principles, it is evident, must be made pliable to policies. And then at the end of this preparedness we are told that the personalities of the candidates will have a leading influence on the "campaign." Whatever this complicated machinery of party may be, there is still a silent force no one can estimate in advance—the inner and free thought of the individual voter. Publicity may provide him information; but in the light of an independent press and the popular instrumentalities at hand everywhere, argument cannot be depended on to change many votes. It follows that prejudice and passion are coming to have less and less effect upon the constituencies. It may be that party fidelity has become a fixed habit with those who have gone through many campaigns. With these it is necessary, perhaps, to arouse action by crying out the usual alarms. But a new generation appears in every quadrennial election—more and more women are exercising the franchise—and party managers are constantly perplexed.

The "battle-ground" therefore changes. It is no longer a matter of territory, of a pivotal State, of a debatable section. It is really a matter of policy as applied to principle. One high in party councils has recently said: "We cannot make the issues; the people make the issues!" And this is true. It is the non-talking vote that holds the balance of power. We do not mean the class that is dumb through indifference and ignorance. We mean the thinking class that holds aloof from the machinery, the management, and the chameleon-like policies both of

platform and campaign, and passes judgment on the whole, swayed, it may be, by party preference but not bound by partisan loyalty. These thinking citizens develop a code of principles that are born of fundamentals in party and national history; these they are able to apply to exigencies and temporary needs, free from excitement and the red fire of display. Half the charge and counter-charge of the respective headquarters falls to the ground unnoticed or unheeded. Not only are men appraised for their fitness, but real principles for their value and worth.

Seeing the country as a whole, these men rise above section and controversial issue. If we may illustrate our thought, "farm relief" and "prohibition" are not as important in the consciousness of these voters as the "bureaucracy" with which we are confronted as a people. They probably will not be swerved one way or the other by the attempt to coddle the farm vote. They will look upon the "wet and dry" issue as subservient to the larger question of personal rights under the general guaranty of the Constitution. They will divide, naturally. They will, at the same time, hold both parties to a strict account for their positions and for their pronouncements. In a word, they will not be deceived by political tactics or partisan maneuvers. Nor are these citizens affected by the palaver of fanatical new parties, parties made up of a mingling of hope and despair in minds enamored of impractical millenniums. They are loyal to the freedom and fate of representative democracy. If this were not so, party fealty would be a farce and elections will-o-the-wisps.

Therefore, the best laid plans o' parties "gang oft agley." No one, however experienced, pretends to predict at this time the outcome of the November election. What seemed on the eve of the conventions to promise a dull season now bids fair to be a battle of plans and policies. The great underlying principles that are the cement of the two contending parties will be shadowed by the moves in the game of politics, but not obscured. The cauldron, possibly, will boil and bubble, but only the froth can be blown hither and yon by the office forces of the committee headquarters. Perhaps the "publicity" battles may induce deeper thought, but they will not change many votes. The radio, as a means of communication, we are fain to believe, will prove a dud. The appeal of voice, gesture and presence, old-fashioned as they have come to be, enthused believers and sometimes convinced the doubtful. But a campaign, mechanical in its leadership and mechanical in its expression will be neither forceful nor convincing.

The New Liberalism.

The coming Presidential election emphasizes the existence of two distinct political parties. Both claim to be the true representatives of American democracy, the original individual rights regarded as inalienable in every citizen of the United States. Over against this popular use of the term there is an appeal to the original significance of Liberal and Liberalism, to-day disregarded. This needs to be restored as the true American doctrine which "follows the flag" and is that which should be upheld by both Republican and Democratic parties when these offer each its own particular policy and methods as superior to those of its opponents. Then in the free field of public discussion they will make a permanent contribution to the general intelligence

and whichever side wins in the election, will have public support.

A book by Guido De Ruggiero, a distinguished Italian, "The History of European Liberalism," recently published in English translation by the Oxford University Press, gives the history of the liberty, civil and political, which was the gift of the 18th century and is the basis of ours. It originated in spiritual forces and culminated in the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the French Revolution. Our nation was founded by men who, having this inheritance and animated by the same spirit, as opportunity arose, embodied its teaching of liberty and liberalism as it exists in our Constitution, as that is interpreted and administered to-day.

In Europe it has taken on various forms. As these are seen in the history of English, French, German and Italian Liberalism they constitute an interesting and instructive story. Collectively they show often by contrast what Liberalism in its true sense, whether in Church or State, in Class or Party, whether as the demand of the Socialist or the ultimatum of Capital, should mean. The departures from its true significance, and the base uses to which it has been put, from the wild fanaticism of the French Revolution and the relentless ferocity of the Russian Soviet, to the hard and fast absolutism of the Bourbons and the "Junkers" in many lands, are recounted, and the restoration it should have to-day is presented in a way most valuable for us who hold ourselves to be free from its perversion and misuse.

Liberty, as one author says, is an older thing than the absolutism of modern monarchy. In early days, as in Feudalism, it was the possession of a privileged class, and all within that class shared it. In the absence of a safeguarding central power such groups of urban communities, trade guilds and the like, were free each within its own sphere. As these grew and multiplied new conditions were created, the State assumed new authority, and eventually the original source of privilege was found to lie in the individual man, as it has come to us. This liberty is not an inherent right; it is rooted immediately in property, heredity, contract, and the family, in all of which lie also its limitations. Political liberty is the result of charters and accepted regulations. These imply the consent of the included parties and exclude decision by individual contest. The modern conception of Liberalism is not the work of either of the two opposing political parties, but of both. Without their conflict privilege in its supreme form of autocracy makes slaves; and on the other hand freedom for every man to do as he pleases, forcing his views and his will upon others, universalizes privileges until neither privilege nor liberty would exist.

The gradual creation of a European Liberal consciousness is disclosed in the gradual merging of two distinct forms, the French and the English, during the last century, the one becoming more democratic, and the other less theoretical, until liberty came to apply to man as a personality and also to his life in the community, leading to the conception of a Liberal State. This in turn passed over into politics, becoming a shibboleth, creating parties in Church and State, and producing on the one hand a Democratic worship of the State, and on the other, emphasizing Protestantism as divisive in the Church.

There is a point beyond which the principles of liberty and equality in their extension from the individual to the nation cannot be applied. As there is no higher safeguarding power, nations have come to claim rights of which they alone are judge. This in the war came into conflict with the Imperialist attitude of the greater European States. The sequel of the war has not settled the conflict between the two. It is easy for "Deutschland Uber Alles" to become "Britain," or "France," or "Russia," or "Italy," more or less definitely asserting the same authority "over all," by any for whom it may be convenient to use it. A crisis in Liberalism may therefore be seen to exist to-day.

Inevitably this has two aspects, economic and political. The immense development of the machinery of industrial production has diminished the importance of landed property. Agriculture has become a minor form of investment. A vast agricultural proletariat with little or no interest in the soil or its fruits has been created in some countries; and in others the land has been so divided up to satisfy public demand that it has produced a class having little or no public interest. Society has been pulverized. Meanwhile the creation of powerful organizations of capital has induced other interests of one sort and another to turn to the State for economic exploitation and political control, in the line of the old forms of absolutism. Between the two, liberal individualism is in the way to be crushed, only, however, to rise anew in a deepening political consciousness, in the effort to preserve its interests.

Materialism becomes the method of both parties and as history repeats itself selfishness prevails. Party coalitions and bargaining are inevitable. No European nation has escaped; and the revival of definitely opposing interests becomes in the end a restorative force. These gradually coalesce, and with a growing political life and education, are able to maintain the interaction between the Administration and the Opposition which Liberalism demands. The existing conditions in the inevitable freedom of reaction and opposition asserting itself in all lands are ground for faith in the permanence of the Liberal principles and forms of institutions and administration, which are the best that have as yet appeared.

The conviction underlying Liberalism as it exists to-day gives assurance that freedom, however it is imperiled, can never lose its power of creating new paths and new institutions. For freedom is an expansive force propagating itself in results bearing the stamp of originality, and inviting the thought and criticism which arouses responsibility and insures action. This applies in politics and religion, as it does in science and in business. The potential force on which the liberal-minded can rely exist in all and play a mediating and therefore a liberal part in society. It will extend to the consumer as in the past it has applied to the producer to whom it has hitherto chiefly been directed. Organization will be found to be equally applicable to both, and the equilibrium of producing and consuming, as world-wide activities, to-day the vital need, will be the goal.

Liberalism which has proved itself to be an affair of the spirit and of morals, will be seen to be a creative force everywhere. Because it does arise in the mind and the spirit it does not fail with

change of condition. The Liberal State, hard beset though it may be, our author believes, and we may well repeat it to our neighbors at the South, will triumph over rivals who are dictatorial or are simply superior materially and technically. Our author holds that in even his own Italy "the most sorely tried of all countries," the Liberal State survives, and will prove that on the battle ground of free human competition "nothing survives that does not deserve to live."

We gladly give publicity to his opinions and share his confidence. Perhaps we should say to our national dependencies and to the peoples looking to America for guidance or aid that our nation is committed to the same Liberalism, and intends to live up to it. Meanwhile we cheerfully recognize and hope to prove by our conduct that to make our form of freedom worthy and permanent we have much to learn from the experience and the culture of other nations older and often situated in far different circumstances from ours.

The Federal Reserve System.

(ARTICLE II.*)

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In the preceding article it was pointed out that the Federal Reserve system was created to eradicate the evils of the old system. It attempted to destroy the power of Wall Street, provide an elastic currency which should at all times afford abundant credit at low and uniform rates of interest, and prevent panics. To accomplish these objects it established twelve district Reserve Banks composed of local Federal and State banks, and required that member bank reserves should be carried in these district banks—originally only in part, but by the war amendments the whole of the member bank reserves must be carried in the district banks. It also authorized the issue by such district banks of notes secured by gold, commercial paper and the credit of the Government; and conferred upon a national Reserve Board sitting at Washington such powers as were deemed necessary for the harmonious working of the system. A discussion of these reforms in the light of what has occurred since 1913 should prove interesting. Let us take them up in order.

1. *Wall Street.* One fact is obvious: the Reserve Act did not destroy the power and influence of Wall Street. New York is still the money market of the country; its resources and power are greater now than ever before; the old practices continue; speculation has never been so active; New York still affords the only actual call money market in the country; funds are still sent there by country banks; and the funds available there for speculation were never before so great. The Reserve System had not only failed to curb Wall Street; it has, on the contrary, vastly increased its power. It has even rescued Wall Street from the consequences of indiscretion by furnishing a new supply of credit through the Federal Reserve Banks; and, by assuring Wall Street that there shall be no more panics, it has in fact encouraged imprudence. The banks were imprudent in 1919: they made money by being so. The Reserve System helped them out. There was no panic in 1920, but the crisis that followed was abnormally disastrous. It took a long time to thaw out the frozen credits of the time. Three and a half million of men were out of work in 1921.

2. *An Elastic Currency.* The old system, as was noted, rested upon gold and various tokens convertible into gold, and was rigid in the sense that in no emergency could the volume of currency be temporarily increased either by the banks or the Government. The Act of 1913 authorized a member bank to rediscount its commercial paper with the local Reserve Bank and to borrow on notes to meet any extraordinary demand for cash in the spring or autumn and in time of panic, and so afforded a remedy for the greatest defects of the old system.

Unfortunately the notes so authorized were defective in one particular. Useful in an emergency, their use was not

confined to the emergency, and no provision was made for payment when it had passed. The notes tended to stay out, notwithstanding a provision of the Reserve Act which prohibits a Reserve Bank from paying out the notes of another Reserve Bank; and, finding their way into the tills of non-member banks, became a part and a wholly unnecessary part of the currency of the country. Some degree of inflation was the necessary consequence.

Deposit banking did not admit of inflation, because the credit borrowed had to be returned within a short time, and he who borrowed to buy had, within such period, to sell in order to pay. When, however, notes are authorized which stay out, the artificial buying power which they afford is not automatically corrected by selling to pay. The actual currency of the country was 75% more in 1919 than in 1914, and prices rose in consequence 100%. Illustrations of the remarkable effect of such note issues on prices are afforded by the following table taken from the Report of the Foreign Currency Commission of the United States, Serial 9, 1925:

Italy—	Notes.	Average Price.	France—	Notes.	Average Price.
1914	\$2,700,000,000	115	1914	\$6,000,000,000	100
924	18,900,000,000	592	1924	40,000,000,000	500

The notes put out by the Reserve Banks prior to 1919 were paid, but their payment involved a shrinkage in prices from an average of 200 to 150. Notes are debts: some time they must be paid. Their use induces a buying which raises prices, and deferred paying compels a tardy selling which depresses prices; and so trade is thrown into confusion. The Reserve Act not only reduced the reserves and so permitted reckless discounting, but obliterated the line between prudent and imprudent lending, and when an effort was made to deflate the currency a grave crisis followed.

3. *Control of Interest Rates.* The fluctuating rates of interest which characterize the old system, however violent they may have seemed, always had an underlying and justifying cause. As a rule, rates of interest depend upon the money that can be made by the borrower, and as the crop moving period afforded a use for credit profitable not only to the lender but to the borrower, rates advanced; but after the crops were in and debts were paid, interest rates declined. When prices were high and profits great, rates advanced; but when trade was dull and profits small, rates automatically declined; and no one was hurt by the fluctuation. The rate for call money in request for a little while on the New York stock market always reflected the hazards of speculation. Commercial paper, on the other hand, ran for sixty or ninety days and was but remotely affected by such hazards. A collapse in speculation did not injuriously affect business, unless a panic occurred. Rates were higher West than East, because there was less accumulated credit West than East, and also because the profits of business and the risks of lending were greater in the West.

In fact, by means of varying interest rates, the banks were enabled to help borrowers now to legitimate enterprise and now to avoid imprudence. There was never a time when rates of interest hurt business, unless by hurt alone it could have been compelled to mend its ways.

The Reserve Act disregards these obvious considerations and assumes that profitable and unprofitable business should borrow at the same rate. It enables the Reserve Banks to control the money market, but only to do mischief. If the Reserve System charges what money ought to be worth under abnormal circumstances, it does no more than the member banks can do and always have done of themselves; if it charges less, it encourages imprudence. During 1919 business was very hazardous and borrowing should have been prevented by very high rates of interest; yet the Reserve Banks loaned to member banks at 4½%. When business was tottering in 1920, after the mischief had been done, they charged more. Interest rates should be let alone, or so used as to check a boom or mitigate the consequences. Low and uniform rates of interest can not be reconciled with sound banking.

4. *The Prevention of Panics.* The panics of the past were acute and injurious in the highest degree, yet they passed quickly and were followed by a sharp recovery. The dead were buried, and the sick were nursed into convalescence by Clearing House certificates and other devices. Such panics were not altogether unmitigated evils. Like an operation of surgery, they were painful but efficacious. Imprudence paid a high price for folly, but it was in all respects desirable that folly should not be encouraged. The Reserve System substitutes for suspension and interest-bearing clearing house receipts, notes profitable to the

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banks, even when they most deserve correction. Whether the remedy is worse than the disease the reader must judge.

If the Act had confined the use of notes to periods of actual panic, required a high rate of interest from the borrowing banks, and compelled the cancellation of such notes when the panic had passed, no fault could have been found. But, unfortunately, none of these precautions was taken. Reserve notes have been used not only to cure a panic but to aggravate the inevitable consequences of the follies which provoked it. Money already lost in speculation or trade cannot be recovered by borrowing. Crises as a rule are brought on by the manufacture or purchase of goods at a price at which they cannot be sold. This is the meaning of the phrase "over-production." After a crisis, prices fall and continue to fall. To lend notes to induce merchants to buy or hold goods which must be sold for less and less as time passes is not to rescue them from a ditch, but to push them further into it. "Frozen credits" has a sinister meaning.

The sum of these considerations is this: The Federal Reserve System is both good and bad. It admits of sound finance, but does not compel it. It gives the Reserve Banks control over the money market, but allows them to make a foolish use of such power. It attempts to assist business by supplementing the credits of the banks, but authorizes a use of notes which sound banking prohibits. It prevents panics, but it does not protect the community against the consequences of a stimulated imprudence. It segregates the financial resources of the country, but does not impair the power nor curb the seductions of Wall Street. It assists business by affording a less fluctuating rate of interest, but hurts business by tempting merchants to borrow at the wrong time.

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The Change of Ownership in the "Economist" of London.

In our issue of last Saturday (page 347) we noted the sale of The Economist of London, along with some other newspapers to a newly organized trust, in which Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, long engaged in printing British Government publications, hold controlling interest. The number of The Economist for July 14 now to hand, contains the following editorial comment on the change of ownership:

The present week has witnessed an important event in the history of this journal. On Monday, July 9, the Court approved an application by the trustees of the Wilson Trust for permission to sell the "Economist." Thus for the first time in its eighty-five years of life a change takes place in the ownership and control of the "Economist." As to the nature of the change we cannot do better than quote the notice which appeared in the Press on Tuesday, July 10:—

"The approval of the Court was given to-day for the sale of the "Economist." Founded in 1843 by the Rt. Hon. James Wilson, the "Economist" has, since his death in 1860, been held in trust for his six daughters and their descendants. There are certain disadvantages in a newspaper being held by a trust of this kind, which as time goes on tends to become involved in a series of subsidiary trusts, while the beneficiaries inevitably lose direct touch with the direction of the paper. The Wilson trustees, therefore, recently came to a decision to dispose of the "Economist," if and when a suitable opportunity offered. It was felt, however, that if the control of the "Economist" were to pass either to a newspaper group or to any particular financial interest, a reputation built up on independence of judgment and unfettered criticism would be jeopardised. Arrangements have accordingly been made by the purchasers which will ensure the complete editorial independence of the paper.

"Half of the voting shares of the company owning the "Economist" will be held by Financial Newspaper Proprietors, Limited, in which Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode hold a controlling interest, and half by an influential group of individual shareholders. Both parties are anxious to maintain the traditional character of the "Economist," and it has, therefore, been agreed that the articles of the company will provide for the appointment of a board of independent trustees with the following functions:—

(a) They will have the right to veto the appointment or dismissal of any Editor of the "Economist," the Editor to have sole responsibility for the policy of the paper so long as he retains his office;

(b) They will have the right to veto the transfer of voting shares in the new company;

(c) They will be represented on the board.

"By these and other provisions which will to a considerable extent be modelled on the articles of the Times Holding Company, the independence of the "Economist" will be amply safeguarded."

To this we need add but little. We may, however, allay at once any suspicion which may beset the mind of any reader by assuring him that if he looks for revolutionary changes in policy or form he will not find them. While it is our belief that the new arrangement will conduce to efficiency and modern development, the Press notice quoted above means precisely what it says—namely, that the maintenance of the character, traditions and independence of the "Economist," which will be owned by a separate independent company, is as much the objective of the new proprietors as it was of the old. The agreement adumbrated above confers very important powers on a body of independent trustees. The right to veto the transfer of shares—with a view to preventing control being ac-

quired by persons who might use it for improper purposes—follows the precedent set by the "Times" and the "Spectator." But the present scheme goes farther, and gives to the trustees a voice in the appointment or dismissal of the Editor. In the long history of the "Economist," which has played no small part in moulding the tradition of British financial journalism, full responsibility has resided in the hands of the Editor. It has, in fact, been the chief asset of the "Economist" that its editorial policy has been entirely free from external pressure or control. This independence, which is our most cherished inheritance, will continue under full and adequate safeguards.

The severing of a life-long link cannot be allowed to pass without some reference to the family to which the "Economist" owes its birth, its upbringing, its graduation and its establishment in the world of journalism. For the first seventeen years of its existence the "Economist" was under the personal supervision of its founder, the Right Hon. James Wilson, who contrived to combine with its direction a very active political life—first as private Member of Parliament, subsequently as a member of the Government, and finally as the occupant of the very exacting post of Financial Secretary of the Treasury. The paper was founded in close association with the Anti-Corn Law movement, some of the leaders of which were of opinion that the new journal should be an official organ of the League. But Wilson himself, and his chief supporters, Villiers and Lord Radnor—the latter of whom was his sole financial backer—were strongly in favor of an independent paper. Hence, though for several months after its publication it continued to appear with the subtitle "A Political, Commercial, Agricultural and Free Trade Journal," and gave a very great deal of space to the League and its doings, it was from the first a much more general paper than a mere propaganda organ. The reputation for independence of thought and criticism which it quickly established, and its subsequent history, amply justified Wilson's decision. It has, however, been a cardinal principle of the "Economist" from that day to this that the fundamental necessities of Britain's economic prosperity are international peace and the freest possible commercial intercourse between the nations.

If the "Economist" was of considerable importance in British thought in the days of Wilson, it achieved international influence under the editorship of Walter Bagehot (1860-77). These two men were mainly responsible for creating the "Economist" traditions which were carried on in the editorial chair by Inglis Palgrave (1877-83), D. C. Lathbury (joint editor, 1878-81), Edward Johnstone (1883-1907), F. W. Hirst (1907-1916), and Hartley Withers (1916-21). Their work, however, belongs rather to the editorial and political history of the "Economist" than to its ownership.

In 1859 Wilson went to India to become Finance Member of the Viceroy's Council, leaving his son-in-law, Walter Bagehot in charge of the "Economist." In 1860 in the midst of heavy and fruitful labors for Indian finance, Wilson was stricken with dysentery and died, leaving the newspaper property, which he had created, in trust for his six daughters, Mrs. Bagehot, Mrs. Greg, Mrs. Horan, Mrs. Shipley, Mrs. Halsey, and Mrs. Russell Barrington. Mrs. Bagehot maintained a close personal interest in the fortunes of the "Economist" until her death in 1921. The sole survivor, Mrs. Barrington, published last year a biography of her father, which contains the most detailed information available as to the establishment and early history of the "Economist."

Bank Holding Companies.

Editorial from New York "Journal of Commerce" July 23 1928.

Prior to the recent fall in the value of bank stocks, the bank and financial holding company created to control banks and other financial institutions was an exceedingly popular field for the promoter's efforts. The spectacular collapse in the shares of a Western company, closely allied to a large banking organization whose chief concern, however, was to hold bank and other stocks rather than to control banking institutions, served to dampen promotive ardor somewhat. And the recent investigation of a bank holding company in an adjoining State, with its proposals for receivership, or at least reorganization, and the ultimate resignation of its leading officers, has still further caused the public to hesitate.

Most of the discussion of the virtues and vices of the bank holding company has been regarded purely from the investor's point of view. Is it a good money-making device, or not? Can the investor, by its means, get richer more quickly than by intrusting his funds elsewhere. Or, on the contrary, does it possess certain dangers which invite him to have recourse to more prosaic channels? In particular, does the management realize sufficiently its responsibilities toward the investors on whose behalf it acts?

All these matters are, of course, of vital concern to the individual investor. Yet the problem is much more than merely one in corporate finance and control. The bank holding company, as we know it to-day, invites a speculative attitude on the part of investors toward bank stock. And it provides an indirect means whereby they can speculate in such stocks. Large New York banks which opposed the listing of their stock had rightly frowned upon the attitude of those "investors" who had "discovered" the upward secular trend of bank and insurance stocks and had pushed up prices in anticipation of continued growth for some time to come. Other investors had succumbed to the lure of possible mergers, whereby larger institutions would absorb smaller ones, and had bid up the prices of the latter accordingly. The junior securities of the bank holding company offer free play for the individual's imagination along both these lines and add the opportunity to paint in as glow-

ing colors as desired the abilities of the company's management in supplementing those of the several banks and insurance companies controlled.

This situation, as it has developed to date, is distinctly unwholesome. The banking business ought to possess relative stability and its management ought to be governed

purely by banking considerations. The same holds true, no less, for the insurance company. Of vital importance to the public—quasi utilities perhaps—they ought not to be made the basis of an orgy of speculation. The field of general industrial enterprise is ample to provide opportunity for all who must speculate.

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 27 1928.

The mid-summer lull is here and yet retail business on the whole is somewhat larger than a year ago, partly owing to hot weather all over the country. Naturally the high temperatures stimulate the sale of seasonable goods. A year ago moreover trade was beginning to decrease. August trade is expected to be larger. Special sales stimulate retail trade. Carloadings are gaining, a welcome change after a year of falling figures. The crops look better, although the eastern and central sections of the cotton belt may be having a little too much rain. But the Texas drought has been effectually broken. That counts for much. The constant rains, however, on this side of the Mississippi River and the strong technical position after weeks of liquidation and more or less short selling caused some advance on Thursday and the market has resisted pressure all the week. The demand for the actual cotton is increasing and there has been no hedge selling of consequence. Wheat has declined owing to improving prospects for the crops here and in Canada. Rumored buying by Russia of 15,000,000 bushels in Canada had a market effect, on the 26th inst. when prices advanced 4 cents from the early low. Flour production is increasing, in the Southwest and Northwest.

July corn has advanced so sharply in what is taken to be a corner that the Federal authorities have intervened and will require a statement of all holdings of 100,000 bushels and upward. It looks simply like a case of supply and demand. The demand for cash corn has been so sharp that it has affected the July delivery. July ended to-day at \$1.11 or about 14c. over September and the cash markets for the better grades were still strong with some export demand. July is the dominant factor in corn, but other months declined a cent or two during the week because of favorable weather. Oats declined with crop prospects favorable, and the same may be said of rye. Rye is considered too low. Coffee declined early in the week with cost and freight prices also lower, but of late the technical position has become stronger and prices advanced in spite of talk of a large crop for 1929-30 with that of Santos estimated at 13,000,000 bags. Spot trade has been quiet. There have been some reports of cold weather in Brazil, but nothing like frost. Brazil has shown more disposition to sell, but is not putting a burdensome pressure on the market; quite the contrary. Robusta coffee seems to be in some measure displacing Santos coffee. Sugar futures have declined and also refined, the sale of which is hardly up to expectations, partly owing to the recent decline in raw sugar and the disposition to await still lower prices. To-day there were unfounded reports of the assassination of President Machado of Cuba, which had no effect as they were soon authoritatively denied. Producers have been selling on the Exchange here, and Europe has been doing some hedge selling in the new crop. The belief that Cuba will not persist in the restriction scheme tends to depress prices for the time being. It would be folly for Cuba to persist in futile restriction schemes which help everybody but herself. Cotton-seed oil has had a downward tendency. Meats and lard have recently advanced to the highest prices of the year, with hogs at \$11 or higher.

The shoe manufacturing trade is increasing. The stove business is better. In the wool trade Boston reports a better business though the sales are not large, and in some cases prices are supposed to have weakened a little, though in others they are still firm. The soft coal industry is settling down to the normal with individual settlements of the wage question. There is still a good deal of curtailment in the cotton goods industry and many mills will close down for the week in August. The sales of cotton goods have been limited largely to special constructions and on the whole are confined for the most part to small lots. The automobile trade is buying wide cotton goods on a noticeable scale, taking sheetings, drills and sateens. Finished cotton

goods are quiet and competition is rather sharp in some directions. In the American Woolen Co.'s opening of staple men's wear fabrics for the next spring season there was an unexpected decline of 2 to 10 cents a yard on such goods as staple serges, unfinished worsteds and frenchbacks compared with the opening prices on fall lines. But for tropical worsteds for next summer there were advances of a couple of cents up to 22 cents a yard. Broad silks are in good demand for the fall season. Raw silk met with a fair demand at steady prices. In some cases rather lower prices are reported for pig iron. Steel has been in moderate demand and steady with an effort to advance prices in some directions. Production keeps up well. A good many orders have been received for tractors and road-making machinery as well as farm implements. The Pacific Coast salmon pack is expected to be large. The petroleum industry is believed to be gradually getting back to normal shape, after two years of dullness and depression. It is buying pipes and tanks on a larger scale, encouraged partly by higher prices for petroleum. The farmer has to face lower prices for grain as well as potatoes and peaches, not to mention cotton.

Today the trading in stocks to approximately 1,800,000 shares against 1,475,000 yesterday and 1,312,400 last Friday with the tone firmer partly owing to a decrease in brokers' loans United States Steel advanced 3½ and General Motors the same, the latter earning according to the latest statement \$9. a share on the common stock against \$7.18 for the first half of 1927. Radio advanced 6¼ with advances also in General Electric, Du Pont, American Smelters, and others. Smelters reached a new peak in its history. Money was 5½% with the outside rate 5%. Sterling exchange has of late declined and to-day francs and lire were slightly lower. Earnings of thirty-one railroads fell off in June 4.8% compared with those in June last year. London was steady today; Paris firmer.

At Fall River, Mass., the Cornell Mills, which have been giving fairly steady employment to about 250 hands during the past few months, closed on the 23d for an indefinite period owing partly to a lack of orders. The operators recently demanded an increase in pay and declined to accept a compromise.

At New Bedford, Mass., a further conference between the representatives of the two sides in the New Bedford strike and the members of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration is to be held to-day. The State Board is trying to end the strike. Governor Fuller is urged to intervene. A conference with Gov. Fuller at which all the New Bedford representatives as well as the Senators were present was held on July 24th. New Bedford wired: "The cotton manufacturing industry, including the New Bedford fine goods mills, is facing a situation so difficult that it is a question how much of it will survive, according to the President of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association, in a prepared statement issued on the 23d inst. Touching again on the subject of the T. M. C. organization and its backers he declared that reports coming to the manufacturers' association connect this group with the Communist party of New York. Judge Milliken of the New Bedford District Court declared on the 25th inst. that the current method of picketing of mills is unlawful. This is believed to be a further step to back up the police and mayor of the city in their struggle to eliminate communistic strike leaders from the problem of adjusting differences with employees. Sixty strikers were arrested on the 26th. Growing pessimism from the prolongation of the New Bedford strike depressed cotton mill shares. They dropped for the first time below \$60 falling to an average of \$59.80 against \$60.73 a week ago, \$61.20 a month ago and \$67.42 three months ago.

At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. will close all its plants for two weeks beginning Aug. 3, as was previously announced, but because of a quiet market some departments will remain shut for at least another

fortnight. Lewiston, Me., reported that the Barker Mill will close Saturday indefinitely on account of over-production and cotton depression. About 150 operatives will be affected by the shutdown. Officials deny the shutdown is due to any financial difficulties. Atlanta, Ga., wired that approximately 89% of the cotton mills in Georgia and other Southern States will close down during the week beginning July 30. This compares with approximately 98% of mills that closed during the first week of July. Mill officials are hopeful that the suspension of operations during the approaching period will bring further improvement to the textile situation. Closing down of mills that have already announced their definite decision will eliminate between 15,000,000 and 16,000,000 yards from the market, against 20,000,000 yards during the first week of July. In North Carolina cotton mills in Cabarrus County that closed early in July for the annual vacation period have resumed operations. All mills in Concord and Kannapolis are now running on the regular summer schedule. At Burlington, N. C., reports that the Aurora Cotton Mill was planning to close down indefinitely because of dullness in manufactured goods were denied by Col. Eugene Holt. Greenwood, S. C., reports that notices have been posted announcing that mills will be closed one week, beginning August 2nd. This applies to the Greenwood Cotton Mills and the Ninety-six Cotton Mills. Notices have also been posted at the Grenadel Mills and the Panola Cotton Mills.

The hot wave returned here after a couple of days' respite over last Saturday and Sunday. It was 85 degrees on July 23 and also on the 24th. On the 23d it was 62 to 70 at Boston, 64 to 74 at Chicago, 64 to 86 at Cincinnati, 68 to 76 at Cleveland, 70 to 86 at Kansas City, 64 to 78 at Milwaukee, 68 to 85 at New York, 62 to 72 at Portland, Me., 54 to 62 at San Francisco, 64 to 99 at Seattle, 72 to 86 at St. Louis, and 62 to 80 at St. Paul. The warm weather here continued, on each day there being prostrations even on Thursday. On the 25th inst. it was 71 to 84 degrees. The prolonged heat had a cumulative effect; with only a day or two's interruption it has been hot for practically two weeks. At Boston it was 80 to 88, at Montreal 68 to 82, at Philadelphia, 74 to 88, Portland, Me., 56 to 84, Quebec, 60 to 78, Chicago, 68 to 76, Cincinnati, 68 to 88, Cleveland, 66 to 82, Detroit, 60 to 88, Milwaukee, 66 to 76, St. Paul, 68 to 88, Seattle, 64 to 88, and at Kansas City, 70 to 84. Here on the 26th inst. it was 70 to 80 degrees. To-day it was close and this afternoon rainy with temperatures 68 to 81 degrees.

In Europe extraordinary heat has continued to prevail. The drought in Bohemia and Silesia affected the sugar markets of the Continent and London. In Paris on July 24th fourteen victims of the heat were reported. In Rome, on July 24th the great heat caused four deaths and the drowning of three persons when they sought relief from the historic heat which prevailed all over Italy. It was 95 degrees Fahrenheit at Rome, Milan, Florence and Bologna on the 23rd though at Tripoli it was only 82.4. Turkey on the 24th inst. was suffering from a heat wave. Two persons died at Constantinople when the temperature passed 87 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. At Angora it reached 94.

Detroit Employment Near Top—Total Largest for 1928 and Within 3,842 of All-Time Record.

Industrial employment in Detroit last week increased 5,001 to 270,557, a new high for the year, and within 3,842 of the record high reached in the first week in March 1926. Last week's increase was the largest with two exceptions recorded this year and total is 68,563 more than a year ago.

Railroad Revenue Freight Loading Again Above 1,000,000 Cars a Week—Larger Than in 1927 but Below 1926.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on July 14 totaled 1,024,534 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on July 24. This was an increase of 173,929 cars over the preceding week, when loading of revenue freight was reduced owing to the observance of Fourth of July. The total for the week of July 14 was also an increase of 7,140 cars above the same week in 1927, but a decrease of 51,838 cars below the corresponding week two years ago. Particularizing, the report says:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 407,242 cars, an increase of 11,559 cars above the corresponding week last year and 9,587 cars above the same week in 1926.

Coal loading totaled 148,969 cars, a decrease of 4,009 cars below the same week in 1927 and 34,226 cars below the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 53,445 cars, an increase of 10,743 cars above the same week last year but 2,274 cars below the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 41,950 cars, an increase of 13,470 cars above the same week in 1927.

Live stock loading amounted to 25,160 cars, a decrease of 2,298 cars below the same week last year and 2,095 cars below the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone live stock loading totaled 19,097 cars, a decrease of 1,244 cars compared with the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 253,627, a decrease of 2,232 cars below the same week in 1927 and 2,274 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading amounted to 61,308 cars, 5,625 cars below the same week last year and 8,271 cars under the same week in 1926.

Ore loading totaled 65,982 cars, 139 cars below the same week in 1927 and 9,868 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 8,801 cars, 859 cars below the same week in 1927 and 2,417 cars below the corresponding week in 1926.

All districts reported decreases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week last year except the Northwestern, Central Western and Southwestern, which showed increases. All districts reported decreases compared with the same period two years ago except the Southwestern.

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
Five weeks in June	4,923,304	4,995,854	5,154,981
Week of July 7	850,605	839,085	897,556
Week of July 14	1,024,534	1,017,394	1,076,372
Total	26,332,244	27,377,519	27,307,160

Wheat Harvest in Western Canada Heavy and Early.

Indications are that the harvest in western Canada will commence at least two weeks earlier than last year as with the hot, dry weather of the past week, all crops have continued to make excellent progress. The Canadian National Railways crop report states that while there are a few districts in norther Saskatchewan which could do with some rain, general reports are that there is ample moisture, and that only warm weather is needed until the crop is harvested. All districts in Alberta report excellent crop prospects. Some effects from weeds in summer fallow crops is indicated in the districts around Verigin to Humbolt, but these are not serious.

A few local districts through Manitoba and Saskatchewan show signs of red rust. Nowhere, however, it is declared, has there been any great harm wrought. Serious damage from hail is reported in some local districts in southern Saskatchewan, mostly south, and around Weyburn, and, while in some places the individual farmer has suffered, yet the acreage is not large and will not materially affect the crop on the whole. While weather conditions at the moment are favorable for the development of rust, up to the present there is very little sign of it, and with dry weather for the next couple of weeks, trouble from this source will be pretty well over.

Haying is now in full swing and is said to be an excellent crop in all districts. Summer fallowing is practically completed and there has also been a large acreage of new land brought under cultivation owing to the favorable conditions for breaking.

Employment and Business Conditions in the Chicago Federal Reserve District.

The Monthly Business Conditions Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which will be issued Aug. 1, will say among other things:

The volume of employment in the Seventh Federal Reserve District has continued to expand, industries reporting an aggregate gain of 1.6% in men and 3.1% in amount of payrolls for the period May 15 to June 15. The expansion brings employment at the reporting plants to within 3.0% of the volume of a year ago, and the amount of payrolls to within 1.1%. The gains were well distributed both as to industries and locality. Metals and metal products increased employment as a whole, although operations at iron and steel mills, foundries, and machine shops were showing some curtailment. Gains in the vehicles group—1.7% in men and 5.7% in payrolls—represented increased activity in the manufacture of cars and locomotives, as well as of automobiles. The reports from the Employers' Association of Detroit showed a gain of only 0.4% in employment in that city for the four weeks ended July 10, reflecting in part a lessened rate of expansion in the automobile industry.

Most of the food products registered increased employment, the manufacture of ice and ice cream, and canning operations being at their high level of seasonal activity. Building materials also—stone, brick, cement and lumber—were seasonally active, although in the lumber industry declines outweighed the increases. Boot and shoe factories report a substantial increase in employment. Textiles have been quiet, the manufacture of hosiery, knit goods, and women's clothing showing losses, while men's clothing there has been a slight seasonal gain. Additional demand for labor by public utilities, coal mines and the building and construction industries, has also increased the employment volume. The gains, how-

least compare favorably with that of 1927 and may even exceed it given propitious weather during the next six weeks. A larger area has been sown to grain in the Prairie Provinces, the lowest estimate of increase being a million acres and the highest nearly two million acres. There has been adequate moisture with continuous heat, and save an odd exception here and there over the vast territory conditions leave little to be desired. The report goes on to say:

In the several branches of production and manufacture a substantial degree of activity continues. Mineral output is large with prospects of expansion in the not remote future in respect of gold, copper and lead. Iron and steel manufacturers are well employed; the boot and shoe industry maintains recent improvement. Textile mills hold up under the strain of foreign competition although operating under capacity; distributing trades find business better than of late years; and retail business maintains its volume, to which end a large influx of tourists contributes. Indeed, the latter has become an important factor in summer trade, estimate being made that not less than \$250,000,000 will be spent in Canada by American tourists to redress the adverse balance of trade with the United States. The automobile industry experiences seasonal slowness, but statistics show a production of 29,764 passenger cars in May, a number in excess of any previous recorded month, while the production of motor trucks in the same month, 4,178, has only twice been exceeded. The output of agricultural implements continues on a large scale.

Car loadings reflect commodity movements as commodity movements reflect distribution and consumption. There were 95,000 more cars loaded this year to July 7th than in the corresponding period in 1927 and 181,000 more than two years ago; and it is significant of the healthy state of business that merchandise and miscellaneous freight were substantially larger this year.

The newsprint industry has not abated its activity, production of Canadian mills having been 192,391 tons in June, and in the first half of the year 166,904 tons more than in the same period in 1927. These mills, however, operated last month at only 79.2% of capacity, and largely as a consequence of capacity outstripping consumption prices have become less stable. The situation is a subject of much general discussion.

The foreign trade of Canada in June followed the trend of recent months, a small increase in export values being overcome by a much larger increase in imports. Exports of domestic produce last month amounted to \$107,121,000, as against \$105,678,000 in June of last year; imports had a value of \$110,693,000 as against \$101,018,000 the year before. On the export side there was an increment of \$5,740,000 in the item of wheat and \$688,000 in newsprint, but in the case of the latter quantity export was relatively greater than value export, indicating a slight cut in prices. In the three elapsed months of the current fiscal year exports of \$284,117,000 compare with imports of \$302,766,000, the pendulum having thus swung to an adverse balance. A year ago in the three months' period exports exceeded imports by \$23,071,000.

Reflecting and contributing to general prosperity is unabated activity in the building trade, and of the construction of houses and offices there is yet no end. All principal cities have shared in these undertakings. In the first six months of this year permits issued in 63 Canadian cities represented an expenditure of \$101,606,000, being \$20,763,000 in excess of the preceding year, and still more in excess of any previous like period. In June the gain was again large, the increase in value of permits in Montreal being \$3,667,000 over 1927. The price of building materials has been somewhat higher than last year, but much lower than in any other year since 1920. This activity has greatly stimulated all allied trades, and aided not a little in maintaining the high level of general business.

The Bank of Nova Scotia's Quarterly Survey of Business Conditions in Canada.

After the comparative quiescence of the winter months in Canada, says the Bank of Nova Scotia, there is always in the second quarter of the year a quick resumption of activity. This year the second quarter has witnessed an expansion of business not easily matched in the record of past years. It has occurred during a period of rapid change in the structure of business, involving hardship for some who are most directly exposed to the competition of new methods, and have not, therefore, shared in the general welfare; but reports from the branches of this Bank in every part of Canada give an impression, nevertheless, of very widespread prosperity. The review goes on as follows:

This rapid improvement in business conditions has occurred despite the late opening of navigation which disappointed expectations and seriously retarded the movement of wheat this Spring; despite conditions of rain and cold in many places, which gravely hindered retail trade in seasonal lines; and despite the persistent softness of the grain markets since April. Most marked in the construction industry and least marked in manufacturing, it is nevertheless visible in almost every line of endeavor.

The Bank's indices of employment for the Dominion as a whole and for the principal geographic areas have fluctuated as follows in the last quarter:

FLUCTUATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS, AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE 1922-26.

	April 1.	May 1.	June 1.
Canada—			
General industrial employment.....	114.4	116.8	119.1
Employment in manufacturing industries.....	115.0	115.1	115.7
Employment in building construction.....	152.5	155.3	156.4
Maritime Provinces—General.....	103.7	104.5	106.0
Province of Quebec—General.....	116.6	116.7	116.3
Province of Ontario—General.....	115.1	116.6	117.0
Prairie Province—General.....	121.3	122.4	127.3
British Columbia—General.....	114.7	115.6	115.0

Pending the maturity of the new crop, which is not distant many weeks and which will largely determine the purchasing power of the farming community during the coming season, it is obvious that the prosperity, to which these figures bear witness, is largely sustained by the very heavy expenditures on new construction now being made. Statistics of building permits and building contracts, as well as of variations in construction

costs, will, therefore, be studied with unusual interest during the present Summer.

The Bank's index of construction costs in Canada, having been compiled on an annual basis, does not throw light on the present situation. The figures published in the May number of the Review do, however, show that up to last year at any rate the cost of construction was lower, in Canada, compared with pre-war costs, than in the United States. An index of the price of building and construction materials, published monthly by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, shows that there has been, on an average, a rise of about 3% in the prices of these materials since the New Year; but it suggests also that in relation to the general level of prices, the present figure is not high. It is to be noted, nevertheless, that when allowance is made for the normal seasonal variation, the rate at which new building permits are being obtained shows a tendency, during the last few months, to decline. It would not, therefore, be surprising if a moderate slackening occurred in construction activities during the second half of the year.

Wheat prices have steadied somewhat within the last few days. During a period of two months, however, from May 1st to June 30th, the spot price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern in Winnipeg sagged from \$1.65 to \$1.42, a loss of 23 cents per bushel. Partly due to the caution of European purchasers, partly to the congestion of the wheat movement in Canada, partly, too, to the favourable crop prospects lately reported, this decline has brought down the Bank's index of the purchasing power of wheat from a high point of 119.6 in April to 106.3. After correction for seasonal fluctuation and changes in general prices, the figure for June is thus the lowest recorded since October, 1925.

New Automobile Models and Prices.

Reports from Detroit state that the Federal Motor Truck Co. has brought out a truck of the modern "fast heavy" class. The new model is known as Model T, of 2½ tons capacity, and is powered with either four or six-cylinder motor.

The Buick Motor Co., a General Motors Corp., division, is introducing new 1929 models in three series, showing minor changes in prices. Series 116, which replaces the former 115, is in 5 models: 5-passenger 2-door sedan is priced at \$1,220, compared with \$1,195; 4-passenger country club coupe at \$1,250, against \$1,275, and 5-passenger 4-door sedan at \$1,320, against \$1,295. Series 121, replacing the 120, is in 5 models; 5 passenger 4-door sedan is listed at \$1,450, against \$1,495; 4-passenger country club coupe at \$1,450, against \$1,465, and 5-passenger de luxe sedan at \$1,520, against \$1,575. Series 129 replaces the 128 in 8 models; 7-passenger sedan is listed at \$2,045, against \$1,995; 5-passenger broughman at \$1,875, against \$1,925, and 5-passenger coupe at \$1,865 against \$1,850.

In addition to changes in design the new models show a 17% increase in power. Series 116 has 74 horsepower and the 121 and 129 have 90 horsepower.

Canadian Automobile Production.

June production of automobiles in Canada, as reported to the Department of Commerce by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was as follows: Passenger cars, 25,341, trucks, 3,058, as compared with production in May of 29,764 passenger cars and 4,178 trucks, and production in June 1927, of 16,470 passenger cars and 2,738 trucks.

Automotive Parts and Accessory Business Has Record First Half Year—Business Continues Heavy for Summer Months.

Having reached record breaking heights in March, and continuing at virtually that level in April and May, manufacturers of automobile parts and accessories felt only a mild seasonal recession in June business, while their volume for the first six months of the year was the largest in their history, according to the Motor & Accessory Manufacturers' Association, composed of several hundred representative automotive manufacturers. Aggregate June business of a large group of reporting members was 190% of the January 1925 base index used by the Association, as compared with 201 in May, 195 in April and 167 a year ago.

Manufacturers of motors, bodies, parts and accessories supplied to car and truck makers as original equipment reported June business as 200% of the January 1925 base, as compared with 215 in May, 213 in April and 176 in June last year. This is the fourth month this year that shipments of this group of manufacturers has reached 200 or above, the record level being 231 in March of this year. Shipments of replacement parts to wholesalers, which made a new record in May at 183% of the 1925 base, declined seasonally to 150 in June, but is well above last June's figure of 130%.

Accessory shipments to the wholesale trade, which for several months have shown a declining tendency from last year's levels, reached an aggregate volume of 110% in June, as compared with 113% in May and 132% in June last

year. Shipments of garage repair machinery and tools similarly declined, the June figure being 140% as compared with 157% in May and 171 in June last year.

Sales volume, the Association says, is holding up well during the summer months and there is every indication that a high level of activity will be maintained by the industry for the remainder of the year.

Pynchon & Co. Think Automobile Output Has Reached Saturation Point.

Pynchon & Co. in their weekly letter of July 23 discuss the automobile situation as follows:

In motors, the 5,000,000 production mark erected in early 1928 to be approximated by the industry this year has long since been abandoned. Not even 1926 with its 4,500,000 is to be exceeded; but rather the country is to content itself with passing 1927 and producing 4,000,000 cars.

Deny it as one may, the domestic demand for new automobiles and trucks seems to be slowly approaching the saturation point. With practically 24,000,000 cars registered in the United States, an average life of more than six years per car must be assumed in order that the 4,000,000 cars produced this year shall represent any net growth. In fact, the increase in 1927 in total motor vehicle registrations was but half that between 1925 and 1926; and that increase in turn was but two-thirds of the increase in 1923. This state of affairs exists in spite of more efficient mechanism and more pleasing lines in the cars of to-day; and with prices lower all along the line, almost undoubtedly producing a lower average price per car.

It has become necessary in automobile salesmanship to use the argument that a single family can turn two or three automobiles to good advantage. The limits in this direction cannot be very far to seek. Not only in these the matter of average family income to be considered but the dependence of many city families in the higher income brackets upon rented garages, often found at inconvenient distances, discourages such a proposition. To an owner with a garage on his property, capable of holding two or three cars, the argument undoubtedly has its appeal; but where a second car means double garage rent, the average family head is inclined to feel that even one car is a sufficient responsibility. Road congestion, especially around the larger cities, and lack of parking space, have already reached the point where it is a common expression to say that no one living in the city needs a car anyway.

It appears that foreign trade offers the best possibilities for further expansion to the motor industry in the future. Exports to France have been much larger this year than previously; and American competition in Germany is causing makers there extreme difficulty.

The automobile industry may be credited with expansion in many auxiliary lines of endeavor, such as tires, gasoline, &c.; but new road construction and bridge building is not the least of them. Not only do farmers in the most sparsely settled regions of the country demand better roads for trucking their produce, but highway links between cities are becoming more and more of an essential. The congestion around large cities is also calling for more roads to ease suburban traffic. Road making is causing an expenditure reaching into the hundreds of millions every year. In fact, those who are anxious to know what has become of the thousands of employees dropped from factory payrolls may find large numbers of them here.

Lumber Movement on High Level for This Season

The national lumber movement for the week ended July 21 was on the high level established in the first six months of the year. Reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from 847 of the leading softwood and hardwood mills (units) showed production at 352,671,000 feet, shipments at 353,004,000 feet and orders 353,233,000 feet. Shipments were lower than in the week before, but production and orders were considerably higher, with 39 fewer mills reporting. Substantial gains were reported in all three items for the hardwood branch of the industry, although there were twenty-four fewer mills reporting. In the softwood industry, shipments were off 30,589,000 feet, compared with the corresponding figure for the preceding week, but new business and output gained, although the number of reporting mills was 15 less, declares the National Lumber Manufacturers Association report, from which we quote as follows:

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 275 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 717,924,035 feet, as against 707,672,368 feet for 273 mills the previous week. The 153 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 261,129,285 feet last week, as against 258,615,405 feet for the week before. For the 122 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 456,794,750 feet, as against 449,056,963 feet for the 120 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 450 reporting softwood mills had shipments 98% and orders 99% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 108 and 111; and for the West Coast mills 93 and 92.

Of the reporting mills, the 402 with an established normal production for the week of 299,466,000 feet, gave actual production 98%, shipments 96% and orders 96% thereof.

The following table compares the lumber movement, as reflected by the reporting mills of eight softwood, and two hardwood regional associations, for the two weeks indicated; 000's omitted:

	Past Week		Preceding Week	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills (or units*)	450	397	465	421
Production	300,387,000	51,284,000	290,405,000	42,591,000
Shipments	293,137,000	59,867,000	323,726,000	49,088,000
Orders (new business)	296,421,000	56,812,000	290,149,000	55,348,000

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

West Coast Movement

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 122 mills reporting for the week ended July 21 was 8% below production, and shipments were 7% below production, which was 128,135,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 113,468,000. Of all new business taken during the week 43% was for

future water delivery, amounting to 51,259,947 feet, of which 29,390,055 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 21,869,892 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 61,839,362 feet, or 52% of the week's new business. Forty-one per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 48,494,213 feet, of which 37,142,757 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 11,351,456 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 64,163,170 feet, or 54% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 5,364,300 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 161,315,925 feet, foreign 126,399,353 feet and rail trade 169,079,472 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 153 mills reporting, shipments were 7.88% above production and orders were 11.30% above production and 3.17% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 81,868,692 feet, (previous week 79,894,440); shipments 79,354,812 (previous week 87,432,867); and production 73,558,885 feet, (previous week 76,030,261). The normal production (three-year average) of these mills is 83,884,685 feet. Of the 152 mills reporting running time, 81 operated full time, 6 of the latter overtime. Three mills were shut down, and the rest operated from one to six days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reports production from 32 mills as 32,246,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 34,234,000, and for the week earlier 34,527,000. Shipments were slightly less last week and new business slightly larger.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association of San Francisco, reports production from 21 mills as 31,015,000 (67% of the total cut of the California pine region) as compared with a normal figure for the week of 31,932,000. Eighteen mills the week before reported production as 27,452,000 feet. There were notable increases in shipments and new business last week.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, reports production from 15 mills as 7,904,000 feet, compared with a normal figure of 8,662,000 and for the previous week 6,544,000. Shipments were about the same last week, while new business showed some decrease.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reports production from 51 mills as 9,405,000 feet, against a normal production for the week of 14,610,000. Fifty-eight mills the week before reported production as 7,952,000 feet. Shipments were larger last week and orders somewhat below those reported for the week earlier.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production from 8 mills as 12,230,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 12,675,000. Seven mills the preceding week reported production as 13,020,000 feet. Shipments and new business fell off to some extent last week.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., (in its softwood production) reports production from 48 mills as 5,893,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 20,607,000. Fifty-one mills the previous week reported production as 5,706,000 feet. There were notable increases in shipments and new business last week.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reports production from 72 units as 9,565,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 15,085,000. Eighty units the preceding week reported production as 6,689,000 feet. Shipments showed a heavy increase last week, and new business was slightly less.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reports production from 325 units as 41,719,000 feet, as against a normal production for the week of 68,178,000. Three-hundred and forty-one units the week earlier reported production as 35,902,000. Shipments and new business showed noticeable increases.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

One hundred twenty mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended July 14 1928 manufactured 110,656,236 feet, sold 113,051,759 feet and shipped 138,157,952 feet. New business was 2,395,523 feet more than production and shipments 27,501,716 feet more than production.

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

Week Ended—	July 14.	July 7.	June 30.	June 23.
Number of mills reporting	120	113	115	112
Production (feet).....	110,656,236	61,924,373	119,880,930	119,750,160
New business (feet).....	113,051,759	99,364,980	120,101,253	113,414,148
Shipments (feet).....	138,157,952	94,323,216	155,878,134	135,231,013
<i>Unshipped Business—</i>				
Rail (feet).....	172,499,040	172,783,389	163,738,786	170,996,158
Domestic cargo (feet).....	156,386,580	165,363,836	168,328,990	183,057,652
Export (feet).....	120,171,343	119,745,434	124,154,185	128,549,368
Total (feet).....	449,056,963	457,892,659	456,221,961	482,603,178
<i>First 28 Weeks of—</i>				
Average number of mills	1928. 114	1927. 78	1926. 105	1925. 118
Production (feet).....	3,221,408,928	2,064,264,273	2,831,945,442	2,784,244,751
New business (feet).....	3,529,170,771	2,205,644,039	2,990,799,075	2,876,340,186
Shipments (feet).....	3,439,607,880	2,156,810,421	2,947,786,882	2,915,126,004

Activity in the Cotton-Spinning Industry for June 1928.

The Department of Commerce announced on July 20 that according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, 35,749,944 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on June 30 1928, of which 28,624,488 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 29,060,360 for May, 30,965,404 for April, 31,412,820 for March, 31,687,012 for February, 31,697,876 for January and 32,756,862 for June 1927. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 7,247,726,545. During June the normal time of operation was 26 days, compared with 26½ for May, 24 2-3 for April, 27 for March, 24 2-3 for February and 25½ for January. Based on an activity of 8.83 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during June was 31,569,503, or at 88.3% capacity on a single-shift basis. This percentage compares with 95.0 for May, 94.8 for April, 96.8 for March, 101.2 for February,

101.5 for January and 109.3 for June 1927. The average number of active spindles hours per spindle in place for the month was 203. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours and the average spindle hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement:

State.	Spinning Spindles.		Active Spindle Hours for June.	
	In Place June 30.	Active During June.	Total.	Aver. per Spindle in Place.
Cotton-growing States...	18,480,666	17,755,262	5,110,467,533	277
New England States...	15,665,266	9,571,110	1,892,977,824	121
All other States.....	1,604,012	1,298,116	244,281,188	152
Alabama.....	1,617,340	1,546,362	427,896,941	265
Connecticut.....	1,123,612	1,040,622	203,377,230	181
Georgia.....	3,075,788	2,958,562	868,223,025	282
Maine.....	1,106,036	824,622	154,055,195	139
Massachusetts.....	9,549,182	4,823,426	938,817,080	98
Mississippi.....	177,078	145,998	49,744,782	281
New Hampshire.....	1,414,950	936,178	201,925,960	143
New Jersey.....	378,936	356,834	57,459,460	152
New York.....	837,736	626,882	122,136,334	146
North Carolina.....	6,181,122	5,910,484	1,654,937,319	268
Rhode Island.....	2,332,678	1,829,368	377,891,038	162
South Carolina.....	5,484,848	5,380,364	1,674,398,970	305
Tennessee.....	604,212	554,532	170,888,268	283
Texas.....	282,196	251,332	60,704,890	215
Virginia.....	711,228	685,758	119,683,666	168
All other States.....	879,002	753,164	165,586,387	188
United States.....	35,749,944	28,624,488	7,247,726,545	203

Lockout in Lancashire Ordered by Spinners—Employers Resent Strike at One Mill Over Payment of Workers' Dues to Union.

A wireless dispatch to the New York "Times" from Manchester, England, under date of July 20, said that the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners Associations had on that day decided to recommend a general lockout of all the spinning mills in Lancashire as a result of a strike at the Ramsay Mill in Oldham, which arose over a dispute between an operative spinner named Ackley and his trade union. If the lockout takes place as the outcome of what appears to be a trivial dispute, about 500,000 workers will be affected. The spinner who caused it hadn't paid his dues to the union for ten months and his fellow-workers decided that they wouldn't work any longer with him. The firm employing Ackley protested that it was no concern of theirs and refused to discharge him. The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners Associations declares that although Ackley offered to pay up all arrears, the union insisted that he should rejoin as a new member which would thus cancel the accrued benefits to which he is entitled as a result of over twenty years' membership. The Federation adds: "To bring about a stoppage and dislocation of the firm's business as a means of determining some private dispute between its work people and the union is an unwarrantable menace, which, on no account, can be tolerated."

Petition for an Injunction Against New York Cotton Exchange Denied.

The application of Louis N. Osmond for a temporary injunction to restrain the New York Cotton Exchange, George H. McFadden & Bro. and Anderson, Clayton & Co. from delivering allegedly substandard cotton on future contracts was denied in an opinion handed down on Thursday by Justice Alfred Frankenthaler in the Supreme Court of New York County. The court held that Osmond had failed to prove that inferior cotton to the 7/8-inch staple standard provided for was in existence in the Port of New York, as his original complaint had contended. Mr. Osmond a cotton broker who announced Wednesday that he and a group of associates had incorporated to form a secondary cotton exchange dealing in raw cotton and various natural and manufactured by-products, brought the suit against the exchange and its two members several weeks ago. He contended that the presence of the sub-standard cotton in this port had served to depreciate the price from 27c. to 15c. a pound, and that he had thereby lost \$500,000.

Justice Frankenthaler in his opinion points out that "it is difficult to understand on what theory the plaintiff seeks to hold the defendants responsible for the Government's approval of ineligible cotton" and that there are no averments of fact to warrant conclusions of legal liability on the part of the defendants. The court adds that since it has not been proved that there is an considerable quantity of such cotton in the port it is not necessary to pass on the responsibility of the defendants.

The New York Cotton Exchange issued the following statement with reference to the matter:

The petition for an injunction against the New York Cotton Exchange applied for by Louis N. Osmond, organizer of the National Cotton Exchange, Inc., was denied in a lengthy opinion handed down on Thursday in the special term of the Supreme Court by Justice Frankenthaler, on the ground, principally, that the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States

fixed the classification of raw cotton and that the New York Cotton Exchange and its co-defendants in the action, George H. McFadden & Bro. and Anderson, Clayton & Fleming had nothing whatever to do with the classification of cotton. The opinion of the Court, as contended by the New York Cotton Exchange's counsel, Cadwallader, Wickersham & Taft, was that there were no grounds for complaint and especially since there was no evidence to prove that the defendants were responsible for the classifications passed on by the Department of Agriculture. The opinion also said that the petitioners failed to establish that there was any considerable amount of ineligible cotton in the Port of New York. Milton S. Cohn and Oliver Levy, counsel for the National Cotton Exchange, brought the action against the New York Cotton Exchange.

Officials of the New York Cotton Exchange refused to comment upon the formation of a new cotton exchange that would deal in odd lots and would have a thousand members, including representatives of the cotton planters. It was pointed out, however, that several odd lot cotton exchanges had been formed here in the last 10 years and that most of these had been closed by the District Attorney for bucketing operations.

National Cotton Exchange Chartered by L. N. Osmond—1,000 Seats Will Be Sold.

Louis N. Osmond, who sought an injunction to restrain the New York Cotton Exchange and two cotton brokerage firms from tendering ineligible cotton on contracts for future delivery and from passing as eligible any cotton which is ineligible, has with other interests obtained a New York charter for a new cotton exchange, according to an announcement by Milton Seymour Cohn and S. Oliver Levy, attorneys, on July 25. The new organization would be known as the National Cotton Exchange, Inc. It would provide for trading in raw cotton, natural and manufactured by-products, like cottonseed oil and linters, and also "gray goods."

The Exchange would have 1,000 seats selling at \$250 each, which compares with 450 seats on the New York Cotton Exchange. Prices for seats on the existing Exchange range around \$35,000 each. The attorneys said that more than 100 applications for seats on the new Exchange had been received from traders in different parts of the country. The New York "Times" on July 26 contained the following further facts regarding the proposition:

Temporary headquarters have been opened at 15 Moore Street. The first meeting of the incorporators of the company, according to present plans, is to be held in the latter part of August. One of the objects of the Exchange, according to Mr. Osmond, will be the equal distribution of memberships throughout the country, especially in the South, where 8,000,000 persons are engaged in the growing and manufacture of cotton and cotton products.

"There is plenty of room for a new cotton exchange here," said Mr. Osmond, "when it is considered that at the present time there are three stock exchanges and two rubber exchanges. Also the new exchange contains a novel departure from the established practice, offering as it does facilities for the trading of standard grades of gray goods and cotton linters."

Mr. Osmond said the Exchange would have provision for the trading of future cotton contracts in units of 25, 50 and 100 bale lots.

The Exchange, according to Mr. Osmond, also will assume the obligation to protect its members and non-members equally from any infringement of its form of contract, whether by the delivery of inferior cotton or otherwise.

Cotton Parley August 6 to Fix Price of Staple—Farmers' Marketing Association Will Work For Stabilization.

The New Orleans "Times" Picayune for July 24 publishes an Associated Press dispatch from Dallas, Texas, saying that a South-wide conference to determine a profitable price for cotton and to stabilize the price will be held there August 6 under auspices of the Farmers' Marketing Association of America. According to President W. B. Yeary the call for the conference was signed by Senator John Davis, W. S. Kirby, John J. Simmons and T. W. "Whit" Davidson, together with other members and directors of the association. Mr. Davidson will preside. Business men, bankers, representatives of Chambers of Commerce throughout the South and cotton farmers are expected to attend, it is stated. Methods to prevent baneful influences on the profitable price from either authorized or unauthorized crop reports will be sought.

"It is not a question of 'can the price of cotton be made stable and profitable,'" Mr. Yeary said. "It is only a matter of informing the people how it can be done and then 'educating' them in the belief that it cannot be.

"The untimely remarks emanating from the department of agriculture last fall, creating a bear sentiment which was seized on by futures dealers to their profit, reduced the price of cotton \$40 a bale. Secretary of Agriculture Jardine has no more power to create a bear influence on the cotton market than the combined people of the South have to create a bull influence.

"Prosperity of the South depends upon a profitable price for cotton," Mr. Yeary said, "and bankers and business men are of that opinion and ready to co-operate in arriving at such a price."

Report of National Association of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics for June 1928.

The National Association of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics, at the request of the Federal Reserve Board, has arranged

for a monthly survey within the industry. The results of the inquiries are herewith presented in tabular form. The secretary of the Association makes the following statement concerning the tabulation:

The figures on the attached memorandum are compiled from the reports of 28 plants, most of which are representative plants, doing a variety of work and we believe it is well within the facts to state that these figures represent a cross section of the industry.

Note.—(1) Many plants were unable to give details under the respective headings of white goods, dyed goods, and printed goods, and reported their totals only; therefore, the column headed "total" does not always represent the total of the subdivisions, but is a correct total for the district.

(2) Owing to the changing character of business and the necessary changes in equipment at various finishing plants, it is impracticable to give average percentage of capacity operated in respect to white goods as distinguished from dyed goods. Many of the machines used in a finishing plant are available for both conversions, therefore the percentage of capacity operated and the work ahead is shown for white goods and dyed goods combined.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS OF FINISHED COTTON FABRICS.

	White Goods.	Dyed Goods.	Printed Goods.	Total.
May 1928.				
Total finished yds. billed during month				
District 1	9,939,606	13,540,884	10,438,325	33,207,063
2	4,077,433	953,658	2,961,850	14,954,404
3	6,015,550	4,305,224	-----	10,320,774
5	5,632,381	1,418,819	-----	7,051,200
8	3,005,815	-----	-----	3,005,815
Total	28,670,785	20,218,585	13,400,175	73,539,256
Total grey yardage of finishing orders received—				
District 1	11,336,706	12,927,944	10,334,319	37,154,501
2	5,367,476	4,611,235	1,277,732	15,341,788
3	6,183,292	4,391,129	-----	10,574,421
5	5,493,823	1,269,594	-----	6,763,417
8	3,126,653	-----	-----	3,126,653
Total	31,507,950	23,199,902	11,612,051	72,960,760
Number of cases finished goods shipped to customers—				
District 1	4,159	4,680	3,179	22,553
2	4,661	992	-----	13,106
3	3,957	2,549	-----	6,506
5	1,874	-----	-----	4,099
8	1,291	-----	-----	1,291
Total	15,942	8,221	3,179	47,555
Number of cases of finished goods held in storage at end of month—				
District 1	3,419	3,662	2,757	16,271
2	5,741	1,689	-----	14,806
3	1,132	-----	-----	5,761
5	-----	-----	-----	3,116
8	495	-----	-----	495
Total	10,787	5,351	2,757	40,449
Total average % of capacity operated:	White and Dyed Combined			
District 1	54	-----	97	59
2	52	-----	91	61
3	73	-----	-----	73
5	52	-----	-----	52
8	124	-----	-----	124
Average for all districts	57	-----	95	62
Total average work ahead at end of month, expressed in days—				
District 1	2.9	-----	12.9	4.8
2	2.7	-----	2.6	3.0
3	4.5	-----	-----	4.5
5	3.0	-----	-----	3.0
8	7.9	-----	-----	7.9
Average for all districts	3.3	-----	11.7	4.3

	White Goods.	Dyed Goods.	Printed Goods.	Total.
June 1928				
Total finished yards billed during month—				
District 1	9,097,706	13,353,018	10,260,219	36,684,425
2	3,835,796	494,957	2,946,696	13,804,920
3	6,283,947	4,552,733	-----	10,836,720
5	4,635,227	1,417,501	-----	6,052,728
8	2,650,087	-----	-----	2,650,087
Total	26,502,763	19,818,249	13,206,915	70,028,880
Total grey yardage of finishing orders received—				
District 1	9,562,911	12,263,097	9,011,784	32,651,191
2	5,003,362	3,787,282	1,271,202	12,776,303
3	5,369,827	3,408,887	-----	8,778,714
5	4,104,092	924,493	-----	5,028,585
8	2,112,074	-----	-----	2,112,074
Total	26,152,266	20,383,759	10,282,986	61,346,867
Number of cases finished goods shipped to customers—				
District 1	3,951	4,187	2,745	20,147
2	3,771	871	-----	11,464
3	3,775	2,361	-----	6,136
5	1,921	-----	-----	3,885
8	725	-----	-----	725
Total	14,143	7,419	2,745	42,357
Number of cases of finished goods held in storage at end of month—				
District 1	3,413	3,603	2,518	15,647
2	5,759	1,454	-----	14,321
3	1,107	-----	-----	5,629
5	-----	-----	-----	2,890
8	420	-----	-----	420
Total	10,699	5,047	2,518	38,907
Total average % of capacity operated:	White and Dyed Combined			
District 1	47	-----	78	50
2	47	-----	75	53
3	60	-----	-----	60
5	51	-----	-----	51
8	104	-----	-----	104
Average for all districts	50	-----	77	53
Total average work ahead at end of month, expressed in days—				
District 1	3.1	-----	11.3	4.7
2	2.2	-----	2.1	2.2
3	1.9	-----	-----	1.9
5	2.9	-----	-----	2.9
8	5.9	-----	-----	5.9
Average for all districts	2.8	-----	10.2	3.6

American Woolen Cuts Staple Men's Goods for Spring—Concession to Buyers on Rising Wool Market Startles Industry—Seek Increase of Loom Activity on Low Prices—Fancy Goods, on Other Hand, Sharply Advanced.

The American Woolen Co. opened staple men's wear fabrics for spring 1929, on Monday at an average reduction of 2c to 10c a yard, but low priced chevots were slightly higher than the last fall list, and tropical worsteds for the coming summer season were marked up from a few cents to as much as 22c a yard. Prominent numbers in the serge, unfinished worsted and frenchback families were readjusted downward rather sharply, due, it is understood, to severe competition. The New York Journal of Commerce in reporting the foregoing in its issue of July 24 (by Marshall M. Jacobson) adds:

This step by the largest factor in the industry created somewhat of a sensation in selling circles, owing to general expectation that prices for the new lightweight season would remain unchanged or go slightly higher, in line with the rise in raw material costs since the last opening in February. To say that competitors and customers were surprised is to put it mildly. In view of the diligent efforts made by the Wool Institute in recent months to secure a firm price policy in order that the severe losses of recent years might be circumvented, the policy of the big company, which is an active member of the institute, indicated clearly that the independence of the individual members is unfettered and unrestrained.

Seek Greater Capacity.

The impression derived from the price reduction on staples is that the American Woolen Co. is determined to go out for business and run its mills at greater capacity than heretofore. It is suggested that it has bought wools favorably, and in spite of a very firm wool market, it is able to make unusually attractive prices due to the wools it controls together with the economics the company is steadily making in manufacturing. It is denied that any large surplus of piece goods or clothing exists due to cautious manufacturing.

Another explanation of the lower prices is advanced in selling circles, to the effect that competition presented by three other large mill interests prominent in staple men's goods does not permit the leader to maintain values as well as it would have liked. Two of the three large competitors are not members of the Institute, so that they are in no way bound by sentiment manifested by members as regards price policy.

That lower prices named on staples are not to be taken as a criterion of actual cloth values is the feeling in authoritative quarters. This view is amply supported by the fact that the American Woolen Co. has advanced tropical worsteds, which fall into the "fancy" goods category, 4c or 5c a yard or more staple lines to as much as 22c on highly styled silk and rayon decorated summer specialty fabrics.

Price Contrast.

The contrast between the price trends on staples and fancy goods is sharply defined. Skeptical buyers believe that the mills must have surplus goods to dispose of if staples are cut without justification on the score of wool costs, which are highest in two years, following an advance for the current fall of 2½c to 7c a yard over the previous spring. Thus staple prices for spring 1929 are in many instances lower than a year ago while all wool costs are from 10 to 25 per cent higher.

If new prices on staples are to be regarded as a guide rule to values then mills which in recent seasons showed no profit, but actually experienced heavy losses, have little to hope for in the way of financial recoupment. Well-posted authorities contend that several of the larger independent mills courted this "bombshell" by quietly undercutting the big company on staples when the latter was striving to co-operate with other factors in establishing a more stable foundation in the matter of price, terms, discount and dating policies.

"The American Woolen Co.," said a noted selling agent, "is not to be regarded as 'guaranteeing' the maintenance of prices merely because it is a member of the Wool Institute and is willing to co-operate with other cloth producers. It is common knowledge that at least three large factors in staples, particularly serges, have been courting a price war by undercutting the leaders' prices, so that this reduction for spring 1929 should not surprise those who are aware of what is going on 'on the inside'."

The rather sharp rise in fancy tropical goods over 1928 levels, which had been advanced 2½c. over 1927 levels, is held to be indicative of material advances in prospect on regular fancy woolen and worsted suitings and topcoatings to be opened within a month for the spring of 1929. In the tropicals collection for 1929 are nine fancy styles and six staple or semi-staple textures. The following is a comparison of prices on 11 of the 15 numbers, terms 3-30, 1-60 or net-4 months.

Tropicals Compared.

BASE PRICES.			BASE PRICES.				
Style—	1929.	1928.	Adv.	Style—	1929.	1928.	Adv.
Champlain (EE)—	\$1.76	\$1.558	20.2c	National-Prev. (B)—	2.43	2.372	5.8c
115	-----	-----	-----	16 (3-ply)	-----	-----	-----
Ayer (BB)—	1.53	1.480	5.0c	Shawsheen (DD)—	2.02	2.023	*0.3c
6717-1	-----	-----	-----	83	-----	-----	-----
6047	1.93	1.883	4.7c	Manton (Q)—	1.93	1.953	*2.3c
2311	1.56	1.511	4.9c	191	-----	-----	-----
Washington (A)—	1.77	1.720	5.0c	Puritan (N)—	2.36	2.278	8.2c
13351	-----	-----	-----	873	-----	-----	-----
Wood (AA)—	2.23	2.185	4.5c	Beoli (P)—	2.34	2.116	22.4c
9154	-----	-----	-----	804	-----	-----	-----

No. 6717-1, an 8-ounce tropical in the Ayer line, is the lowest priced tropical worsted in the whole collection, which at a base of \$1.53 gives a net value of slightly over \$1.48 a yard, an unusually low price, even though in the staple range No. 115, one of the most popular fabrics of its kind in the market, being the celebrated EE number at \$1.67½ base (less 10) in the current 1928 list, is an 8½-ounce fancy priced at \$1.76 (less 3), showing a net advance of over 20c.

Manton's 191 is an 8-ounce cloth, Ayer's 6047 a 9-ounce number, and Beoli's 804 is a 12-ounce summer cloth, which is up close to 22½c., and therefore may be indicative of appreciable mark-up on heavier fancy worsteds at the opening next month. From the base prices given above prices on individual cloths may be priced from 2½c. to 22½c. a yard higher for added silk or rayon decoration.

The low to high prices on tropicals for individual mills follow:

Department 1—	Low.	High.	Department 2—	Low.	High.
Ayer	\$1.53	\$1.93	Manton	1.93	2.07
Wood	1.63	2.23	Shawsheen	2.02	2.15
Washington	1.77	1.80	Nat. & Prov.	2.43	2.58
Department 7—					
Fulton	1.65	1.82	Chase	2.04	2.47
Champlain	1.76	1.83	Puritan	2.25	2.57
Arden	1.84	1.95	Beoli	2.34	2.65

From Independence, Kans on July 27 word came that the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. has met the new schedule of crude oil prices in Kansas, Oklahoma and North Texas as put into effect by the Carter Oil Co. and the Humble Oil & Refining Co., both subsidiaries of the Standard Oil of New Jersey. Prairie's new schedule is 88c. a barrel for 28 gravity with an increase of 7c. for each degree to and incl. 32 gravity at \$1.16 a barrel. For 33 gravity it posts a price of \$1.21 a barrel with a spread of 5c. for each degree above, making 44 gravity and above \$1.76 a barrel.

These price advances were on July 27 followed by similar changes announced by the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co., a subsidiary of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.; the Gulf Oil Corp. and the Empire Gas & Fuel Co. It is expected that eventually all of the producers will post the new prices, including the Magnolia Petroleum Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

The Ohio Oil Co. posted an advance of 5c. per barrel on Lima, Indiana, Illinois, Princeton and Plymouth crude oils and 10 cents per barrel on Worcester crude.

The Midwest Refining Co. posted new prices for crude oil in the Salt Creek, Wyo., field involving a reduction in grades of oil of 29 to 33 degree gravity, incl., and an increase in grades above 33 degrees. Under the new prices on Salt Creek crude, oil of 32 gravity is unchanged at \$1.16 a barrel. Below 32 gravity prices are reduced by 2 to 6c. a barrel, while above 32 they are advanced by 2 to 10c. The new price on oil of 29 gravity is 95 cents, against previous level of \$1.01. From 29 to 32 gravity there is now a differential of 7 cents for each degree, against 5 cents previously. Above 32 the differential is 5 cents, against 3 cents previously, with top price of \$1.41 a barrel for 37 degrees and over, against previous level of \$1.31.

Light oil prices were also increased during the week, one of the earliest changes being announced July 26 by the Tide Water Oil Co. which advanced the spot price of tank car gasoline along the Atlantic Coast $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a gallon, making the new price $11\frac{1}{4}$ cents a gallon.

The Warner-Quinlan Co. also made a similar price advance. The Acewood Petroleum Co. advanced gasoline in tank car lots in New York Harbor $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a gallon, making California gasoline $11\frac{1}{4}$ cents, and other gasoline 11 cents. The Sinclair Refining Co., also on July 26 advanced the price of gasoline in tank car lots $\frac{1}{2}$ c. a gallon, making the new prices $11\frac{1}{4}$ c. at New York, Philadelphia and Portsmouth, Va.; $11\frac{3}{4}$ c. at Tiverton, R. I.; 11c. at Charleston, S. C., and $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. at Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey also advanced the price of United States motor grade gasoline in bulk $\frac{1}{2}$ c. a gallon to $11\frac{1}{4}$ c. at all Atlantic Coast ports except Charleston, S. C., thereby meeting the prices recently put into effect by other leading refiners. The Atlantic Refining Co. advanced spot price of gasoline in tank cars from $10\frac{3}{4}$ c. to $11\frac{1}{4}$ c. a gallon.

The Standard Oil of New Jersey on July 26 advanced the price of U. S. motor gasoline for export a half-cent a gallon, making the new price 26.9 cents in cases.

On Jan. 27, the Standard Oil Co. of New York advanced the price of gasoline 1 cent a gallon in its territory, which includes New York and New England. A general advance in gasoline prices is believed to be foreshadowed.

The new gasoline tank wagon price is 18 cents a gallon and the new service station price, 20 cents. The Warner-Quinlan Co. met the advance in the New York district and the Beacon Oil Co. in the New England section.

On July 27, wholesale prices at Chicago were quoted as follows: Motor grade gasoline, $8\frac{3}{4}$ @ $8\frac{3}{4}$ c.; kerosene, 41-43 water white, 5c.; fuel oil 24-26 gravity, 60@65c.

Further Increase Occurs in Crude Oil Production.

A further increase in the output of crude oil occurred during the week of July 21 when the American Petroleum Institute estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States amounted to 2,401,850 barrels as compared with 2,391,500 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 10,350 barrels. Compared with the output of 2,573,850 barrels per day in the corresponding week of 1927, the current figure shows a loss of 172,000 barrels per day. The daily average production for the latest week east of California was 1,757,850 barrels, as compared with 1,747,000 barrels, an increase of 10,850 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks noted:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In barrels.)	July 21 '28.	July 14 '28.	July 7 '28.	July 23 '27.
Oklahoma	588,700	584,050	584,000	365,500
Kansas	102,300	102,350	103,600	107,350
Panhandle Texas	63,050	63,250	64,200	113,800
North Texas	85,000	83,000	83,400	87,450
West Central Texas	56,750	57,100	57,500	68,000
West Texas	351,750	345,450	337,050	144,450
East Central Texas	21,600	21,850	22,250	33,300
Southwest Texas	25,050	25,000	25,100	32,050
North Louisiana	41,500	42,750	42,650	57,900
Arkansas	91,350	92,150	91,950	109,550
Coastal Texas	106,250	106,550	106,650	124,950
Coastal Louisiana	26,850	28,750	28,250	14,550
Eastern	115,000	113,000	111,500	111,500
Wyoming	62,550	60,300	65,850	56,750
Montana	10,150	10,450	10,450	15,300
Colorado	8,100	8,300	8,400	7,450
New Mexico	1,900	2,700	2,050	2,800
California	644,000	644,500	649,000	620,700
Total	2,401,850	2,391,500	2,383,850	2,573,850

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West Texas, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended July 21, was 1,427,050 barrels as compared with 1,416,950 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 10,100 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil was 1,368,950 barrels as compared with 1,358,700 barrels, an increase of 10,250 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—	
Oklahoma—	July 21.	July 14.	July 21.
North Braman	3,000	3,050	—
South Braman	1,500	1,500	—
Tonkawa	13,750	13,750	—
Garber	8,350	8,500	—
Burbank	29,800	30,800	—
Bristow Slick	21,600	21,650	—
Cromwell	9,300	9,400	—
Wewoka	6,150	6,300	—
Seminole	51,250	51,500	—
Bowlegs	57,150	57,500	—
Searight	14,000	11,950	—
Little River	41,700	41,200	—
Earlsboro	78,150	79,750	—
Panhandle Texas—	—	—	—
Hutchinson County	35,300	35,900	—
Carson County	6,330	6,000	—
Gray County	20,350	20,250	—
Wheeler County	900	900	—
West Central Texas—	—	—	—
Brown County	12,750	13,000	—
Shackelford Co.	10,300	10,500	—
West Texas—	—	—	—
Reagan County	20,400	18,400	—
Pecos County	70,400	72,000	—
Crane and Upton Cos.	64,900	64,550	—
Winkler	181,450	176,000	—
East Central Texas—	—	—	—
Corstiana Powell	10,850	11,000	—
Nigger Creek	1,050	1,050	—
Southwest Texas—	—	—	—
Luling	13,250	13,500	—
Laredo District	8,550	8,200	—
North Louisiana—	—	—	—
Haynesville	6,150	6,150	—
Urania	7,350	7,800	—
Arkansas—	—	—	—
Smackover, light	7,600	7,600	—
Smackover, heavy	58,100	58,250	—
Champagnolle	15,700	16,300	—
Coastal Texas—	—	—	—
West Columbia	8,300	8,400	—
Blue Ridge	6,900	7,500	—
Pierce Junction	11,200	10,500	—
Hull	10,600	10,400	—
Spindletop	38,000	38,400	—
Orange Co.	4,000	4,100	—
Wyoming—	—	—	—
Salt Creek	41,500	39,800	—
Montana—	—	—	—
Sunburst	8,300	8,600	—
California—	—	—	—
Santa Fe Springs	36,000	36,000	—
Long Beach	202,000	202,000	—
Huntington Beach	53,500	53,500	—
Torrance	17,000	17,000	—
Dominguez	11,000	11,500	—
Rosecrans	6,000	6,000	—
Inglewood	29,000	29,000	—
Midway-Sunset	71,000	71,000	—
Ventura Ave.	53,500	52,000	—
Seal Beach	34,500	35,000	—

Copper Holds Steady Despite Slow Demand—Tin and Silver Higher—Trading in Lead and Zinc Below Average.

Despite the quiet prevailing in virtually all of the non-ferrous metals, prices held on a steady basis in the past week, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports. The volume of copper sales was the smallest in any week since early March, but most producers appeared to welcome the respite and not the slightest sign of price weakness was observed. Further advances have been made in the price of tin in London, with a sympathetic gain in the domestic market. It is reported that a strong pool is supporting the tin market in London. Little change occurred in the position of either lead or zinc. Silver moved higher on buying by China.

Interpretation of June copper statistics as unfavorable to the producer and the effect of the continued hot weather are given as probable reasons for the lessening in demand. Producers held out for $14\frac{3}{4}$ cents, delivered in Connecticut. Copper exporters quote 15 cents, c.i.f. usual European destinations. Sales on foreign accounts amounted to approximately 30,000 tons so far this month. One fairly large sale of slab zinc took place for October delivery at 6.25 cents a pound. Prompt shipment zinc held at 6.20 cents, St. Louis basis. Lead sales have been slightly under average, but the tone of the market is good. Spot lead in London is firmer.

Steel Output Maintained—Pig Iron Price Drops.

Steel making has stepped up slightly from a little under 75% of capacity a week ago to a full 75% rate declares the "Iron Age" of July 26 in its weekly summary of conditions in the iron and steel industry. Against this, new business and fresh specifications on contracts fell off in the week, and orders appear to be growing individually smaller. The increasing conservatism in buying thus indicated makes it difficult to forecast more than a week or two. Yet none of the important channels of steel outlet has narrowed to any definite degree.

From the railroads there has been a normal steady consumption of bars, plates and shapes; but, if anything,

improvement is looked for from this quarter in view of better earnings of important lines and good crop prospects. However, car buying, not now in evidence, would not immediately increase steel rollings, even if it were on a large scale, because of the time element in assembling car specialties prior to getting under production. Freight car shops are fast reaching the point where shutdowns are imminent, observes the "Age," adding:

The automotive and farm implement industries show little, if any, recession. The seasonal lull which has overtaken some automobile builders seems to be offset by greater activity of those bringing out new models. Output of the first half of the year, 2,201,880 passenger cars and trucks, was exceeded only by the production of the first half of 1926.

Further large line-pipe requirements are promised in plans of the Sinclair Pipe Line Co. to supply Chicago from the Southwest, taking 8 and 12-in. pipe, and in a line, which may come earlier, from Louisiana to Kansas City. One of the largest inquiries for oil storage tanks in some time, for 12 tanks in western Texas, will take 5,000 tons of plates.

A firmer price stand is being taken by producers, with the result that more sales at the level being sought for the current quarter on the heavy tonnage products, 1.90c., Pittsburgh, have come to light. The 1.85c. base still obtains in cases on steel bars and is fairly common on plates.

Strip steel remains weak, and neither this form of steel nor cold finished bars are moving as freely as last month. Compared with other years at this season the showing remains favorable.

Tin plate contract releases have been sufficient to keep the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. at a 90% of capacity output through September.

Manufacturers of electric refrigerators and stoves have helped bring an upswing in sheet mill production. Prices appear less irregular, with efforts to hold a minimum of 3.40c., Pittsburgh, or 3.45c., Valley, for galvanized sheets, 2c., Valley, for blue annealed, and 2.60c., Pittsburgh, or 2.65c., Valley, for black. After some hot weather checks, the industry is back to nearly 85% of capacity operations.

Sales of sheets showed a sharp gain in June, the records of the independent producers being 318,902 tons in June against 250,316 tons in May. Shipments were only 10,000 tons less than sales and unfilled orders at the end of the month remained substantially equal to those at the end of May.

Alloy steel bar mills continue at an 85 to 90% rate, or only a few points below their peak.

Included in rail sales reported last week were 40,000 tons for the Norfolk & Western. Chicago reported purchases in the week of 6,000 tons of track supplies and specifications for 7,000 tons. The Hocking Valley bought 1,400 tons of tie plates.

Pig iron prices show no strength. In addition to the decline of 50c. a ton on No. 2 foundry in the Valley, lower prices have appeared in New England, especially on the higher silicon grades. An eastern Pennsylvania steel company will probably buy 20,000 tons or more of basic iron this week.

Heavy melting steel scrap has strengthened at Pittsburgh, following many weeks of such low prices that many shippers have withheld supplies from the market. At Chicago, arrangements are being made to ship scrap by water to Lake Erie steel plants.

Canadian production of iron and steel in June was ahead of June last year and the output for the half year was the highest in ten years.

Welsh makers of tin plate, facing and uncertain market and easing prices, have decided to reintroduce a restriction of output, all mills to close for two weeks during the period of Aug. 27 to Nov. 24.

The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price has dropped to \$17.04 a gross ton, from \$17.09 of the two preceding weeks. The finished steel composite price remains at 2.319c. a lb. for the second week, as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.			Pig Iron.		
July 24 1928, 2.319c. a lb.			July 24 1928, \$17.04 a Gross Ton.		
One week ago	-----	2.319c.	One week ago	-----	\$17.09
One month ago	-----	2.341c.	One month ago	-----	17.21
One year ago	-----	2.367c.	One year ago	-----	18.42
10-year pre-war average	-----	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	-----	15.72

Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and black sheet, 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 \$17.04
1927.. 2.453c.	Jan. 4 2.293c.	Oct. 25 1927.. 19.71	Jan. 4 17.54
1926.. 2.453c.	Jan. 5 2.403c.	May 18 1926.. 21.54	Jan. 5 19.46
1925.. 2.560c.	Jan. 6 2.396c.	Aug. 18 1925.. 22.50	Jan. 13 18.96
1924.. 2.789c.	Jan. 15 2.460c.	Oct. 14 1924.. 22.88	Feb. 26 19.21
1923.. 2.824c.	Apr. 24 2.446c.	Jan. 2 1923.. 30.86	Mar. 20 20.77

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

Midsummer inertia will bear down upon iron and steel until Labor Day, but rarely has the industry entered this trying period so well fortified, the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland declares in its July 26 summary of trade conditions. It is noteworthy that consumption and production, striking a balance for all products, give ground exceedingly slowly in the face of vacations and other seasonal handicaps, and retain their lead over last year. In some of the light steel lines this is proving the best July in several years, says the "Review," adding:

Changes in the price situation the past week have been mainly on the side of strength. Pig iron, scrap and other raw materials are better in hand. Semi-finished steel is a shade stronger, with higher asking prices for the fourth quarter. Determination of producers of heavy finished steel to enforce advances this quarter is more marked and, at this season, evidences less relation to volume than to a desire to get on a more remunerative basis. Excepting possibly cold rolled strip, it is harder to duplicate recent low prices.

Hot weather is proving the usual hindrance to production and in some cases, notably at tin plate mills, resort is had to extra turns. Steelmaking operations are little changed at Pittsburgh at about 70% and are off 3 points at Chicago to 75%. Buffalo, however, is up 2 points to 79% and in the Mahoning valley two more sheet mills bring operations in that branch up to 91%, the highest of the year. Tin and strip mills are at capacity, and one more open hearth has been lighted. Steel corporation subsidiaries are operating this week at 75%, an increase of 2 points over last week, and independents at 68%, giving the entire industry an average of 70%, fractionally higher than a week ago and about 3% over a year ago.

Pig iron selling is receiving a lift from those melters who have deferred third-quarter contracting and been using their carryover. Heavier trading is reported at Cleveland, Buffalo, New York and Cincinnati, the week's sales exceeding 50,000 tons. Good-sized requirements are being closed quietly at Chicago, where silicon differentials are being waived on some boat iron. Carload buying is common in the Pittsburgh market, largely on account of unstable prices.

Coke prices generally are unchanged and shipments, both from beehive and by-product ovens, are lighter. While scrap prices continue easy in important markets, it is doubtful if tonnages could be placed at current levels. The \$33, Pittsburgh, price on small billets is being tested this week by an inquiry for 6,000 tons. A Youngstown maker of sheet bars has announced \$33, a rise of \$1, for fourth quarter.

A moderate upturn in demand for heavy steel, notably plates and bars, at Pittsburgh offsets a slight recession at Chicago. Bar specifications at Pittsburgh have rarely been so heavy late in July. Miscellaneous ship, barge and tank work, including 4,500 tons of tanks for export, aggregates well in that district. A loft building requiring 50,000 to 60,000 tons of shapes may be let at Chicago this fall. As rapidly as customer relations permit, the mills are working heavy steel up to the basis of 1.90c., Pittsburgh. Especially in the East are contracts scarce and hand-to-mouth orders general.

Typifying the sheet situation, specifications to the leading producer last week were the second largest this year, and operations of this interest have been stepped up from 74% last week to 81% this week. All classes of users, headed by the automotive industry, are heavy takers for the season. Backlogs are not accumulating. Most orders are priced at 2.00c., Pittsburgh, for blue annealed, 2.65c. for black, 3.50c. for galvanized and 4.00c. for autobody. Tin plate mills, averaging 95%, appear headed for a record year.

Wire products seem to have benefited distinctly from the \$2 per ton reduction several weeks ago which recognized widespread concessions, and users display their confidence by specifying more freely, especially for manufacturers' wire. An advance in cold finished bars is probable if higher prices for hot bars hold, but no step has yet been taken. Hot strip is perceptibly firmer, except to tonnage buyers, but large buyers of cold rolled can shade the current spread of 2.75c. to 2.85c.

Withdrawal of the Seaboard Air Line's inquiry for freight cars leaves inquiry for only 820 cars pending, including 550 refrigerator cars for the Baltimore & Ohio. The Norfolk & Western R.R. has placed 29,000 tons of rails with Corporation subsidiaries and 11,000 tons with Bethlehem. Heavy track fastening orders, totaling 7,000 tons, have been booked at Chicago.

Reflecting the tendency toward strength, the "Iron Trade Review" composite of fourteen leading iron and steel products is up 8 cents this week, to \$34.97. The low point two weeks ago was \$34.85.

The "Daily Metal Trade" of Cleveland reports that contracting for steel is heavy, as follows:

Mills in Chicago district report that contracting for third quarter is in good volume and up to the level of a year ago. Activity in bars and rail-road track material has stimulated rolled steel business recently.

Sheet mill operations in Youngstown district are at 91% of capacity, two more mills being active than a week ago. Demand is fairly active but on a piecemeal basis. Steel making in Pittsburgh district averages 70% to 75% of ingot capacity, with an upturn more likely than a decline. Semi-finished steel prices are firmer in Pittsburgh.

The American Metal Market reports conditions in the field in the following terms:

The steel making industry has developed a strong feeling of confidence in its future, as to tonnage and prices alike. Tonnage is taking care of itself and the mills feel much more assurance that they will be able to take care of prices.

The sheet, strip and tin plate mills are all having the busiest July in their history, experiencing little or no curtailment in demand. Tin mill operating schedules are in fact increased over the June rate, though with hot weather, actual tonnage output may not be heavier. The strip industry is favorably affected by automobile production holding up so well.

July ingot production is likely to come out at between 70 and 75% of capacity, against 76% reported for June. As production has been trending upward in this half of July there are prospects for a gain in August.

The supplementary rail buying movement has already crossed the 100,000 ton line.

Bituminous Coal, Anthracite and Coke Production Shows Recovery from Holiday Losses.

In the full time week ended July 14 the production of fuel recovered from the losses sustained in the preceding week during which Independence Day, July 4, was observed as a holiday. Bituminous coal, according to statistics released by the United States Bureau of Mines, rose from 6,830,000 tons production in the holiday week, to 8,607,000 tons in the week ended July 14, a gain of 1,777,000 net tons. This was 163,000 tons gain over the preceding full time week ended June 30 and also a gain amounting to 362,000 tons over the output in the corresponding week of 1927. Anthracite output during the week ended July 14 rose 399,000 tons from 714,000 tons in the week of July 7 to 1,113,000 tons. Compared with the corresponding week one year ago, the current output, however, shows a loss of 181,000 tons, states the Bureau of Mines report from which we quote further data as follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended July 14, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 8,607,000 net tons. This is an increase of 1,777,000 tons over the output in the holiday week preceding, and is 1.9% higher than that in the week of June 30. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of July 14 amounted to 8,245,000 tons.

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

	1928		1927	
	Week to Date.	Cal. Year	Week.	Cal. Year
June 30	8,444,000	234,289,000	7,981,000	276,410,000
Daily average	1,407,000	1,517,000	1,330,000	1,791,000
July 7	6,830,000	241,119,000	6,577,000	282,987,000
Daily average	1,366,000	1,513,000	1,315,000	1,776,000
July 14	8,607,000	249,726,000	8,245,000	291,232,000
Daily average	1,435,000	1,510,000	1,374,000	1,762,000

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

The total production of bituminous coal during the present calendar year to July 14 (approximately 165 working days) amounts to 249,726,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

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 637, 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 July 17:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 637 reporting member banks in leading cities as of July 18 shows decreases for the week of \$88,000,000 in loans and discounts, of \$47,000,000 in investments, of \$225,000,000 in deposits and of \$82,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$151,000,000 below the July 11 total at all reporting banks, decreases of \$136,000,000 being reported by member banks in the New York district, \$9,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$8,000,000 in the Boston district and \$6,000,000 each in the Cleveland and Atlanta districts. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$63,000,000 during the week at all reporting banks, the principal increases being \$25,000,000 at banks in the Chicago district and \$19,000,000 at banks in the New York district.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$29,000,000 in the New York district, \$10,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$23,000,000 at all reporting banks, and increased \$9,000,000 in the Boston district and \$6,000,000 in the San Francisco district. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities declined \$24,000,000 at all reporting banks and \$13,000,000 in the New York district.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$148,000,000 below the July 11 total, show declines in nearly all districts, the principal decreases by districts being: New York \$90,000,000, Chicago \$23,000,000, Philadelphia \$19,000,000, St. Louis \$13,000,000 and Atlanta \$9,000,000. Time deposits declined \$48,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$21,000,000 in the New York district and \$8,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and Chicago districts.

A decrease of \$145,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank of reporting member banks in the New York district were partly offset by increases in most of the other districts, principally Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Kansas City, all reporting banks showing a net decrease of \$82,000,000 for the week.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 637 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending July 18 1928, follows:

	July 18 1928.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During	
	\$	Week.	Year.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments, total.....	22,316,293,000	-134,254,000	+1,700,533,000
Loans and discounts, total.....	15,749,676,000	-87,733,000	+1,175,709,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligat'ns.....	129,139,000	+151,000	+19,459,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	6,632,886,000	+150,943,000	+669,116,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,987,651,000	+63,059,000	+487,134,000
Investments—total.....	6,566,617,000	-46,521,000	+524,824,000
U. S. Govt. securities.....	2,984,930,000	-22,829,000	+431,133,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,581,687,000	-23,692,000	+93,691,000
Reserve with Fed. Res. banks.....	1,693,803,000	-54,246,000	-9,846,000
Cash in vault.....	245,173,000	-16,772,000	-10,220,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,189,802,000	-147,981,000	-108,810,000
Time deposits.....	6,911,090,000	-48,082,000	+665,929,000
Government deposits.....	93,410,000	-28,986,000	-2,042,000
Due from banks.....	1,106,173,000	-33,746,000	-18,207,000
Due to banks.....	3,085,714,000	-110,143,000	+93,016,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks, total.....	787,412,000	-82,172,000	+539,970,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligat'ns.....	504,439,000	-99,282,000	+349,829,000
All other.....	282,973,000	+17,110,000	+190,141,000

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 28 the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

Business throughout the week continued to be quiet. The stevedore strike at Rosario is still unsettled, with the result that increasing quantities of cereals destined for export are being held up. Collections are good and money is plentiful. On July 12 it was officially estimated in Argentina that the exportable surplus of wheat amounted to 1,024,000 tons, and of linseed, to 732,000 tons. Buenos Aires custom house receipts from Jan. 1 to July 20 show an increase of about 10% as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

AUSTRALIA.

Trade in most lines continued dull in Australia during the first half of July and evidences of general improvement were no more auspicious than during past months. A favorable wool clip is assured and the wheat outlook is excellent though any definite statement before September is impossible. Although bank deposits in relation to advances have improved and the conversion loan is progressing satisfactorily, bankers still maintain a conservative attitude. According to early indications, State and federal finances for the fiscal year 1927-28 will run net deficits approximating £4,500,000. Unemployment in the Commonwealth is officially stated to be 11%.

AUSTRIA.

The improved tendency of recent months in Austrian business developments continued in July, but some apprehensions are felt that the international credit tension, and advancing money rates, may adversely affect the situation in the next few months. All Vienna banks advanced the interest rates from ¼ to ½%, following the ½% discount rate advance

of the National Bank on July 17. Commodity prices were fairly stable, though a soft tendency was reported in the more sharply competitive products. The cereal crop situation in the Danube area is generally good, both in quality and quantity. The outlook for good yields of corn, potatoes and sugar beets is promising.

BELGIUM.

Among the principal developments in Belgium during June were the Antwerp dock strike which caused delays in shipping and difficulties in wholesale trade, and developments on the Bourse which resulted in a noticeable slowing down of retail trade in luxury lines. Nevertheless, the principal industries maintained their previous good position and only a normal seasonal slackening is expected. Although the crisis on the Bourse seems to have passed, the market is still extremely weak and sensitive to any depressing factor. The Antwerp dock strikers resumed work on July 11 and the port commission has agreed to find a solution for the labor difficulties within a fortnight. Cotton spinning and weaving mills are operating at full capacity. Jute spinning mills have orders for three months ahead, but operations in the flax spinning establishments are below normal. There is good activity in the construction industry and furniture manufacturers are also busy.

BRAZIL.

The Rio de Janeiro coffee market has been firm with a slight rise in prices. Exchange has been steady at about 8,400 milreis to the dollar with good demand for local money and no change in interest rates. The price of foodstuffs has advanced sharply during the past few weeks. During June, 95,689 tons of British coal and 8,362 tons of American coal were imported as compared with 129,981 tons of British coal and 15,047 tons of American coal in June 1927. The State of Parahyba, in the northeast of Brazil, is seeking a loan.

BRITISH MALAYA.

As a result of the prevailing uncertainty in the rubber market, credits are closely restricted, causing reduced volume of orders to be placed with importers by Chinese distributors. According to reports, two or three firms are closing out temporarily in import business. American textiles continue to gain through lack of demand for Japanese goods and automobile sales are practically restricted to inexpensive American cars. Increased orders are being placed for fresh fruits and flour from the United States and a brisk temporary demand is increasing orders for American leather. European rubber estates are showing only moderate increases in output, but native production is increasing heavily. The tin market has improved slightly.

CANADA.

Most observers agree that Canadian commerce and industry is currently enjoying a larger measure of prosperity than last year, largely because of the very favorable situation in the Prairie Provinces. General business conditions in the larger Canadian centers during the week ended July 14 were normal in the Maritime Provinces, very satisfactory in Quebec and Ontario, increasing in volume in Manitoba and Alberta, and fair in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Trade collections are reported as somewhat better than the average in Halifax, fair in Saint John and Montreal, good in Toronto, improving in Winnipeg, fair in Regina, satisfactory in Saskatoon and Edmonton, improving in Calgary, and fair in Vancouver. Active lines in Montreal include groceries, footwear, men's furnishings and novelties; in Toronto, notions, novelties, summer apparel and sporting goods.

INDIA.

Confidence in business circles has been greatly improved during the past month by a decision of the Bengal Council to co-operate with the Simon Commission on reforms. Similar decisions by the Punjab, Burma and Assam Councils have tended to reduce the danger of political disturbances. Labor difficulties continue to accentuate seasonal dull trading conditions. Bombay mills are at a standstill but there are some indications that an early settlement will be effected. Railway strikers in Eastern India have returned to work due largely to the lack of funds for carrying on the strike, but Tata steel workers are still holding out. The monsoon is developing very satisfactorily throughout India, but continued rainfall is hindering the drying of the new jute crop. New rules governing purchases by the Indian Stores Department, necessitating most government tenders be submitted at Delhi rather than London, and in rupees, are expected to go into effect within six months.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Conditions continue generally favorable. Import trade for the first half of the year increased over the same period in 1927 and railway earnings continue high, despite competition from bus lines. Textile stocks are moving well and automobile sales continue strong in all but high-priced cars. Sales of foodstuffs are somewhat irregular and the sardine market is reported over-stocked. Due to the lack of forward sales, producers are preparing, for the first time in history, to store considerable Java sugar. Local estimates place the present crop 2,520,000 long tons. Native rubber shipments in June advanced heavily, offsetting previous declines.

NETHERLANDS CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY.

Industrial activity in the Netherlands was well maintained during June and the number of unemployed has remained at a low level. Retail business has been somewhat restricted along certain lines. The general merchandise trade was somewhat slow during the first part of the month but an improvement was noted toward the end under the stimulus of a better summer and holiday.

PERU.

Local business conditions continue abnormally dull but it is reported that the rumored adoption of the proposed currency stabilization program is expected to have a highly beneficial effect upon the present unsettled economic situation. According to the local press the proposed currency stabilization program provides for the temporary stabilization of the Peruvian pound at \$4.00, pending a permanent point of stabilization, which is now a debatable question. The defacto stabilization point is to be maintained for twelve months after which a legalized stabilization figure would be fixed based upon the results demonstrated by that experience. The press further states that the present difference between the Ministerial and fiscal agents is expected to be settled with the issuance by the agents of monthly advances applicable to the support of public improvement programs, such advances to be continued until a definite stabilization point is decided upon or until the second national loan of \$50,000,000 is made.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

With continued favorable weather conditions, planting of major crops has proceeded satisfactorily. It is estimated that the new sugar crop will

equal the previous one. Current conditions in copra and abaca markets continue comparatively weak. Rice prices have advanced slightly and tobacco exports are satisfactory. June recorded considerable improvement in the textile market and American lines continue to benefit from decreased sales of Japanese goods. Business in motor trucks and buses is slightly more active but sales of passenger cars continue slow. Tire trade is improving, with better demand and moderate arrivals. Canned mackerel is rapidly replacing canned salmon on the Manila market; imports of the former totaled 13,000 cases in June, compared with one case of salmon.

PORTO RICO.

Seasonal dullness continues to characterize the business situation and sales appear to be at a lower level than a year ago. Collections remain slow, but are less difficult in the San Juan and Mayaguez districts than elsewhere. Slowness of crop liquidation is causing delay in the retirement of old loans and new loans are being made with increased caution, although old accounts are being treated as usual. Unemployment has increased with the termination of the sugar campaign, but the start of tobacco stripping operations is expected to furnish work for a considerable number of women. The real estate market is reported inactive and construction work is slow. Bank clearings at San Juan through July 20 were \$13,919,000 as compared with \$18,195,000 in the corresponding period of 1927. Weather conditions continue favorable to growing crops. Rains have helped the development of minor products and cotton and food crops are reported to be doing well. Sugar production of the 40 mills which have finished grinding amounted to 728,103 short tons and the two mills still operating are expected to show an output of 18,752 short tons, making a final production figure of 746,855 tons.

SPAIN.

Spanish finances continue easy with bank clearings high and the Bourse active. Industrials, minerals, and steel and particularly explosives experienced a spectacular rise on the Madrid stock market during June but quotations in general were considerably lower by the end of the month. Bank clearings continue at high levels and the statement of the Bank of Spain on June 30 showed with the exception of a slight increase in note circulation and a small decline in current accounts, practically the same figures as on June 2. There was a 2 point decrease in the wholesale price index for May for all of Spain from 166 to 164, and the Madrid retail price index stood at 172. Bilbao iron ore exports for the first 26 days in June totaled 129,000 tons which compares favorably for those of the corresponding periods of May and June last year. Textile markets are dull with very little purchasing, but automotive sales are relatively higher in the Barcelona Province.

YUGOSLAVIA.

Import data for the first quarter of 1928 indicate little change in commercial activity, despite the decline in exports. During this period imports were valued at 1,914,600,000 dinars as compared with 1,664,500,000 dinars in the first quarter of 1927. This increase is accounted for chiefly by larger purchases of cotton and cotton goods and machinery and materials for railroad construction and industrial development. (Dinar equals \$0.0176.)

Alfred Loewenstein Died Victim to His Own Business Speed—Tried to Be Superman—Had Office in Airplane.

[From a Paris cable dispatch by Guy Hickok to Brooklyn "Daily Eagle," Sunday, July 22.]

Can man, can any man, live at the speed made possible by modern invention? Or will he be broken by the machines he has created? As an answer to this question, more than in any other way, the death of the multi-millionaire banker Alfred Loewenstein, falling from his private airplane over the English Channel, is significant.

Loewenstein is the first man of any importance to attempt to force his mind and body to keep the pace set by all the modern devices he could use. His career as a mere financier, beginning with only his father's debts and ending as organizer of scores, and as director and shareholder in almost numberless enterprises, would be startling, but not significant. Many men have done the same.

It was using as his tools all of the latest machinery of speed, speed in the air, speed on the ground, speed over the wire and speed in the ether, attempting to expand one normal human existence until it participated in almost every activity open to human existences, and who broke himself doing it, that made Loewenstein's life different. Loewenstein tried to be a superman, and in trying died. If any man could have been the superman, Loewenstein seemed made to be that man.

Of Herculean physical strength and tireless, of equal intellectual vigor, and inexhaustible, of limitless fertile initiative, and totally unhampered by hesitation or fear, he had no vices. All of his great faculties, physical and intellectual, went into his life. None of his power was wasted or diminished even by little things, such as a cheering drink or a calming whiff of tobacco smoke. But with it all he could not keep pace with his machines; and he died.

Though he started only with debts, Alfred Loewenstein was not a self-made man. While he was being educated his father was well-to-do. It was only after he had broken with his father at the age of nineteen and had left home with less than \$2,000 that he became poor. His father's affairs collapsed in a speculation in asbestos mines and young Alfred took up the load of debts, determined to pay them.

From the beginning Loewenstein was a speculator in futures. And he was that to the end. He had a flair for smelling out beginnings that were destined to grow. Loewenstein invented nothing. Men invented, found new processes, new products, half developed them with limited capital, and languished, discouraged, their shares valueless, their futures hopeless.

Loewenstein scented them from afar, made up his mind that their innovations had promise, bought them up, organized, them into new companies, took the initial chance, revitalized them and then sold off the new organizations at a handsome profit to investors with less initiative than he. Loewenstein passed on to new futures, repeating the process on an ever growing scale.

He was a Midas turning all he touched into gold. His system was one that precluded rest or repose. He had ever to be mounting new steeds, finding new futures low and lifting them to high. It was shortly after the war that Loewenstein discovered that his ever increasing need for speed necessitated a complete abandonment of ordinary communication. For him railroads, steamships and the mails became obsolete.

Others bought private airplanes as a fad. Loewenstein adopted them and all that could be associated with them as instruments of his trade. One office was not enough. One office in each of several financial capitals was not enough. An office traveling with him on ships and trains was not enough. He appeared one day at Biarritz with the first flying office known to man, a complete business staff working on shifts around the clock, every member ready to fly anywhere, any time at the greatest speed at which wings and motors could carry them.

His existence became a tumult, but never a debauch. Fantastic it was that he should spend a small fortune sending an airplane from the Coast of Biscay to London to get his old hat or an umbrella that he had forgotten. Bizarre it was that he should give a dinner in London, sending one airplane to Moscow for the caviar and another to central France for specially fed fowl. But his personal pleasures remained sane and simple. He found time for boxing, for horsemanship, for swimming. The mechanical gambling of the casinos attracted him little, women not at all.

He was married to a beautiful and charming woman and strangely, in the midst of his tumultuous career, his family life was simple and sane. The dizzy speed with which he did all his business by air did save him that. It was the life of a super Monte Cristo. One day he was photographed in a silk hat being congratulated by the French President after one of his 80 race horses had won a Grand Prix. An hour later he was in the air en route to London or Amsterdam, dictating wireless messages to his French, English and Belgian secretaries. A few directors' meetings in London, and he was living quiet hours on his English estate, or riding to hounds with the Prince of Wales, and not falling off his horse. Cabled dispatches of the British hunt were barely in the French newspapers before he was walking through the corridors of the Ritz Hotel in Paris, dictating to a secretary who climbed with him into a waiting motor-car to be whisked to a waiting airplane which was to take his whole office to Brussels.

He seemed, in spite of the dizzy speed at which he lived, to have himself thoroughly under control. Every summer he stopped and took a rational vacation at some quiet watering place. The sensational rumors that he was treated in sanitariums for mental exhaustion or that he took a cure for the use of narcotics that had gained too strong a hold upon him have not stood up.

Most incredible of all the paradoxes of this strange being was the fact that he was devoutly, and very simply, religious. It is said that even his most ruthless speculations were preceded by prayers. There are stories of a prodigious memory, that he carried the last quarterly report of every company in which he was interested in his head and could dictate the statements of all of them to stenographers as rapidly as they could take them down. One secretary had to be on duty within call at night, ready to note any business thought that woke him or kept him from sleeping.

Within late months the strain began to tell. He began to drop asleep in his office chair, in his airplane, anywhere, and then to terrify his staff by beginning to talk business and dictate telegrams in the strange waking slumber into which he had fallen. Sometimes they could scarcely tell whether he was awake or asleep. It was the exhaustion of nerves that made Napoleon sleep in his saddle during his later battles.

The man could not stop. Merely attending to the monsters he had already created would have kept him in the air, rushing from capital to capital. It had become a routine with him. He did not seem to hurry, yet the speed was too fast. July 4 he started home to Brussels from London, a quiet return it was to be, with a mere three secretaries and a valet in the machine besides himself, the pilot and the mechanic. And he walked out of the door of the plane into thin air. The first superman was gone.

London Banks Split on Loan Expansion—Midland Bank Cuts Its Cash Ratio, While Bank of England Sells Securities, and Outcome of Dispute Is Watched.

In a copyrighted wireless dispatch from London to the New York "Evening Post" of July 14, Arthur W. Kiddy points out that British banking figures for June show mostly an expansion of deposits and advances, while cash was not changed appreciably compared to figures for a year ago, despite the heavy gold imports during the last few months. This he then explains as follows:

The reason for the absence of expansion in bankers' cash as a result of the gold imports appears from the figures of the Bank return, indicating that, while the reserve has increased £24,500,000 compared to last year, the Bank has reduced other assets—namely, Government securities—by £18,000,000, so that other deposits, which include the bankers' cash, are still now under £105,000,000, compared to £100,500,000 last year.

Cash Ratios Reduced.

Expansion of loans outside of the banks has been brought about through permitting cash ratios at a lower level than it was formerly considered necessary. Midland especially, which was responsible for much of the recent gold imports, formerly kept upward of 15 per cent. cash, and is now content with under 12 per cent.

The outcome of the movement is being watched with interest, as it obviously indicates there are divergent opinions regarding the desirability of further expansion of bank loans in the present state of trade.

The disinterested character of the Bank of England's attitude is evident from the fact that the reduction in securities is calculated to represent less earning power in the neighborhood of £750,000 per year through transmutation of income earning assets into an unremunerative type.

At the same time its position indicates that England could part with a substantial amount of gold without contracting bank loans unless the Bank of England considered such contraction desirable.

Cautious Policy Justified.

The efforts of the Federal Reserve authorities to effect a reduction of Wall Street's borrowings is being carefully watched in London, and the latest developments clearly indicate the justification of the Bank of England's cautious policy in retaining the official rate despite the big gold influx and the falling away of the open market rate.

The rise of the rediscount rate in Chicago produced an immediate weakness in exchange and reminded the discount market of the necessity to keep English rates rather more in line with those of the United States.

At the same time the strength of the bank's position enables it to take a complacent view of the situation and, even though the New York Federal Reserve rate has advanced, it is not considered inevitable that the Bank of England rate will respond immediately.

Solution of the question whether the Wall Street loan position will be appreciably reduced before the autumn demands arise is believed to govern the problem of money stringency or otherwise in both New York and London markets.

New York Borrows in London.

Renewed weakness in sterling is believed to be attributable to a swing round the short loan position, deposits from the United States having been withdrawn and replaced by considerable short term borrowing. In London the strength of exchange has been previously maintained by American long term investments both in London and on the Continent and England's position has been sustained to some extent by sales of capital assets represented by shares in British industrials and other securities.

French Bankers Protest Central Market Control—Paris Financial Circles Are Exercised at Likelihood of Open Market Operations by Bank of France Similar to Those of Federal Reserve in American Finance.

Mail advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from Paris under date of July 12, say that French banking circles are considerably exercised over the apparent intention of the Bank of France to exercise control over the French money market, which has always been subject to little supervision by central banking authorities. Both rediscount and open market operations, now taking so prominent a place in American finance, have been of only nominal importance in the French banking structure. Much comment has been aroused, it is declared, by a statement of Frederic Jenny in the "Temps" pointing out how the new arrangement between the Bank of France and the State tended in this direction. "The Bank of France," says M. Jenny, "has always had the right to carry on open market operations, in the shape of purchase and sale of negotiable paper. In fact, however, this right has never been exercised on a large scale. Everything indicates, however, that the monetary policy of the Bank is now being developed in this direction, so as to give it a decisive influence on

the money market. This is shown clearly by Article 9 of the convention with the State, which permits the Bank to open current accounts on its books for foreign banks of issue and to manage these deposits, employing them to buy securities and bills of short maturity, and to rediscount paper for these institutions. It is evident, however, that these operations will not be carried on only for the account of foreign banks, but that the Bank of France will do so for its own account as well."

Commenting on this statement, Albert Despaux says in "Information" that a large degree of control over credit conditions is now made possible.

"If the Bank of France buys foreign acceptances, giving credits in francs on its books in exchange, it is going to exercise an important influence on the international bill market. If in addition these bills are bought through French banks, or if credit will be given these banks to permit them to purchase these acceptances, it will have greater influence over the internal bill market.

"France will thus again assume a leading place in the international money market. The United States and Great Britain will not retain their monopoly on monetary inflation on the basis of acceptances, that is, their monopoly in providing capital to the international bill market. The Bank of France will now doubtless proceed to take all needed steps to establish in Paris a market for acceptances equal to that of London and New York."

It is pointed out that the Bank of France has been severely handicapped in its efforts to gain control of the French monetary situation before the passage of the new convention. That was owing to the difficulty of varying its assets, and thus varying the volume of available credit, as is done in the United States by the Reserve banks through manipulation of the discount rate, the acceptance buying rate and the purchase of Government securities. The correspondent adds:

In the case of the Bank of France, the amount of discounts was absurdly small, amounting to only 2 or 3 billion francs. The advances to the State were not elastic, depending as they did on the state of national finances. The stock of foreign bills and bonds became imposing in the last two years, but it was devoted solely to stabilizing the exchanges, and were not used to vary the volume of deposits and therefore of available credit.

The French money market, in fact, has latterly been at the mercy of the international balance of payments of the country. When this was unfavorable, the volume of circulation, the equivalent of the volume of deposits at the Bank of France, rose sharply. As long as the Bons de la Defense Nationale and the Treasury bonds existed the volume outstanding had an important effect on credit conditions. But these also could not be controlled, as they had to be paid off at maturity and the State had to resort to the Bank of France to permit reimbursement, while issuing new short term securities continuously. By suppressing further issues of these bonds and bank advances to the State beyond a small maximum, the State has now definitely abdicated any credit control functions it might have been able to assume before, leaving the field entirely to the Bank of France.

French "Gold Point" Fixed—Bank of France Lowers Its Margin of Deduction on Gold Purchases.

In a wireless dispatch from Paris July 13 the New York "Times" contained the following:

The Bank of France made an important decision this week, announcing that it would deduct for purchases of gold bullion only 20 francs per kilogram 900,000 fine from the market price paid, instead of deducting 40 francs as fixed by the law of June 25. This decision results in raising the gold import point from 123.72 francs to the pound sterling to 123.93, and from 25.36 for the dollar to 25.39.

As a consequence of this reduction in margin between the gold parity and the gold import point, it is expected that French banks will be able to operate with less risk on foreign markets.

Paris Now Losing Money to America—Rise in Money at New York Occasions Withdrawal of Capital.

In a second wireless dispatch to the New York "Times" from Paris July 13, the decline in French exchange is discussed as follows:

The week's decline in franc exchange to the low price of the year was chiefly due to withdrawal of capital from France. All hope of large profits on the Bourse or in the exchange market as a result of stabilization having now disappeared it has been to the advantage of foreign capitalists to realize on their French securities, convert the francs into dollars and invest their funds in America, where the rate is higher.

When the Chicago Reserve Bank raised its re-discount rate well-posted bankers in Paris took it for granted that the New York Reserve Bank would shortly follow. It is now thought that any further tightening of the American money market will result not only in a decline in Wall Street but in further withdrawal of American capital invested in France. This will affect both the exchange market and the Bourse. Nevertheless the depreciation in francs proceeds at a moderate pace by reason of the large drafts on America brought into France by tourists.

More Gold May Be Taken Here

Furthermore, according to authoritative opinion, the Bank of France still has \$25,000,000 gold at its disposal in New York, and this will shortly be shipped to the Paris market. It was declared to be possible, moreover, that the Bank of France will make further gold purchases in New York during the present season.

On the Bourse, however, the tendency of the week's funds was frankly bad. Prices weakened in nearly all groups, but the market was mostly characterized by a large decrease in activity—something which usually occurs just before the national holiday and the Summer vacation.

Perplexity on the Bourse.

But for this very reason sellers had difficulty in finding buyers. Most of the intermediaries and professional speculators hesitated to take new

positions just when the market will be narrowed by the usual Summer inactivity. There are also some other facts which induce caution.

The sales for cash and for bear account which have been noticed during the last fortnight seem to have been chiefly for foreign capitalists or speculators who had bought French securities with a view to stabilization and who are now selling out, since the advance seems to have reached its limit. It is admitted in Bourse circles that the advance in the New York discount rate has had something to do with these sales of securities.

Mussolini Promises There Shall Be No New Taxation —He Also Tells Cabinet There Will Be No New Loans, Domestic or Foreign.

According to a wireless despatch to the New York "Times" from Rome under date of July 27 Premier Mussolini in an important statement to the Council of Ministers on that day discussed in detail the financial program of Italy under the new Minister, Senator Mosconi, and outlined plans to obviate new taxes and new loans, either abroad or at home. Mussolini began his statement, we are told, by greeting the new Ministers Mosconi and Martelli, participating for the first time at a Council of Ministers. He then enumerated as follows the principal events in foreign policy concerning Italy that had occurred since the last meeting:

The end of diplomatic tension with Austria and resumption of normal relation between the two countries; conclusion of a treaty of commerce with Hungary; Italian acceptance of Secretary Kellogg's anti-war proposal; conclusion of an agreement over Tangier; agreement with Persia; negotiations with the Chinese Government at Nanking, the old treaty with Italy having been denounced.

The internal situation, the Premier said, was marked by a decrease in unemployment due to the intensification of agricultural work. The unemployed, who numbered 429,211 at the end of January, had been reduced at the end of June to 247,021. Crop prospects were good. While the figures regarding wheat would not be ready until the end of August, the crop would surpass that of 1927.

The Premier went on to explain that the change of three ministers which occurred on July 9 was due to the fact that in three years they had accomplished "a cycle of fecund activity." Public instruction under the Fascist regime was entrusted to philosophy, represented by Gentile; then was passed to history, personified by Fedele and now was given to Belluzzo, standing for science. Volpi immortalized his name in the most important pages of the history of Italian finance by settlement of the war debts, currency reform, &c.

Like public instruction, he continued, Italian finance was divided into three periods. The first was with de Stefani, the second with Volpi and now the third was beginning with Mosconi, whose program was, first, the duty of standardizing Italian economy; second, a struggle against those who try to evade paying taxes, those delinquents being the worst parasites on society; third, no loan abroad by the State and severe supervision of foreign loans to private concerns; fourth, no new public debts at home and the gradual amortization of the public debt represented by consols at 126.50, consolidation of the expenses of the national budget, economies in provincial expenses and both simplicity and clearness in all State accounts so that every citizen could read and understand them without the assistance of metaphysics.

In his address to the Council of Ministers, Premier Mussolini, concerning the 1927-1928 budget, gave 19,836,000,000 lire as income and 19,609,000,000 lire as expenditure—leaving a balance in the Treasury's favor of 227,000,000 lire (approximately \$15,000,000). Concerning the 1928-1929 budget, he said that revenue had been estimated at 17,646,000,000 and expenditures at 17,372,000,000, leaving an estimated surplus of 274,000,000.

Spanish Government to Protect Currency—Large Credit to Be Formed in Opposing Depreciation of the Peseta.

Summaries of a royal decree issued at Madrid at the end of June show, said the New York "Times," July 22 that it authorizes the Spanish Government to take measures to combat the depreciation of the peseta, which is declared to be the outcome of speculative manoeuvres and which is totally unjustified. A committee is to be formed which will have as President the Minister of Finance and will include other State officials, together with three representatives of the Bank of Spain. The committee will have at its disposal a sum of 500,000,000 pesetas, of which half will be provided by the Treasury and half by the Bank of Spain, and, if found necessary, the amount of the credit may be increased later.

One-third at least of the credit must be represented by gold. The deliberations of the committee will be secret, and besides fixing its own rate for buying and selling foreign exchange it will have power to undertake any kind of banking and mercantile business. All such transactions will be effected through the Bank of Spain, which will share with the Treasury such gains or losses as may be incurred. The committee will scrutinize all operations in foreign exchange carried out by companies and individuals, and all banking concerns in the country will furnish weekly reports of their dealings.

Dresdner Bank to Exchange Small Par Shares to Comply with German Government Order.

The Dresdner Bank announces that holders of shares of 40, 80 and 240 reichsmarks par value must surrender their

shares for exchange into shares of 1,000 reichsmarks par value or of 100 reichsmarks par to comply with German Government order. Holders of participation certificates (Anteilscheine) of 8 and 16 reichsmarks par are likewise requested to exchange their certificates.

Five participation certificates of 8 reichsmarks par entitle the holder to two shares of 20 reichsmarks each, and five participation certificates of 16 reichsmarks par will receive four shares of 20 reichsmarks each. Dividends for the years 1924 to 1927 inclusive on such participation certificates, amounting to 36%, less 10% German tax, i. e., 32.40%, will be paid in cash upon surrender of the certificates. Hallgarten & Co. will act as depositary and will make the exchange of shares and participation certificates.

Shares of 40, 80 and 240 reichsmarks and participation certificates which have not been surrendered for exchange by Sept. 5 will become void by virtue of the German Commercial Law and the stock represented by them sold in compliance with the law. The proceeds less expenses will be proportionately distributed upon presentation of the void certificates or held until surrender of such securities.

Six Months' Results of Operations of Mortgage Bank of Colombia—Semi-Annual Dividend of \$1.84 per Share to Be Disbursed to Holders of American Shares.

Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc., and Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., who offered in this market 40,000 American shares of the capital stock of the Mortgage Bank of Colombia, have received cable advices from the head office of the bank in Bogota, giving the results of the operations of the bank for the six months ended June 30 1928. Gross revenues were 1,176,455 pesos, as against expenses of 854,651 pesos, leaving net income available for dividends on the capital stock of 321,804 pesos. The income for the preceding semi-annual period was 259,018 pesos. Interest received by the bank on mortgage loans amounted to 941,392 pesos as against interest payable on mortgage bonds outstanding in Colombia and in this market of 671,324 pesos.

Last April outstanding capital stock was increased from 120,000 to 150,000 shares, this increase representing a portion of the shares offered in this market. Earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1927 amounted to 4.33 pesos per share on 120,000 shares, as against earnings at the rate of 4.28 pesos per share per annum on 150,000 shares for the half yearly period ending June 30 1928. Earnings during the first six months of 1928 were thus practically at the same rate per annum per share, in spite of the fact that the bank only had the use of the proceeds of the additional stock issued during less than one-half of the six months' period. Advices from Bogota indicate, it is stated, that earnings for the last half of 1928 will exceed considerably those for the half year just ended. At a stockholders' meeting on July 14 a semi-annual dividend of 1.90 pesos per share was declared.

The New York Trust Company, as Depositary for the American Shares of the Mortgage Bank of Colombia, has received the amount of the dividend on the shares held by it against the outstanding American shares. A semi-annual dividend of \$1.84 per share will be disbursed on Aug. 15 1928 to holders of record of American shares as of Aug. 6 1928.

Joseph W. Rowe of American Exchange Irving Trust Co. Gives Favorable Account of Conditions in South America—Banking Progress.

An encouraging description of business and economic conditions in the republics of South America was given on Wednesday by Joseph W. Rowe, of the American Exchange Irving Trust Company, upon his return to New York from a five months' trip to the southern continent. During his journey Mr. Rowe visited every country in South America except Paraguay and the Guianas. Not only have business conditions immeasurably improved since a visit two years ago, he said, but the feeling of the republics toward the United States is steadily growing more friendly. Mr. Rowe says:

The only country in which conditions are not satisfactory is Bolivia, which has been adversely affected by the low price of tin. Ecuador is gradually recovering from the depression of 1925, and business conditions in Venezuela, with a big coffee crop in sight and with no pause in oil production and development work, are reassuring. In all other countries I visited, conditions are sound and prosperity exists. Real headway is being made, and post-war readjustment is an accomplished fact.

A most important factor contributing to prosperity is a general tendency to develop strong individualistic forms of government which seem to be free from any suggestion of radicalism. These, because of marked

centralization of authority, tempered by sound policies and vision, are accomplishing things quickly and wisely.

One outstanding accomplishment has been the creation of sound banking systems and of central banks with the exclusive right of issuing bank notes. Good crops and healthy production in basic industries have also been helpful factors. With few exceptions, prices for these products are leaving reasonable margins of profit. Finally, the steady flow of foreign loans has permitted much more rapid progress than otherwise would have been realized.

As evidence of this progress, almost everywhere new railways and roads are being built; sanitary, public and port improvements are under construction; streets are being paved; schools and hotels are being erected. Variety in production is being sought in countries which formerly have suffered from too great dependence on one or a few articles. Manufacturing is being encouraged. Work is plentiful. Budgets are balanced. Money is fairly abundant, and its cost tends to diminish. Life is becoming pleasant and comfortable as prosperity grows.

In this expanding and developing South America of to-day, too much stress cannot be placed on the important part State or central banks are playing. These banks may be considered in two categories, those of the east coast and those of the west. The east coast banks are old and powerful institutions, and include the Banco de Brasil, Banco de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay and Banco de la Nacion Argentina. The west coast banks are younger, but strong in their youth. They comprise the Banco Central de Chile, Banco de Reserva del Peru, the Banco Central del Ecuador and the Banco de la Republica de Colombia.

With reserves ranging as high as 110% against outstanding bank notes, these institutions—working in some instances with a Caja de Conversion which acts as custodian of gold reserves—have succeeded in stabilizing exchange in their respective currencies. The most important single financial development in South America during the last three years has been the stabilization of the exchanges. Steady money has made for better merchandizing conditions, and suppliers can now plan ahead better than in the past. Consequently, buying, selling and paying are on a sound, regular basis.

These banks are also rendering invaluable service in collecting and disseminating useful statistical data and information. One of their greatest contributions is the security they lend to the future. It may be expected that in countries where the exportable surplus is agricultural or lacking in variety, these banks will be able to sustain steady exchanges during periods of bad crops or low prices, and to lend such help as is needed through their rediscount facilities.

One feature of the situation which may deserve some caution is the volume of loans being contracted by States and municipalities. There appears no reason at present to ponder over the fate of Federal Government borrowings. However, in some instances of State and municipal loans, question has been raised as to the adequacy of the supervision exercised over the expenditures and the control of purpose for which the loans were contracted. It is also rumored that in some cases because of insufficient technical experience, full value is not being realized for money spent, and consequently productive capacities are not being developed in the same proportion that obligations are being assumed. It would be rash, however, to predict that suspension of service is likely to result from this situation, as remedial measures are already being applied.

These young republics are forging ahead and are busy finding solutions for their problems. They have little time or patience to waste in considering the exploded bugaboo of the "Colossus of the North" and its imagined imperialism.

Everyday the destinies of South and North America are becoming more closely intertwined. Their progress and prosperity are our progress and prosperity. Through our automobiles and films and a thousand other things, we are becoming better acquainted all the while. The future holds no truer prophecy of closer relations than the assurance of continued good times.

Offering of \$15,000,000 Bonds of State of San Paulo (United States of Brazil).

Speyer & Co., Blair & Co., J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation, Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, the Equitable Trust Company of New York, and Blyth Witter & Co., offered on July 23 for public subscription \$15,000,000 State of San Paulo (United States of Brazil) 6% secured sinking fund gold bonds external dollar loan of 1928. The issue is said to have met with a very favorable response. The bonds were offered at 94½ and accrued interest, to yield over 6½%. They will be dated July 1 1928 and will become due July 1 1968. Cumulative sinking fund, sufficient to repay all of these bonds at or before maturity, to be applied to the semi-annual redemption of bonds by lot at par, the first redemption to be on January 1 1929. Not subject to call before July 1 1938, except for sinking fund. Callable as a whole for redemption at 102%, on that date, or on any interest date thereafter, upon six months' previous notice.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Principal and interest payable, without deduction for any present or future Brazilian taxes, in New York in United States gold coin at the office of Speyer & Co. or of J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation or, at the option of the holder, in London in sterling, at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4.8665 to the pound sterling. The proceeds of the loan are to be used for additions, betterments and extensions to the water supply and sewerage systems of the city of San Paulo and for extension of the Sorocabana Railway from Mairink to the port of Santos. From the information supplied by Dr. Mario Rolim Telles, Secretary of Finance and of the Treasury of the State of San Paulo, we take the following:

These bonds will be the direct and unconditional obligation of the State of San Paulo, which covenants that, if in the future it shall issue or guarantee any loan secured by a lien or charge on any of its revenues or assets, either (1) it will, prior thereto, secure pari passu this Loan and the £3,500,000 Sterling Loan issued simultaneously herewith by a lien or charge on revenues or assets approved by Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder & Co., or (2), in lieu thereof, this Loan and the Sterling Loan shall, without further action by the State, be secured pari passu by a prior lien or charge on the same revenues and assets given as security for every such future loan or guaranty.

The external funded debt of the State, including this Loan and the sterling loan, amounts to about \$112,000,000, equal to about \$19 per capita. In addition, the State in effect guarantees loans amounting to about \$85,000,000. The internal funded debt, as of December 31, 1927, amounted to about \$42,000,000.

The total revenues of the State for 1927 were about \$50,600,000, or about 5½ times the annual service requirements of the State's funded debt, external and internal, including this Loan and the Sterling Loan.

Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., Ltd., N. M. Rothschild & Sons and J. Henry Schroder & Co. have purchased a sterling loan of £3,500,000 (the terms of which are substantially identical with those of this loan) which was offered on July 24 1928 in London and on the Continent.

Offering of \$3,396,000 7% Bonds of City of Tucuman (Argentine Republic).

Public offering was made July 25 by E. H. Rollins & Sons and H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., of \$3,396,000 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of the City of Tucuman, Argentine Republic. The bonds were offered at 96½ and accrued interest, yielding over 7.30%. They are dated June 1 1928 and become due June 1 1951. A cumulative semi-annual sinking fund is provided, calculated to redeem the entire issue by maturity by purchase at or below par, or by drawings at par. The bonds will be in denominations of \$1,000 and will be registerable as to principal only. Interest is payable June 1 and Dec. 1 in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness, free from all present and future taxes of the Argentine Republic or any taxing authority thereof or therein at the principal offices of E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston, New York or Chicago, paying agent. Redeemable at the option of the city as a whole or in part at par with accrued interest on any interest date on sixty days' notice. Juan Luis Nougues, Esq., Mayor of the city, and A. Coviello, Esq., Secretary of Finance, have the following to say in part regarding the issue:

Security.

These bonds, in the opinion of counsel, constitute the direct, unconditional and valid obligation of the City of Tucuman, which pledges its full faith and credit for the due and punctual payment of the principal and interest thereof. The bonds will, in the opinion of counsel, be specifically secured by:

(a) A direct first pledge and charge on the following taxes from which the five-year average annual gross receipts from 1923 to 1927 inclusive amounted to:

Market provision tax.....	\$180,930.39
Tax on letting of shops.....	106,165.33
Tax on vehicles.....	85,830.33

If, when and while the above mentioned pledge revenues should by any circumstances become insufficient for the service of the loan, then in addition by:

(b) A first pledge and charge on the installments to which the municipality may have a right from the owners of properties, for the new paving, constructed with proceeds of this loan, of the streets facing their respective properties; which installments are estimated to yield approximately \$225,000 annually.

(c) A similar first guarantee in pledge of any public buildings constructed with the proceeds of this loan.

It is officially estimated that the revenues pledged in the above mentioned manner will total \$877,610.03, or more than 2¾ times the service charges on this issue.

The annual gross receipts of the three sources of revenue specified above have been:

Year—	Market	Tax on Let-	Tax on	Market	Tax on Let-	Tax on
	Prov. Tax.	ting of Shops.	Vehicles.	Prov. Tax.	ting of Shops.	Vehicles.
1923..	\$158,448.64	\$85,991.66	\$69,910.37	1926..	\$172,764.81	\$120,191.89
1924..	167,351.31	93,331.86	87,946.34	1927..	231,970.72	128,613.63
1925..	174,116.49	102,687.52	89,082.88	*1928.	374,084.94	157,992.27

*Estimated.

The gross amount of pledged revenues is to be deposited weekly in the Banco de la Provincia de Tucuman (Province of Tucuman Bank) in a special account, out of which the semi-annual amount of service on these bonds, \$152,820 is to be remitted by the Bank to the paying agent as soon as that amount has accumulated from the pledged revenues, but at least 30 days before the interest payment date. If the amount of pledged revenues deposited is not sufficient, the City covenants to complete the amounts from general revenues or other sources, 30 days before the interest payment date. The City covenants to maintain pledged revenues, over and above all deductions at all times at least two times the amount of the service on the bonds—which amounts to \$305,640 annually. The City also covenants that it will not pledge any of its presently unpledged revenues as security for any future loans, except on the condition that the bonds of this issue are equally and ratably secured by such pledge.

Purpose.

The proceeds of this financing will be used for paving, for the discharge and consolidation of the City's floating debt, and for other proper municipal purposes.

Finances.

The annual revenues and expenditures of the City of Tucuman for recent years, according to official information, have been as follows:

Year—	Revenues.	Expenditures.	Year—	Revenues.	Expenditures.
1923.....	\$783,090.53	\$994,463.74	1926.....	\$985,341.56	\$1,077,927.62
1924.....	999,300.54	970,600.38	1927.....	1,055,047.39	1,171,556.64
1925.....	1,022,684.14	1,009,293.68	1928 (est.)..	1,210,594.59	1,116,819.12

After application of the proceeds of this financing there will be no floating debt, or other funded indebtedness except certain unsecured disputed claims of the Province of Tucuman. The City represents that it has never defaulted on any of its valid obligations, either internal or external. The deficits shown in the years 1926 and 1927 were for extraordinary expenditures in connection with the construction of productive public works.

Republic of Cuba Bonds Drawn.

Speyer & Co. notify holders of Republic of Cuba 5% bonds of 1904 that \$990,500 principal amount of bonds of this issue have been drawn by lot for redemption on Sept. 1, 1928.

The bonds so drawn will be paid at par on and after that date at the office of Speyer & Co., 24 & 26 Pine St., New York, or, at the option of the holders, at the office of J. Henry Schroder & Co., London, Lazard Speyer-Ellissen, K.a.A., Frankfurt and Berlin, Deutsche Bank, Berlin, Credit Lyonnais, Paris, or Banco del Comercio, Havana.

Drawing of San Paulo Water Works Bonds.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. announce that a drawing for the sinking fund of the State of San Paulo 7% secured external water works loan of 1926 has taken place and that the \$44,000 bonds so drawn will be payable on and after Sept. 1 1928 at par at either of their offices.

\$76,000 Republica Del Peru 7% Bonds of 1927 Drawn.

J. & W. Seligman & Co., fiscal agents for Republica Del Peru secured 7% sinking fund gold bonds, 1927, due Sept. 1 1959, announce that pursuant to the trust agreement, \$76,000 principal amount of the bonds of this series have been drawn by lot for redemption on Sept. 1 1928, at 105% of their principal amount and accrued unpaid interest to that date. Bonds drawn for redemption will go paid on and after Sept. 1 next at the office of J. & W. Seligman & Co., 54 Wall St., New York out of sinking fund moneys received or to be received by them for such purpose. Interest on drawn bonds will cease to accrue on Sept. 1, unless default is made in the payment thereof.

Sinking Fund Drawing of Argentine Nation Bonds.

The Chase National Bank, as fiscal agent for Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds of 1923, Series A, has drawn by lot for redemption on Sept. 1, 1928, at par and accrued interest out of sinking fund moneys received, \$245,500 principal amount of these bonds. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 bearing the letter M and coupon bonds of \$500 bearing the letter D will be redeemed and paid on and after Sept. 1 1928, at the principal office of the Chase National Bank.

In addition, the Bank, as registrar for Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1960, State Railways Issue of 1927, will redeem on the same date at par and accrued interest, \$169,500 of these bonds which include coupon bonds of \$1,000 bearing the letter M, coupon bonds of \$500 bearing the letter D, and temporary bonds of \$1,000 marked TM.

George V. McLaughlin, Former Banking Commissioner, on the Investment Trust—Objects to Fiduciary Connotations of Name.

Strong criticism of the current legal and legislative conceptions of the investment trust in the United States and suggested measures to do away with misconceptions arising from using a borrowed term to denote a set of American financial institutions were voiced by George V. McLaughlin, President of the Brooklyn Trust Co. and former Banking Commissioner of New York State, before the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks, says the New York "Journal of Commerce." Mr. McLaughlin's paper, which favored Federal regulation of investment trusts, included the following description of the past history of investment trust regulation in this country:

"I have been referring to the funds as 'trust funds.' As a matter of fact, the whole title is a misnomer. One of our very eminent lawyers of this State, Mr. Franklin, in a paper read at a meeting of the New York State Bar Association, pointed out that the term 'investment trust' has no real legal significance, and at least as applied to an investment trust in its corporate form is a legal misnomer. I agree with that entirely. It is my observation that they are only a group of securities companies organized under either the corporate or joint stock form; that there is, in fact, no trust; that they get their capital in much the

same was as an industrial or oil company; that they issue debentures, common and preferred and all other classes of stock. It is my opinion that they are out one phase of the security problem and if you make out a good case for supervising investment trusts there is no reason why similar supervision should not apply to all financial companies that go to the public for their capital funds." Mr. McLaughlin then went on to say:

Doubts All Regulation.

"I am very doubtful of supervisory regulation over companies whose main purpose is to sell securities. The subject was widely discussed in this State during the last session of the Legislature, at which time a half-dozen or more bills were introduced for the purpose of bringing about such supervision by legislation. The bills in their original form followed closely the provisions of our banking law, giving the Superintendent of Banks the same general authority over these companies that he exercises over banks and trust companies.

"The bills were opposed by the investment trusts as well as others. Thereafter they were amended so there was very little power left to be exercised by the Superintendent of Banks. It is a fair statement to make that all of the teeth were taken out of the bills, leaving them in such a state that if they were enacted into law the investment trusts would be in a position to advertise that they were under the supervision of the Banking Department, although the Superintendent could do practically nothing to correct any abuses found in the companies after they were organized and started to operate.

"It was stated in defense of the amendments to the bills that these so-called investment trusts did not merit the same degree of supervision as banks, and that all that was needed was a law that would make it possible for the Superintendent of Banks to decline to authorize a group of individuals he did not consider by character qualified to operate a so-called investment trust. It is apparent at once that such a law would lead to interminable disputes and that even where companies were organized with fairly responsible men the Superintendent would be powerless to correct any abuse that might come from successors to the original incorporators.

Hits Amendment.

"This was only one of the objections. There were many others. For instance one of the bills took from the Superintendent the authority to act in the case of an insolvent company until after the expiration of a year from the date on which the company had defaulted in the payment of some of its obligations.

The prevailing opposition to the bill made the recommendation that the problem should be considered as a part of the general securities question and studied from that viewpoint. That impressed me, as some years ago I served on a securities commission and had occasion to examine the Companies Act of Great Britain, where these investment trusts had their birth and occupy so important a position. These trusts are organized under this English Companies Act but are not under any supervisory authority. They are required, like any other financial company, to file and make accessible to the public certain pertinent information about their company and its operations. This written report, which is filed, bears the verification of the directors. This information is given wide publicity and as a result the investing public is protected in relying upon it because the directors are both civilly and criminally responsible for the accuracy of the statements.

At once we can all readily see what a great deal of confusion would result if each State throughout the country attempted to govern the operation of investment trusts. With very few exceptions they are all doing an interstate business. You would have just as great a multiplicity of investment trust laws as we have at the present time blue sky laws. All of the undesirable investment trusts or those unwilling to conform to good investment standards would seek the State whose laws were most liberal, depending on influence of one kind or another to gain admission to conduct their operations in other States.

As a practical proposition we all recognize that no matter how scrupulous the Superintendent is in passing on applications of companies, particularly those organized outside his own State, there are bound to be admitted companies that give a great deal of trouble.

"Trust" Connotations.

There is another phase that concerns bankers and bank supervisors. Almost without exception investment trusts have succeeded in inducing some bank or trust company to serve in a fiduciary capacity, most times as trustee for their securities, and the name of the banking institution is featured in the literature and advertisements which they circulate for the promotion of their companies. As a result people are justified in believing that the banking institution lending its name has made an investigation and is satisfied as to the honesty and capability of the incorporators, and that the supposed business of the company is such that it deserves the confidence of the people.

This implied representation coupled with the use of the two words I have referred to, namely, "investment" and "trust," particularly in States where the word "trust" is used in a fiduciary sense by banking institutions, most certainly tends to give the public the impression that these trusts are different from other security or holding companies selling securities.

There may come a day of reckoning on how far the investing public has relied on these implied representations because most of these investment trusts have been organized in the so-called bull market, and when the effects of an unfavorable market react on the securities the question will arise whether banking institutions have a moral responsibility on the subject.

Legal Fight on to Save Rule of Stock Exchange—Giving Preference to Claims of Members Against an Insolvent.

A test case which will undoubtedly be carried to the United States Supreme Court, says the Philadelphia "Record" in its issue of July 26 and the outcome of which will affect every Stock Exchange in the country, was brought in the Federal District Court yesterday by Melbourne D. Middleton Jr., president of the Philadelphia exchange. It seeks to have reversed a decision by Walter C. Douglas Jr., referee in bankruptcy, declaring illegal one of the exchange rules as in conflict with the Federal bankruptcy laws.

The rule which the referee held was unenforceable because it "violates reasonableness, public policy and settled rules

of law," provides that any credit balances of an insolvent member in the hands of brokers affiliated with the exchange, shall be turned over to the governing body for distribution among members to whom the bankrupt broker is indebted, to the exclusion of creditors who are not members of the exchange.

Referee Douglas, from whose ruling President Middleton, acting for the entire membership of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange has taken an appeal, held that such a rule was directly contrary to the provisions of the bankruptcy law that the assets of a bankrupt shall be placed in a general fund for distribution among all creditors on a common basis.

The question of the validity of such a rule by Stock Exchanges has not been raised before, and consequently there is no decision anywhere in the country on the point, and the test case instituted by President Middleton will establish a precedent for all exchanges. The "Record" adds:

The test case arose through a demand by the trustees of Frank C. McCown, a broker who failed here in February 1927, on J. S. Bache & Co., a New York brokerage house, to deliver to them a balance of \$11,879 standing to the credit of McCown after his accounts had been liquidated.

Refused Trustees' Demand.

Standing by the rule of the exchange, Bache & Co. refused the demand explaining that it was their duty as a member of the Philadelphia board to turn the balance over to the governing committee, but they agreed to have the matter submitted to the Courts for a judicial interpretation provided the Philadelphia Exchange was brought in as a party.

As president of the exchange Mr. Middleton readily agreed, and through counsel filed an answer maintaining that the rule was valid in law, notwithstanding the bankruptcy law provisions, for the reason that members of the exchange construed the rule as a contract among themselves and a protection in the right to sell the securities deposited by a fellow broker, to whom they extended credit in the assurance that any balance after liquidation would be distributed pro rata among other members to whom the insolvent was indebted.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange Telephone Service.

Telephone quotation service to members of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange and their clients was instituted last week, according to announcement from Norman B. Courtney, Secretary and Manager of the Exchange. Under the new system a multiple telephone circuit will extend to all members' offices with the central broadcasting station operated from the trading floor of the Exchange. "The new device will effect a 50% improvement in broadcasting quotations," Mr. Courtney declared, "due to the fact that the ticker system is limited to 72 characters per minute and is at times some minutes behind the market during peak sessions" He adds:

"When the post system of trading was installed some weeks ago a telephone system was provided to relay quotations from the floor of the Exchange to board markers on the official quotation's board. This system will be extended to our members, enabling them to record transactions simultaneously with the Exchange. Under the old plan it was necessary for members to take quotations from the ticker tape," Mr. Courtney declared.

"As each transaction is executed at the various trading posts, pages deliver a memorandum of the trade to the telephone and ticker operators who broadcast the sale to board markers in the various brokerage offices of the city and over the Los Angeles Stock Exchange Ticker System.

"With the heavy increase in Stock Exchange transactions over the past two and one-half years, many improvements in equipment have been necessitated. With the completion of our present project, Los Angeles will have one of the best and most rapid quotation distributing systems in the country."

Two Publications in Wall Street Raided—Charges of "Tipster Sheet" Activities Made Against "Wall Street Bulletin" and "Wall Street Indicator."

The New York "Times" on July 25 reported that agents of the Bureau of Securities of the State Attorney-General's office, 74 Trinity Place, acting upon complaints from various sources, alleging the conducting of "tipster sheet" activities by the two publications, had the day before raided the offices of "The Wall Street Indicator" at 91 Wall Street and of "The Wall Street Bulletin" at 96 Wall Street, carrying away stacks of records and printed matter, including among other documents alleged sucker lists." The account went on to say:

Eighteen employees of the two periodicals were questioned by the raiders, some during the raid and others at the Bureau of Securities. Hearings were then adjourned until July 27, so that the investigators might have time to peruse carefully the documents seized at the two addresses.

The raid was conducted under the terms of the Martin act, which prohibits the publishing of tipster sheets "misrepresenting the sale of securities," and provides for fines and prison terms as penalties. If the evidence seized by the Bureau of Securities shows that the publications raided were guilty under the terms of the act, injunctions will be sought to restrain them from further operations.

In the office of the "Wall Street Indicator" two men and seven girls were questioned, and four men were told to report to the Attorney-General's office for further questioning. A battery of twenty-one telephones in individual booths was found there, each booth equipped with electric light and fan. Deputy Attorney-General Clarence W. Donovan said that this was the most modern "boiler room" he had ever seen. It was from

these booths, Mr. Donovan said, that salesmen employed by the periodical circulated supposedly good "tips" among their clients.

In the offices of the "Bulletin" a battery of eight telephones was found, and three girls and two men were told to report to the Bureau of Securities for further questioning.

Sidney Strauss and John A. Fogg, President of John A. Fogg, Inc., publishers of the "Indicator," were among the four from that office who were questioned. Besides Mr. Donovan, the raiding party included Deputy Attorney-General Maria Theresa Scalzo, two State Troopers and a half dozen representatives of surety companies.

The First National Corporation of Boston on Bankers' Acceptances.

A new booklet on the subject of acceptances is being distributed by the First National Corporation of Boston and will be found to be of interest to all classes of investors seeking a medium of investment which can be relied upon for instant convertibility into cash funds without the hazards incident to wide market fluctuations. Emphasis is given to the desirability of bankers' acceptances for short term investment, especially at the present time when, with high money rates, the yield on acceptances is exceptionally attractive. An outline of the booklet and of the growth of acceptances in this country has been furnished as follows:

While the history of acceptances in this country has been comparatively brief, this simple and logical product of generations of trade and banking experience seems to have had a nearly continuous history in other countries from the eleventh century. From a small beginning in 1915, involving only a few millions of dollars, the American acceptance business experienced steady growth until the business depression in 1920, which naturally caused a decline. However, with the revival of trade, acceptances were issued in greater amounts until the record high level of over \$1,000,000,000 was reached Dec. 31 1927. On May 31 of this year there was outstanding over \$1,040,700,000, a gain of some 266 million dollars over the corresponding date in 1927. Thus far in 1928 the average amount outstanding has been about \$1,060,000,000 as compared with \$848,155,000 in 1927 and \$600,800,000 in 1926.

During the past fourteen years we have witnessed one of the most complete revolutions in the history of international finance, during which period the United States became a creditor nation. Our international trade had been financed almost entirely through London, and largely by means of sterling letters of credit, and as a result American business concerns paid a tribute to British bankers of some ten million dollars annually in discounts, commissions, freight and insurance. Although payments to British shipping interests are still enormous, through the development of America as an international banker, millions of dollars are being kept in this country which formerly went abroad.

Among other features of this pamphlet is the description of a typical business transaction involving the use of a bank acceptance which has been presented in such a way as to clearly indicate the details of the various steps of this particular piece of acceptance financing. Eligibility for rediscount and purchase of acceptances by Federal Reserve banks is discussed, and also their legality as investments for banks. Tables are included which indicate the method to be used in computing discount and in this connection the table showing discount and interest equivalents will be found interesting and helpful to those investors who either gauge or base their investments on the return which in terms of interest yield is most easily understandable.

The Growth of State Banking Institutions.

R. N. Sims, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks, in his annual report this week to the Association at its twenty-seventh annual convention in Coney Island, New York, submitted a statement which shows in detail by States the capital, surplus and undivided profits, deposits, loans and discounts, stocks, bonds and securities, and total resources of all State banking institutions of the Continental United States, together with totals of these items of the national banks and all covering as of Feb. 28 1928. The report of Secretary Sims covers the only available detailed data of the State banking institutions comparable with the report of the Comptroller of the Currency which covers the national banks. Mr. Sims said: "The figures given are very gratifying and reflect, as a whole, a healthy condition of the banking institutions of our country." "The capital, the deposits and the total resources of our banks are larger than ever before."

On Feb. 28 1928 there was a total of 26,699 banks, of which 18,965 were State banks and 7,734 national banks, and in round numbers a total capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$8,165,241,004, total deposits of \$56,714,516,861, and total resources of \$69,439,471,224. Total deposits of all banks were \$1,140,283,297 above the previous high record of March 23 1927 and total resources \$3,693,662,613 above resources of that date.

On Feb. 28 1928, in round numbers, the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the State banks were \$4,739,284,004, and of the national banks \$3,425,957,000, showing the capital resources of the State banks to be 38% in excess of the national banks. The deposits of the State banks were \$34,435,434,861, and of the national banks \$22,279,082,000, showing the deposits of the State banks 54% in excess of the national banks. The total resources of the State banks

were \$41,865,784,225, and of the national banks \$27,573,687,000, showing the resources of the State banks 51% in excess of the national banks.

Since June 30 1919, which was the date of my first complete statement, capital, surplus and undivided profits of the State banks have increased \$1,839,621,327 and the national banks \$1,062,479,000. The deposits of State banks have increased \$12,802,612,849 and the national banks \$6,354,217,000. Resources of State banks increased \$15,900,108,388 and the national banks \$6,774,137,000. The decrease in the number of State banks totals 2,063. The decrease in the number of national banks totals 51. This

makes a total increase in all banks of the United States since June 30 1919 as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Categories include Capital, surplus and undivided profits; Deposits; Resources; Number of institutions.

"Both classes of banks perform equally useful and necessary functions and I do not make comparison for the purpose of disparagement, but to emphasize the colossal size of the two great banking systems and to direct attention to the importance and need of both in the development and handling of our country's business."

STATEMENT SHOWING AGGREGATE RESOURCES, &c., OF ALL BANKING INSTITUTIONS UNDER STATE CONTROL COMPILED FROM STATEMENTS FURNISHED BY HEADS OF STATE BANKING DEPARTMENTS; ALSO AN ADDENDUM COVERING AGGREGATE RESOURCES, &c., OF ALL NATIONAL BANKS, TAKEN FROM REPORTS OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY AND FIGURES EXHIBITING TOTAL BANK RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES, BY R. N. SIMS, SECRETARY-TREASURY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF STATE BANKS, FORMERLY BANK COMMISSIONER OF LOUISIANA, NOW VICE-PRESIDENT OF HIBERNIA BANK & TRUST CO., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Main table with 10 columns: STATE, Date of Report, No. of Institutions, Capital, Surplus, Undivided Profits, Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, Deposits, Loans and Discounts, Bonds, Stocks, Securities, &c., Total Resources. Includes sub-totals for various regions and national banks.

*Includes undivided profits. All banking institutions of the United States on Feb. 28 1928 show:

Summary table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Categories include Total banks, Total capital, surplus and undivided profits, Total deposits, Total resources.

Bank Income and Expenses in 1927 in the Boston Federal District.

The Boston Federal Reserve Agent presents an analysis of bank income and expenses based upon comparable returns made to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston by 126 member banks in accordance with a uniform classification of individual items. As it represents approximately 30% of

the total number and over 50% of the total deposits of the 410 member banks in the First Federal Reserve District, it is believed that it affords a cross-section of conditions which is reasonably fair and accurate.

It appears that variations in the percentage distribution of the gross current income are not due primarily to differences in the size of the banks, but are caused chiefly by differences in the character of the business transacted. The

principal contributing cause of these variations lies in the Savings Department. Consequently the country banks have been classified into three groups based upon the percentage of their time to gross deposits; the reporting Boston banks were tabulated in a single group by themselves, not because they are substantially larger than the country banks, but because of the conditions under which they operate in a central money market where a higher percentage of reserves must be maintained. Of course there are some departments in banks which bear no relation to the deposit banking function, such as for example, the trust, bond, foreign and safety deposit departments. These functions, however, constitute a relatively small source of income; in the 119 reporting country banks the income derived from them, plus that from miscellaneous small items, amounted on the average in 1927 to about 4% of the gross income from all banking operations. That is to say, about 96% of gross income from banking operations was produced by deposit banking functions.

The sources from which interest is derived vary according as to whether banks transact primarily a commercial or a savings business. Commercial banks usually obtain over 70% of their gross banking income from interest and discount on loans; banks whose time deposits preponderate obtain a much smaller proportion of their income from loans and discounts, but a relatively larger income from interest and dividends on securities because of their larger holdings of bonds and stocks. It is significant that while the rate of return earned on loans and discounts (Item 34) was substantially the same for all classes of country banks, the rate earned on bonds and stocks owned (Item 35) was much smaller in the commercial banks than in the banks having a large proportion of time deposits. Boston banks earned less proportionately than the country banks both on loans and discounts and on bonds and stocks, since they are located in a central money market where money rates are customarily lower and more sensitive to open market fluctuations than at other points in New England. Outside of Boston the commercial banks paid out only about 25% of their gross income from banking operations in the form of interest on deposits (Item 11); this was substantially less than the amount paid by the reporting Boston banks, which as a class, paid out almost one-third of their entire gross income from banking operations (Item 8 and 9) in the form of interest on demand deposits alone—i. e. balances due to their own customers and to other banks,—exclusive of additional interest paid on time deposits. On the other hand, operating expenses, exclusive of interest (Item 24) were relatively lower in Boston than in most country banks; outside of Boston these expenses, both as a total and in their detail, tend to be relatively higher in banks doing the largest proportion of commercial banking business, thus indicating that the expense of commercial banking is greater, regardless of the location or size of the bank, since it necessitates the handling of a much larger unit volume of transactions than is the case with savings business; this fact is reflected in the activity of checking accounts which involve a relatively higher clerical expense than the handling of slow-moving savings deposits. Commercial banks are also subject to greater expense on account of occupancy and maintenance of quarters in order to house properly a relatively larger clerical force necessary to handle their more complicated and more departmentalized business; indeed the percentage of gross earnings expended on account of occupancy and maintenance of quarters (Item 15) by the banks whose time deposits constituted more than half of their gross deposits amounted to only about two-thirds of what it cost to house a commercial bank either in Boston or outside of Boston. Commercial banks which also maintain substantial savings departments (i. e. banks having from 25.1% to 50% of time deposits) appear to be relatively the most costly to house.

Next to salaries, occupancy expenses and taxes other than on the bank building, the cost of printing, stationery and office supplies (Item 18) consumed the highest percentage of gross banking income in most banks. The burden of such expenses in the country banks was, as a rule, relatively almost twice as heavy as in the Boston banks. On the other hand, Boston banks expended relatively about twice as large a percentage on telephone and telegraph as did the country banks; postage and express was a heavier item of expense in the country than in the Boston banks.

From the foregoing it appears, the analysis goes on to say, that much of what the country commercial banks saved in lower interest payments (Item 11) they expended in larger operating expenses (Item 24) as compared with the banks doing a large proportion of savings deposit business. Nevertheless, total payments on account of current expenses (Item 25) were substantially lower in the country commercial banks than in any other class. Therefore the percentage of net current earnings (Item 26) was highest in the commercial banks. The analysis adds:

Receipts and expenses on account of the operation of bank buildings have been segregated from those pertaining to banking operations in order to

obtain uniform comparability because some banks augment their net current earnings through their investment in buildings. The proportion of aggregate net current earnings derived from the operation of the bank buildings (Item 28) was relatively small in country banks; in Boston, on the other hand, investments in office buildings are relatively greater and, accordingly, the income from such buildings constituted a larger proportion of the aggregate.

Country banks falling in the group having time deposits of between 25.1% and 50% and the reporting Boston banks, charged off in 1927 a greater amount of their loans and securities than they received back in the form of recoveries or profits on securities sold (Item 30). On the other hand, the country banks doing primarily a commercial deposit business, and those doing primarily a savings deposit business, apparently sold a substantial volume of low-cost securities, thereby receiving considerable profits which more than offset their various charge-offs, so that the net result for such banks was additional income from these non-current sources.

After dividend payments (Item 32) which were relatively the most liberal in the Boston and in the commercial country banks, the balance remaining for reserves and surplus (Item 33) was relatively small in Boston; in the country banks it increased as the proportion of savings deposits increased. These relatively large balances for reserves and surplus in the banks having substantial amounts of time deposits do not necessarily indicate that they were relatively the more profitable type of banks; they only reflect the fact that these banks paid out a smaller proportion of their earnings in the form of dividends. As above indicated, the net earnings from banking operations (Item 26) were relatively lowest in banks doing the largest proportion of time deposit business and relatively highest in banks doing the largest proportion of commercial banking business. This showing, however, is inconclusive since it leaves out of consideration the volume of funds available for income-earning purposes. A comparison of the percentage of net profits available for dividends, after charge-offs, to the average total available funds—consisting of capital, surplus, undivided profits, gross deposits, national bank note circulation, bills payable and rediscounts—(Item 42) showed little variation in profitability as between the different classes of country banks, although there is some indication that banks in which either commercial banking or savings banking preponderates are more profitable than those which combine a substantial proportion of each. Banks with 25.1% to 50% of time deposits were apparently least profitable as a class (Item 42). Keen competition in Boston—reflected especially in heavy payments of interest on demand deposits (Items 8, 9, 37 and 38) resulted in a relatively lower percentage of profit for Boston banks than for country banks.

PERCENTAGES OF BANK INCOME AND EXPENSES IN 1927.
(7 Boston Banks and 119 Country Banks in Federal Reserve District 1 Grouped According To Their Percentages of Time Deposits.)

	Boston Banks.		Country Banks.		
			Under 25.1%	25.1% to 50%	Over 50%
Percentage of Time Deposits to Gross Deposits; Typical Bank in Group.....	14%	(7 Banks)	6% (38 Banks)	43% (38 Banks)	65% (43 Banks)
Country totals Common figures (119 Banks)					
Percentages of Gross Current Income (from Banking Operations):					
ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS					
1. Interest and discount on loans.....	68.8%	74.4%	65.4%	59.8%	65.3%
2. Interest and divs. on bonds & stocks.....	15.1	20.8	29.1	37.0	30.1
3. Interest on balances in domestic bks.....	.7	1.3	.8	.7	1.0
4. All other interest.....	3.0	0	0	0	0
5. Total interest received.....	87.6	96.5	95.3	97.5	96.4
6. All other current income.....	12.4	3.5	4.7	2.5	3.6
7. Gross current income.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS.					
8. Interest paid on bal. due to banks.....	5.7	1.4	1.1	.2	.7
9. Int. paid on all other demand deposits.....	26.3	18.5	11.9	5.0	9.4
10. Interest paid on time deposits.....	8.0	5.5	27.9	42.5	30.5
11. Total interest paid on all deposits.....	40.0	25.4	40.9	47.7	40.6
12. Interest paid on borrowed money.....	.7	.9	.9	.8	.9
13. Total interest payments.....	40.7	26.3	41.8	48.5	41.5
14. Salaries and wages (except for building maintenance).....	19.5	24.6	20.3	16.7	19.9
15. Occupancy & maint. of quarters.....	5.6	5.3	6.2	3.5	4.8
16. Taxes (except on bank building).....	2.8	4.4	2.9	4.7	4.2
17. Insurance (except on bank bldg.).....	.4	.9	.7	.5	.7
18. Printing, stationery & office supplies.....	1.4	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.5
19. Telephone and telegraph.....	.7	4	4	.3	.3
20. Postage and express.....	.4	.9	.7	.6	.7
21. Publicity and expansion.....	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0
22. Furnishings, equipment and fixtures.....	.5	1.2	.9	.9	.9
23. All other expenses.....	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
24. Total operating expenses.....	34.9	43.7	37.5	32.4	36.8
25. Local current expenses (Items 13 and 24).....	75.6	70.0	79.3	80.9	78.3
26. Net current earnings (from banking operations).....	24.4	30.0	20.7	19.1	21.7
Distribution of Aggregate Net Current Earnings:					
27. Net earnings from banking operations.....	93.3	97.4	94.4	96.7	95.9
28. Net earnings from building operations.....	6.7	2.6	5.6	3.3	4.1
29. Aggregate net current earnings.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
30. Net non-current income (+) or net charge-offs (-).....	-21.5	+3.5	-2.3	+14.3	+4.1
31. Net profits (after charge-offs, &c.).....	78.5	103.5	97.7	114.3	104.1
32. Dividends paid.....	67.5	65.1	48.5	53.2	55.0
33. Balance for reserves and surplus.....	11.0	38.4	49.2	61.1	49.1
Interest Rates:					
34. Earned on loans and discounts.....	4.3	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6
35. Earned on bonds and stocks.....	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.1	4.8
36. Earned on domestic bank balances.....	.9	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
37. Paid on balances due to banks.....	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.4
38. Paid on all other demand deposits.....	1.7	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.2
39. Paid on time deposits.....	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.7
Losses (Percentages of average holdings):					
40. Loans and discounts charged off.....	.6	.1	.3	.1	.1
41. Bonds and stocks charged off.....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Measure of Profit:					
42. Net profits available for dividends, earned on total available funds (a).....	.8	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.2

a Consists of capital, surplus, undivided profits, gross deposits, national bank notes, bills payable and rediscounts.

Note.—Statistically, these data are not arithmetical averages, but are percentages which were found to be most nearly typical of the greatest number of banks. This method was used in order to avoid giving too great weight to a few extremely high or extremely low figures. The largest bank carries no greater weight than the smallest.

* Expenses on account of occupancy and maintenance of quarters are construed as including not merely out-of-pocket payments to employees (such as wages to super-

intendents, janitors and elevator men, whose full time is expended in connection with the operation of the building), insurance and taxes on the building, and other collateral expenses of occupancy, but a charge which covers all such expenses uniformly for banks which lease their quarters from an outside landlord, and for banks which own and operate their own quarters. Considerable care has been expended in obtaining percentages for occupancy and maintenance of quarters which are reasonably comparable as between banks which occupy leased quarters and those which occupy quarters in buildings which they own.

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Finds Business Good—Stockholders Elect Gus Taylor Head of Advisory Board—Fight on Administration Ended, Retiring Chairman Says—Resolution Adopted Against Further Advance in Rediscount Rates.

Election of Gus F. Taylor, Tyler, as Chairman of the Advisory Board, and Stanley A. Longmoor, Dallas, Secretary, brought to a close on July 12 at the Baker Hotel the second annual meeting of stockholders of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said the Dallas "News" in its issue of July 13. More than 200 representatives of member banks in the district attended the one-day session, it is stated, in which formal reports by various officers revealed that sound and satisfactory business conditions continue through the district now as they have been in the last year. Members of the advisory board elected with the chairman and secretary are W. W. Woodson, Waco; Nathan Adams, Dallas; John F. Yantis, Brownwood; H. L. Baker, Paris; E. H. Schmidt, Eagle Pass; Arthur F. Jones, Portales, N. M.; S. W. Stone, Durant, Okla.; A. M. Gallaspie, Nogales, Ariz.; J. Melton Oakes, Homer, La., and W. M. Massie, Fort Worth.

The advisory board will meet in Dallas early in September, Chairman Taylor announced, when a new committee authorized by resolution on recommendation of the retiring chairman, W. W. Woodson, will be named. This committee will study problems relating to Federal banks and their operations and will report to the next meeting of stockholders in 1929.

The stockholders took no action, the Dallas "News" says, relating to charges made last year by J. P. Williams, Mineral Wells, against the administration of the Bank, with reference to management and policies. Mr. Williams in a paper read at the meeting said he had not receded from his former position but that he would leave the matter in the hands of the board of directors, who would in time, he said, adjust the affairs of the bank properly. The directors recently re-elected Lynn Talley governor and approved his administration. The fight on the administration of the bank is over, Mr. Woodson said in his report to the association. At the meeting Thursday informal talks were made by B. A. McKinney, Dallas; Nathan Adams, Dallas; Morgan Graves, Clarksville, and J. H. Frost, San Antonio.

In his report to the association, Governor Talley said the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank had not had any requests this year for lines of credit "that could be considered unreasonable or, in fact, unduly excessive or extravagant. "This indicates a lack of inclination for member banks to become overextended as well as an evidence of a marked tendency toward a closer co-operation between the member banks and their customers," he said. "Due to the quite satisfactory physical conditions of the district, which materialized at the close of 1927, deposits have run consistently higher in 1928 than in the previous year, the banks have carried a higher ratio of secondary reserves and their supply of funds to meet increase in their loans or a decline in their deposits have apparently come largely out of a liquidation of such reserves rather than from borrowing."

Governor Talley's report shows that from Jan. 1 1928 to June 30 1928 notes to the number of 16,288 for a total of \$25,066,286.93 were submitted to the bank by member banks for rediscount. Of these notes, 863, totaling \$822,986.20, or 3.29%, were returned for one reason or another, while 15,425 for a total of \$24,243,300.73 or 96.71%, were accepted by the bank. The figures include notes submitted to the head office and branches.

"The last six months' period represents, so far as I can recall," Governor Talley said, "the period of the smoothest and most satisfactory operation of the bank from every standpoint in its history. It has not, however, been without its problems, but many of these have been of a scope more national in character than relating particularly to this district.

"The financial and economic conditions of the district have been quite sound and satisfactory for a period of more than a year and continue so at the present time. Of course, this is the beginning of the period when we naturally become interested in speculating upon the outcome of our major crop yields and prices, but I shall not undertake to

dwell upon that phase of the subject, as to do so would entail taking up the different sections of the district.

"By and large, considering present conditions upon the grouping of our organization as to head office and branch territories, there is little to complain of even in respect to the physical condition of the district. Here and there we have heard some mild complaints in reference to business, but in the main there is no visible unfavorable effect even if in some lines and in some sections business has not come up to hopes or expectations."

The report shows gross earnings of the bank for the first six months of 1928 to be \$827,477.19, as against \$775,573.28 for the same period in 1927. Net earnings for the first six months of 1928 were \$31,579.80, as against \$21,366.58 for the first six months of 1927. The usual semi-annual dividend at the rate of 6% per annum was declared and credited to member banks and amounted to \$129,790.50.

Only one member bank closed its doors in the district in the period mentioned and it was later reopened under reorganization with a new charter. Six non-member banks in the district closed.

Farmer Learns Lesson.

In his report to the stockholders, Chairman Woodson said the banks of the district appear to be in better condition than they have been in years. He added:

Tremendous liquidation has taken place during the last year. Banks are borrowing less than they have probably borrowed at any time in their history; farmers are raising their crops on a more economical basis; business conditions generally are good; credit for normal and legitimate purposes remains easy; financial and commercial business appears to be on such a firm and sound basis that it is not affected by the high rates ruling in the call market or the continued inflation of stocks and bonds. The member banks are profiting by the experiences of the past, have been cleaning house and are presenting statements that reflect liquid conditions and good management.

The farmer, too, has learned his lesson. King Cottou, who has impoverished the farms with mortgages and denied the farmer and his family the comforts of life, is being dethroned. Hens, turkeys, hogs, sheep and cows are bringing to him prosperity and hope. A change from a one-crop system was necessary if the bankers were to prosper as well as the farmers, and through their joint co-operation, a new day is dawning. Five thousand additional milch cows will be placed among the tenant farmers of McLennan County during the next six months. It means less cotton at better prices and sufficient money each month to maintain the families on the farms. Let us continue through our State to give to the farmers an intelligent co-operation while they work out their own salvation.

A resolution was passed expressing the sentiment of stockholders as against any further raise in the rediscount rate in the Dallas district this year. A resolution was voted down which sought to have the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank pay expenses of one representative from each member bank when he attended the annual stockholders' meeting. Following the session, a luncheon was served to 250 guests. Officers of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank were hosts. Col. C. C. Walsh, Federal Reserve agent, and Governor Talley greeted the guests as they entered. Election of officers and consideration of resolutions engaged the bankers during the luncheon.

Proposition for Exchange of Third Liberty Bonds Into New 3 3/8% Issue Terminates on Tuesday.

The privilege of exchanging Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds for the new 3 3/8% Treasury bonds of 1940-43 will expire on Tuesday, according to an announcement made on July 26 by Acting Secretary Mills of the Treasury Department. Exchange applications in the mails or otherwise in transit before midnight on July 31 will be accepted. Mr. Mills said. There are \$1,113,374,550 of Third Liberties now outstanding, \$115,474,500 having been retired since June 30. The Third Liberty Loan will mature on Sept. 15 and will cease to bear interest on that date.

"The offering of 3 3/8% Treasury bonds of 1940-43 was first announced on July 5," a Treasury statement read. "The offering was a combined offering for cash and in exchange for outstanding Third Liberty Loan bonds. The books on the cash offering closed on July 7, when cash subscriptions aggregating over \$743,000,000 had been received. Of these cash subscriptions, \$251,528,600 have been allotted. Under the exchange offering, which, as above stated, will close on July 31, interest on any Third 4 1/4s surrendered and accepted upon exchange subscriptions will be paid in full to Sept. 15. The new bonds issued upon exchange bear interest from July 16.

"Through the use of the radio, newspaper advertisements, placards and other methods of publicity, the Treasury has endeavored to inform every holder of Third 4 1/4s of the exchange privilege, and banks throughout the country have lent their assistance in communicating information to their customers."

Gov. Young, Federal Reserve Head, Visits Banks.

Although on his vacation, Gov. Roy A. Young of the Federal Reserve Board according to the "Wall Street News", has been making a survey of the Midwestern Reserve banks which will terminate about Aug. 1. Before the end of summer Governor Young expects to visit all the Reserve banks to acquaint himself with the local conditions under which each bank operates. In this way the Governor means to obtain a better understanding of the various problems confronting the different institutions that would hardly be possible without personal contact.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Elects New Director.

A special election called in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act has resulted in the election of Vernon H. Vawter as a class A director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, vice Howard Whipple, resigned. Vawter will serve until Dec. 31 1930. He is a banker of Medford, Ore., and was selected by votes of the member banks in group three, those having a capital and surplus of less than \$125,000.

Federal Reserve Board Reviews Gold and Credit Situation During Fiscal Year Ending June 30—Gold Stock in This Country Diminished \$580,000,000 in Thirteen Months.

In its July bulletin made public last Sunday the Federal Reserve Board points out that between the middle of May 1927 when this country's gold holdings were at their peak, and the end of the fiscal year on June 30 1928, there was a decrease in the gold stock of about \$580,000,000 and an increase in the Reserve Bank credit outstanding of about \$520,000,000. Demand for Reserve Bank credit arising from currency needs of the country declined, according to the computations of the Board, by \$120,000,000 during this period, while member bank reserves increased by about \$60,000,000. "The loss from the country's monetary stock of gold in a little over a year of \$580,000,000, including net loss through exports and through earmarkings," the Board declares, "indicates the extent to which the gold, accumulated in this country during the period of monetary disorganization of the world, has been redistributed, largely in connection with the adoption of monetary reforms by different foreign countries. Of the more than \$500,000,000 of net gold exports between the middle of May 1927 and the end of June 1928 covering transactions with all countries but Canada, the larger part went to the following eight countries: France, \$257,000,000; Argentina, \$131,000,000; Brazil, \$55,000,000; England, \$33,000,000; Germany, \$27,000,000; Italy, \$20,000,000; Uruguay, \$11,000,000, and Poland, \$8,000,000."

The building up of the gold reserves of the Bank of France, the largest single taker of metal during the year, was definitely connected with the French monetary reform, which was consummated on June 25, the Board notes. Argentina, the second largest importer of gold from the United States, resumed gold payments in August of last year and, under favorable trade and exchange conditions, took a large amount of gold out of this country. Of the other countries which took considerable amounts of gold during the period, Italy and Poland also adopted monetary reforms, while Brazil and Uruguay have been making preparations for such a reform. Gold purchases by Germany had the effect of strengthening the reserve position of the Reichsbank, and the exports to England occurred at a time when the amalgamation of the currency issues of the Bank and the Treasury, the last step in England's monetary reconstruction, was under aggressive consideration.

Next to gold exports, the largest of the factors of change in the demand for Reserve Bank credit was the decrease of \$120,000,000 in the demand for currency. The decrease in currency during a period when prices showed little change and there was no evidence of a decrease in retail trade, the Board attributes in large part to a decline in employment and wage payments. In recent weeks, however, there has been a sharp seasonal increase in the demand for currency in connection with the requirements of holiday travel.

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cluding loans for commercial and agricultural purposes, as well as real estate loans, increased by \$400,000,000. Comparison between the banks in New York City and in other leading cities indicates that the larger part of the growth of security loans was outside of New York. Loans placed by New York City banks for account of their out-of-town correspondents, however, appear in the condition reports as loans of out-of-town banks, and, therefore, a part of the growth in security loans of banks in other leading cities represents loans placed by outside banks in the New York money market. Borrowing by member banks at the Reserve Banks increased by nearly \$600,000,000 during the year and was in larger volume in June than at any other time in more than six years."

Member bank borrowings, which increased continuously from the middle of February to the middle of May, and reached a record figure on May 16, the Board points out, declined considerably during the following month, but rose again to a new high early in July. This was caused in part, it is explained, by seasonal growth in the demand for currency and a continued withdrawal of gold for export. Reduction of the volume of security loans by member banks in June is ascribed to the heavy liquidation of loans to brokers and dealers in securities that accompanied a decline in security prices. "From a peak figure of \$4,560,000,000 on June 6, brokers' loans declined by about \$400,000,000 to \$4,160,000,000 on June 27, and after some advance stood at \$4,263,000,000 on July 11. This liquidation was practically all in loans made by the New York City banks for their own account and for account of their out-of-town correspondents. Loans for account of others, including foreign banks, corporations and individuals, remained practically unchanged. The liquidation of brokers' loans," it is added, "was considerably larger than the decline in total loans on securities by reporting member banks, indicating that the liquidation presented in part a transfer of borrowings by customers from brokers, who in turn were borrowing at the banks, to direct loans from the banks." The full text of the Board's summary is as follows:

Member bank credit, which increased continuously from the middle of February to the middle of May and reached a record figure on May 16, declined considerably during the following month, but rose again to a new high level early in July. The reduction in bank credit between the middle of May and the end of June was entirely in loans on securities, which at the end of the fiscal year were more than \$200,000,000 below the level of a month earlier.

This liquidation of security loans was accompanied by a growth, although in smaller volume, in all other loans, including loans for industrial and commercial purposes, and in bank holdings of investments. Deposits of member banks showed a larger decline than loans, and this decline in deposits was reflected in a decrease of member bank reserve balances.

Notwithstanding the smaller reserve requirements of the member banks, there was an increase in the volume of Reserve bank credit outstanding owing to a seasonal growth in the demand for currency and a continued withdrawal of gold for export. Conditions in the money market remained firm, and money rates were at a higher level in June than at this season of any other year since 1923. Early in July open-market rates advanced further, and the re-discount rates at the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago, New York, and Richmond were raised from 4½ to 5%.

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A similar development took place during the rapid liquidation of brokers' loans in the spring of 1926. On June 27, the total loans made to brokers and dealers by domestic banks was at the low point for the year and lower than two and one-half years ago when the information first became available. Compared with a year ago, however, the volume of bank loans to brokers and dealers was about \$150,000,000 larger.

Decline Is Shown in Holdings of Gold.

Comparison of the banking position at the close of the fiscal year 1928 with that of about a year ago, a comparison that is customary in the midsummer review, brings out the fact that between the middle of May 1927, when this country's gold holdings were at their peak, and the end of June of this year, there was a decrease in the gold stock of about \$580,000,000 and an increase in Reserve bank credit outstanding of about \$520,000,000. Demand for Reserve bank credit arising from currency needs of the country declined by \$120,000,000 during the period, while member bank reserves increased by about \$60,000,000. Gold movements, changes in currency demand, and in reserve requirements of member banks are the three principal channels through which changes in the business and credit situation in the country are reflected in the position of the reserve banks. The loss from the country's monetary stock of gold in a little over a year of \$580,000,000, including net loss through exports and through earmarkings, indicates the extent to which

the gold accumulated in this country during the period of monetary disorganization of the world has been redistributed, largely in connection with the adoption of monetary reforms by different foreign countries. Of the more than \$500,000,000 of net gold exports between the middle of May, 1927, and the end of June, 1928, covering transactions with all countries except Canada, the larger part went to the following eight countries: France, \$257,000,000; Argentina, \$131,000,000; Brazil, \$55,000,000; England, \$33,000,000; Germany, \$27,000,000; Italy, \$20,000,000; Uruguay, \$11,000,000, and Poland, \$8,000,000.

The building up of gold reserves of the Bank of France, the largest single taker of the metal during the year, has been definitely connected with the French monetary reform which was consummated on June 25. On that date the Bank of France resumed the obligation to redeem its notes on demand in gold coin or bullion at its option at the rate of 65½ milligrams of gold, nine-tenths fine, to the franc. The new dollar parity of the franc is at the rate of 3.9179 cents per franc, or about 20% of the pre-war parity of 19.2 cents per franc.

In returning to a gold basis, France has adopted legislative provisions establishing the principles of an unlimited gold standard, but has for the present given the central bank the option of redeeming its notes either in coin or in bullion, and of fixing a minimum amount below which the bank will not redeem notes. For the present this minimum amount has been fixed at 215,000 francs, or about \$8,400. The limit on the total note issue of the Bank of France has been removed, and instead the bank is required to keep a 35% gold reserve against its notes and other demand liabilities.

Large Amounts of Gold Taken by Argentina.

Argentina, the second largest importer of gold from the United States during the period, resumed gold payments in August of last year and, under favorable trade and exchange conditions, took a large amount of gold from this country. Of the older countries which received considerable amounts of gold during the period, Italy and Poland also adopted monetary reforms, while Brazil and Uruguay were making preparations for such a reform. Gold purchases by Germany have had the effect of strengthening the reserve position of the Reichsbank, and the exports to England have occurred at a time when the amalgamation of the currency issues of the bank and the treasury, the last step in England's monetary reconstruction, was under legislative consideration.

In addition to the gold obtained in this country, the gold holdings of these foreign countries have been augmented from other sources, including new gold production available for monetary use, which has amounted to about \$200,000,000 for the period, and purchases by central banks of gold previously held in hoards. Central gold reserves of these countries, which together drew upon the gold stock of the United States to the extent of about \$675,000,000, showed a total increase of more than \$900,000,000 for the period, indicating that a considerable amount of the gold was added to the reserves of these foreign central banks from other sources than the gold stock of the United States. The gold reserves of the Bank of France, for example, increased by about \$425,000,000; those of the Bank of England by about \$85,000,000; those of the German Reichsbank by about \$55,000,000; and those of the Bank of Poland by about \$45,000,000.

Next to gold exports, the largest of the factors of change in the demand for reserve bank credit has been the decrease of \$120,000,000 in the demand for currency. This amount of cash having flowed from circulation into the vaults of the member banks was deposited by them with the Federal Reserve banks and has enabled them to increase their reserve balances to that extent without borrowing. The decrease in currency during a period when prices showed little change and there was no evidence of a decrease in retail trade may be attributed in large part to a decline in employment and wage payments. In recent weeks there has been a sharp seasonal increase in the demand for currency in connection with the requirements of holiday travel.

Decrease Noted in Demand for Currency.

Member bank reserves, which with gold and currency movements are among the principal factors affecting the volume of reserve bank's credit, increased by about \$60,000,000 between the middle of May 1927 and the end of June of the present year, reflecting a much larger increase in the member banks' deposit liabilities. For all member banks the growth in net demand deposits for the year ending June 1928 was \$633,000,000 and the increase in time deposits was \$1,280,000,000.

No figures of loans and investments for all member banks are available for a date later than February, but an analysis of changes in the position of member banks between June of this year and June of 1927 can be made on the basis of the weekly reports received from member banks in leading cities.

The following table shows these changes, distinguishing between the banks in New York City and in other leading cities: Reporting Member Banks. [Monthly average of weekly figures.] Change between June 1927 and June 1928.

	All Reporting Banks.	New York City Banks.	Other Banks.
Total loans and investments.....	+\$1,702,000,000	+\$707,000,000	+\$995,000,000
Security loans.....	+727,000,000	+263,000,000	+464,000,000
All other loans.....	+400,000,000	+350,000,000	+50,000,000
Investments.....	+575,000,000	+94,000,000	+481,000,000

Increase in Loans and Investments.

Total loans and investments of the reporting member banks increased during the year by about \$1,700,000,000, of which about \$700,000,000 was at banks in New York City. The growth for the year was largest in security loans, which increased by \$730,000,000, and in investments, which advanced by \$575,000,000, while all other loans, including loans for commercial and agricultural purposes, as well as real estate loans, increased by \$400,000,000.

Comparison between the banks in New York City and in other leading cities indicates that the larger part of the growth of security loans was outside of New York. Loans placed by New York banks for account of their out-of-town correspondents, however, appear in the condition reports as loans of out-of-town banks, and, therefore, a part of the growth in security loans of banks in other leading cities represents loans placed by outside banks in the New York money market.

The increase for the year in so-called "all other loans," which include regular line-of-credit loans to customers as well as real estate and other loans, occurred largely at the New York City banks, and there is evidence that it represents to some extent increased borrowing by commercial customers for the purpose of carrying securities. Of the growth in the bank's holdings of investments the larger part was outside of the banks in New York City. As a consequence of large withdrawals of gold for export, the growth in member bank deposits was much smaller than the increase in their loans and investments, and this largely accounts for the increased indebtedness of the member banks at the Reserve banks.

Borrowing by member banks at the Reserve banks increased by nearly \$600,000,000 during the year and was in larger volume in June than at any other time in more than six years. There was no considerable change in the Reserve banks' holdings of acceptances and a decrease of \$15,000,000 in the system's investments in Government securities.

United States security holdings of the Reserve banks, which increased rapidly in the second half of 1927, when the Reserve banks made purchases in the open market largely to offset the effects of gold exports, have declined steadily during the first six months of the present year, when the Reserve banks sold securities as a part of the policy directed toward firmer conditions in the money market. In June the system's security holdings at about \$225,000,000 were lower than at any other time in five years.

The growth in member-bank borrowings for the year, therefore, reflected in addition to the effect of gold exports also the influence of open-market operations by the Reserve banks.

A factor in the general credit and investment situation during the fiscal year under review has been the continuous reduction of the public debt, which has amounted to about \$900,000,000 for the period. The effects on the credit situation of Treasury operations in the retirement of the public debt, however, are under present conditions largely temporary in character and concentrated around the quarterly tax paying dates.

At these periods the retirement of outstanding issues of certificates of indebtedness in excess of new issues floated results in temporary additions to the funds in the money market pending the collection of income-tax checks. These conditions, however, continue only for a few days, as the taxpayers' checks in favor of the Treasury when collected result in the withdrawal from the market of funds sufficient to offset the excess of securities coming due over new securities issued.

During the interval the Treasury issues temporary day-to-day certificates to the Reserve banks to cover its temporary deficiency. These operations on taxpaying dates are illustrative of the general fact that debt retirement by the Treasury has only a temporary effect on the money market. Funds used by the Treasury in debt retirement are obtained through taxation and, therefore, represent a reduction of the deposit accounts of the taxpayers, and when these funds are used to retire public debt they are turned over to the holders of Government obligations and thus reappear among the deposits held by the general public.

The series of operations involves a temporary transfer of funds from private account to Government account when taxes are paid, followed by a restoration of the funds to private account when obligations are purchased in the market or paid off at maturity by the Treasury. At no time does the operation involve any more than a temporary change in the amount of funds at the disposal of commercial banks for extending loans or making investments.

Another question arises about the extent to which debt retirement, though it does not change the total volume of funds in the market, may nevertheless, through the transfer of funds from taxpayers to holders of securities, increase the volume of funds available for investment. Under existing conditions, the effect of Treasury disbursements in reduction of debt on the volume of investment funds is relatively limited, except to the extent that purchases or cancellations of securities are made by the Government with funds obtained under foreign debt settlements.

Under a system of taxation where a large number of taxpayers turn over to the Government a part of their income, which otherwise would have been expended in the purchase of goods, and the Government uses funds thus obtained in the retirement of securities held mainly by large investors, the retirement of public debt would result in the conversion of a considerable volume of current income into investment funds. But since under the system of taxation in the United States a large part of the contributions to the Government comes from persons with large incomes, which would normally be available in part for investment purposes, a relatively small amount of new investment funds is created by debt retirement.

No precise data are available covering the incidence of the various taxes with reference to the distribution of Government securities. Customs and miscellaneous internal revenue and corporation taxes are widely diffused in their incidence, but returns of the individual income tax, from which about one-fifth of the Government revenue is derived, indicate that more than one-half of the taxes on individual incomes are paid on incomes in excess of \$100,000 and less than 5% on incomes of \$10,000 or less. In these circumstances funds collected through taxation would be available in large part for investment, whether they previously passed through the hands of the Government or were used in the first instance by the investing public.

Multilateral Treaty Renouncing War Approved by All the Negotiating Nations—President Coolidge Favors World Peace Rally for Treaty Signing.

It was made known authoritatively at the summer White House on July 20 that President Coolidge favored an international peace conference in Europe, at which the fourteen powers invited by the United States to renounce war might make good the willingness they had expressed during the recent months to sign the treaty drafted by Secretary of State Kellogg. The State Department decided upon Paris as the proper place for the conference, as this peace treaty originated between France and the United States, and was extended by thirteen months of diplomatic exchanges to include fourteen powers. On Thursday it was announced that Aug. 27 had been selected as the date for the solemn ceremony.

President Coolidge rejected the suggestion that the conference might be held in Washington by pointing out that it was easier for a representative of the United States to go to Europe than for representatives of fourteen powers to cross the ocean to the United States. The fourteen powers which are expected to sign the Kellogg treaty are all understood by the State Department to be ready to follow the American lead in arranging a ceremony, which would be the greatest spectacle of peace-making, says the correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune", since the allied and

associated powers assembled at Versailles in 1919 to end the World War. In addition to the United States there would be present, alphabetically, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, the Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland and South Africa.

President Coolidge's belief is that such an assemblage of nations in honor of the principle of peace would be helpful in emphasizing the importance of the Kellogg treaty—which is chiefly moral in its effect. The treaty provides no coercive measures against any signatory which makes war, and it makes no attempt at the definition of aggressive war that broke up all previous international peace efforts. According to the wording of the treaty, it is "a frank renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy," and the signatories propose to bring about "all changes in their relations by peaceful and orderly process." No signatory power, it is stated, shall hereafter "seek to promote its national interests by resort to war."

The accepting nations have virtually all reserved their rights to disregard this renunciation, however, if it interferes with the operation of the Covenant of the League of Nations, the treaties of Locarno and the previously existing group treaties involving such nations as France, Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia and others. In the reply of Great Britain, for instance, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, promised to sign the Kellogg treaty, but said "each state alone is competent to decide when circumstances necessitate recourse to war for the purpose of self-defense." The penalty for going to war, whether the war be self-declared or self-defensive or frankly undertaken for conquest, is that all signatories of the Kellogg treaty are released from all obligations to the warring nation.

"It is considered significant," says Hugh O'Connor, staff correspondent of the Herald Tribune, "that President Coolidge speaks of the treaty not as a renunciation, but as an outlawing of war. In its practical effect the penalty provided by the treaty for going to war is the moral inconvenience of justifying it."

Germany and France were the earliest to signify acceptance. The willingness of France to participate in the proposed convention was made known to Secretary Kellogg by the French Ambassador to the United States, Paul Claudel, who conferred with the Secretary at the Department July 12. The French note of acceptance was handed to the American Ambassador in Paris on July 14. Acceptance on the part of Germany was contained in a note delivered to the State Department on July 12 and was without condition or reservation. The German Government stated that the position of the United States Government corresponded to the "fundamental German conception" for the renunciation of war. Germany concurred with Secretary Kellogg regarding the text of the treaty, also the change made in the preamble whereby any country violating the pact would be denied the benefits of the treaty.

The full text of the statement by the Department of State discussing the French attitude follows:

The French Ambassador, M. Claudel, called on the Secretary of State July 12 and informed him that a favorable reply accepting the explanation and interpretation contained in the Secretary of State's note of June 23 on the subject of the proposed treaty for the renunciation of war would be handed to the American Ambassador at Paris within a few days, probably July 14

German Reply.

The text of the German note signed "Schubert" was as follows:

Excellency, I acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of June 23 1928, regarding the conclusion of an international pact for the renunciation of war, and have the honor to reply thereto as follows on behalf of the German Government:

The German Government has examined with the greatest care the contents of the note and the revised draft of the pact which was enclosed. The Government is pleased to state that the standpoint of the Government of the United States of America as set forth in the note corresponds with the fundamental German conception as it was communicated in the note of April 27 1928. The German Government also agrees to the changes in the preamble of the draft of the pact. It is therefore pleased to be able to state that it takes cognizance of the statements made by the Government of the United States of America contained in Your Excellency's note of June 23, that it agrees to the interpretation which is given therein to the provision of the proposed pact and that it is accordingly ready to sign this pact in the form now proposed.

The reply of Italy was next to come. It was signed by Premier Mussolini and was brief. It recorded agreement with interpretations placed upon the proposed compact by Secretary Kellogg in his note of June 23 inviting adherence and declared the disposition of Italy to "proceed to the signature" of the treaty.

The note from Aristide Briand, the French Foreign Minister, similarly referred to the definitions given by Secretary

Kellogg, particularly as to the right of self-defense and his assurances that the signatories would regain liberty of action against any participant that violated the compact; that the treaty would not run counter to existing commitments and that it would be made as general in application as possible. Under these circumstances, M. Briand said "France was disposed to sign the treaty."

In taking this position, the French Foreign Minister not only declared "a successful conclusion" of the treaty "equally close to the hearts of the French and American nations" but gave full credit to the United States for the movement, although President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg have referred to it as equally the conception of M. Briand himself.

"The Government of the Republic," M. Briand said, "desires to render homage to the generous spirit in which the Government of the United States has conceived this new manifestation of human fraternity which eminently conforms to the profound aspirations of the French people as well as of the American people and responds to the sentiment more and more widely shared among peoples of international solidarity."

Text of the Italian Note.

The Italian note was dated July 15 and read as follows:

Excellency: I have the honor to refer to the letter which, under instructions of your Government, your Excellency addressed to me under the date of 23d of June last, and to ask your Excellency to inform your Government as follows:

The Royal Government, which has attentively examined the last draft of a treaty for the elimination of war proposed by the United States, takes note of and agrees with the interpretation of the said treaty which the Government of the United States sets forth in the above-mentioned note of June 23 last, and on this premise declares that it is disposed to proceed to the signature thereof.

I am happy to take this occasion to renew to your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

MUSSOLINI.

Text of the French Reply.

The French note was dated July 14 and read as follows:

Mr. Ambassador: By your letter of June 23 last your Excellency was good enough to transmit to me a revised text of the draft treaty for the renunciation of war, accompanied by the interpretations given to it by the United States.

I beg you to convey to the Government of the United States the interest with which the Government of the Republic has taken cognizance of this new communication, which is suited to facilitate the signature of the treaty whose successful conclusion is equally close to the hearts of the French and American nations.

First of all, it follows from the new preamble that the proposed treaty indeed aims at the perpetuation of the pacific and friendly relations under the contractual conditions in which they are today established between the interested nations; that it is essentially a question for the signatory powers of renouncing war "as an instrument of their national policy," and also that the signatory power which hereafter might seek by itself resorting to war to promote its own national interests should be denied the benefits of the treaty.

The Government of the Republic is happy to declare that it is in accord with these new stipulations.

The Government of the Republic is happy, moreover, to take note of the interpretations which the Government of the United States gives to the new treaty with a view of satisfying the various observations which had been formulated from the French point of view.

These interpretations may be resumed as follows:

Nothing in the new treaty restrains or compromises in any manner whatsoever the right of self-defense. Each in this respect will always remain free to defend its territory against attack or invasion; it alone is competent to decide whether circumstances require recourse to war in self-defense.

Secondly, none of the provisions of the new treaty is in opposition to the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations nor with those of the Locarno treaties or the treaties of neutrality.

Moreover, any violation of the new treaty by one of the contracting powers would automatically release the other contracting powers from their obligations to the treaty-breaking State.

Finally the signature which the Government of the United States has now offered to all the signatory powers of the treaties concluded at Locarno and which it is disposed to offer to all powers parties to treaties of neutrality as well as the adherence made possible to other powers, is of a nature to give the new treaty in as full measure as can practically be desired, the character of generality, which records with the views of the Government of the Republic.

Thanks to the clarification given by the new preamble and thanks moreover to the interpretations given to the treaty, the Government of the Republic congratulates itself that the new convention is compatible with the obligations of existing treaties to which France is otherwise a contracting party and the integral respect of which necessarily is imperatively imposed upon her by good faith and loyalty.

In this situation and under these circumstances the Government of the Republic is happy to be able to declare to the Government of the United States that it is now entirely disposed to sign the treaty as proposed by the letter of your Excellency of June 23 1928.

At the moment of thus assuring its contributions to the realization of a long matured project, all the moral significance of which it had gauged from the beginning, the Government of the Republic desires to render homage to the generous spirit in which the Government of the United States has conceived this new manifestation of human fraternity which eminently conforms to the profound aspirations of the French people as well as the American people and responds to the sentiment more and more widely shared among peoples of international solidarity.

Please accept, &c.

ARISTIDE BRIAND.

Text of the Reply of the Irish Free State.

The Irish Free State indicated its willingness to sign the multilateral treaty to renounce war, in a note handed to the American Minister in Dublin, Frederick A. Sterling, on

July 16, by the Minister for External Affairs, P. McGilligan, July 16. The text of the Irish note follows in full:

Excellency, Your Excellency's note of the 23rd June enclosing a revised draft of proposed treaty for the renunciation of war, has been carefully studied by the Government of the Irish Free State.

As I informed you in my note of the 30th May, the Government of the Irish Free State were prepared to accept unreservedly the draft treaty proposed by your Government on the 13th April, holding, as they did, that neither their right of self-defense nor their commitments under the Covenant of the League of Nations were in any way prejudiced by its terms.

The draft treaty as revised is equally acceptable to the Government of the Irish Free State, and I have the honor to inform you that they are prepared to sign it in conjunction with such other Governments as may be so disposed. As the effectiveness of the proposed treaty as an instrument for the suppression of war depends to a great extent upon its universal application, the Government of the Irish Free State hope that the treaty may meet with the approbation of the other Governments to whom it has been sent and that it may subsequently be accepted by all the other Powers of the world.

Text of Belgium's Reply.

Acceptances of other countries followed in quick order. The reply of Belgium read as follows:

Brussels, July 17 1928.

Mr. Ambassador,—The Government of the King has examined with lively sympathy the letter of June 23 in which, acting on instructions from your Government, you have been good enough to invite Belgium to conclude a multilateral treaty providing that the signatory States bind themselves to renounce war as an instrument of national policy.

Belgium is deeply attached to peace. She has always worked actively for the realization of movements tending to consolidate peace. She is therefore happy to pay her tribute to the idea inspiring the draft treaty.

The text prepared by the Government of Washington commands the full approbation of the royal Government. This Government notes with satisfaction the explanations and interpretations contained in Your Excellency's letter. It is pleased to note that the proposed pact will maintain unimpaired the rights and obligations arising from the Covenant of the League of Nations and from the Locarno agreements, which constitute for Belgium fundamental guarantees of security.

The Belgian Government highly appreciates the action of the American Government which permits it to join in the great work destined to develop the spirit of peace throughout the world and to diminish in future the risk of new catastrophes.

The royal Government would be grateful if the Government of the United States would inform it as to the date and place which it may choose for the signature of the treaty.

I avail myself of this opportunity, &c.

PAUL HYMANS.

Acceptance of Poland.

The reply of Poland was as follows:

Warsaw, July 17 1928.

Mr. Minister,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note No. 1175 of June 23 last, which you were good enough to send me, to which was attached the draft of a multilateral pact against war, as proposed by His Excellency, Mr. Kellogg.

The principles which Mr. Kellogg has emphasized in the draft above mentioned being entirely conformable with the objectives that Poland never ceases pursuing in its foreign policy, I have the honor to communicate to you the fact that the Polish Government accepts the text of the above stated pact and declares itself ready to affix its signature thereto.

As regards the interpretation of the pact in question which you have been good enough to give in your note of June 23 and which confirms the fact that the compact is destined to insure the consolidation of peaceful relations between States on the basis of the existing international obligations, the Polish Government takes note of the following statements:

(1) That the pact does not affect in any way the right of legitimate defense inherent in each State.

(2) That State signatory to the pact which may endeavor to realize its national interests by means of war shall be deprived of the benefits of the said pact.

(3) That no incompatibility exists between the stipulations of the pact against war and the obligations deriving from the Covenant of the League of Nations for States which are members of the latter. This statement results from the very fact that the pact proposed by Mr. Kellogg stipulates the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy.

These provisions as well as the opportunity given to all States to adhere to the pact are of a nature to assure to Poland the possibility of satisfying her international obligations.

The Polish Government permits itself to express the hope of seeing the realization in the near future of this common work of peace and stabilization destined to assure its benefits to all mankind.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurance of my high consideration.

WYSOCKI.

The British acceptance, which was delivered to the American Charge d'Affaires in London on July 18, enumerated many of the definitions previously given by Secretary Kellogg to various aspects of the project, and reiterated that in becoming a signatory the Empire would retain freedom of action relative "to certain regions which of the welfare and integrity constitute a special and vital interest for our peace and safety." This was regarded as referring particularly to the Suez Canal and collaterally to Egypt and India. No exception is taken to it in Washington, the assertion being looked upon as essentially a definition of self-defense, the right of which is inherent in the treaty, with each nation at liberty to be its own judge of what constitutes protective action, in the consciousness that its course will be weighed by world public opinion. In other respects the British note also was interpreted by the State Department as completely in accord with the position of Secretary Kellogg. Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed the readiness of Great Britain to sign the treaty and he concluded with an expression of pleasure that his Government could be associated with the United States in the movement to outlaw war. He especially urged that all nations be invited to adhere to the treaty.

The Canadian reply was received direct from Ottawa and declared the readiness of Canada to become a party to the compact without finding it necessary to discuss any interpretations. The answers of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India were communicated by the British Foreign Minister. All expressed the willingness of those Governments to join in the multilateral project, the note in behalf of Australia reciting the definitions as to self-defense, liberty of action against violators and the safeguarding of the Covenant of the League of Nations.

The communication in behalf of South Africa included a note from General Hertzog, the Minister of External Affairs, setting forth his understanding as to self-defense, liberty of action against violators, and the desirability of having general participation in the compact by nations.

Text of the British Note.

The British note read as follows:

London, July 18 1928.

Sir,—I am happy to be able to inform you that after carefully studying the note which you left with me on the 23d June transmitting the revised text of the draft of the proposed treaty for the renunciation of war, His Majesty's Government in Great Britain accept the proposed treaty in the form transmitted by you and will be glad to sign it at such time and place as may be indicated for the purpose by the Government of the United States.

My Government have read with interest the explanations contained in your note as to the meaning of the draft treaty, and also the comments which it contains upon the considerations advanced by other powers in the previous diplomatic correspondence.

You will remember that in my previous communication of the 19th May I explained how important it was to my Government that the principle should be recognized that if one of the parties to this proposed treaty resorted to war in violation of its terms, the other parties should be released automatically from their obligations toward that party under the treaty.

I also pointed out that respect for the obligations arising out of the Covenant of the League of Nations and of the Locarno treaties was the foundation of the policy of the Government of this country and that they could not agree to any new treaty which would weaken or undermine these engagements.

The stipulation now inserted in the preamble under which any signatory power hereafter seeking to promote its national interests by resorting to war against another signatory is to be denied the benefits furnished by the treaty is satisfactory to my Government, and is sufficient to meet the first point mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

His Majesty's Government in Great Britain do not consider after mature reflection that the fulfillment of the obligations which they have undertaken in the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Treaty of Locarno is precluded by their acceptance of the proposed treaty. They concur in the view enunciated by the German Government in their note of the 27th April that those obligations do not contain anything which could conflict with the treaty proposed by the United States Government.

General Invitation Suggested.

My Government have noted with peculiar satisfaction that all the parties to the Locarno Treaty are now invited to become original signatories of the new treaty and it is clearly the wish of the United States Government that all members of the League should become parties either by signature or accession. In order that as many States as possible may participate in the new movement, I trust that a general invitation will be extended to them to do so.

As regards the passage in my note of the 19th May relating to certain regions of which the welfare and integrity constitute a special and vital interest for our peace and safety, I need only repeat that His Majesty's Government in Great Britain accept the new treaty upon the understanding that it does not prejudice their freedom of action in this respect.

I am entirely in accord with the views expressed by Mr. Kellogg in his speech of April 28 that the proposed treaty does not restrict or impair in any way the right of self-defense, as also with his opinion that each State alone is competent to decide when circumstances necessitate recourse to war for that purpose.

In the light of the foregoing explanations His Majesty's Government in Great Britain are glad to join with the United States and with all other Governments similarly disposed in signing a definitive treaty for the renunciation of war as transmitted in your note of June 23. They rejoice to be associated with the Government of the United States of America and the other parties to the proposed treaty in a further and signal advance in the outlawry of war.

I have the honor to be, with high consideration, sir, your obedient servant.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

The Reply of Canada.

The reply of Canada read as follows:

Ottawa, July 18 1928.

Sir: I desire to acknowledge your note of June 23 and the revised draft which it contained of the treaty for the renunciation of war, and to state that His Majesty's Government in Canada cordially accepts the treaty as revised and is prepared to participate in its signature.

Accept sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

W. L. MacKENZIE KING.

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Note on Behalf of Australia.

The note in behalf of Australia was as follows:

July 18 1928.

Sir: In the note which you were so good as to address to me on June 23 last you stated that the Government of the United States would be glad to be informed whether His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia were willing to join with the United States and other similarly disposed Governments in signing a definite treaty for the renunciation of war in the form of the draft treaty enclosed in your note.

I now beg leave to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia have given the most careful consideration to your note above mentioned and to the revised draft treaty which accompanied it, and that they accept the assurance given by the United States Secretary of State that the right of self-defense of a signatory State will not be impaired in any way by acceptance of the proposed treaty.

The Commonwealth Government have further observed that it is stated in your note of June 23 that the preamble to the revised treaty accords express recognition to the principle that if one signatory State resorts

to war in violation of the treaty the other signatory States will be released from their obligations under the treaty to that State. They accept this declaration that the preamble in this respect is to be taken as a part of the substantive provisions of the treaty itself.

They have also particularly examined the draft treaty from the point of view of its relationship to the Covenant of the League of Nations and in this connection have come to the conclusion that it is not inconsistent with the latter instrument.

His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia add that the foregoing are the only questions to which the proposed treaty gives rise in which they are especially interested.

As the text of the treaty which has now been submitted is completely satisfactory to them so far as these specific points are concerned, they will be quite agreeable to signing it in its present form.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

Note on Behalf of New Zealand.

The text of the reply for New Zealand follows:

July 18 1928.

Sir: In the note which you were so good as to address to me on June 23 last, you stated that the Government of the United States would be glad to be informed whether his Majesty's Government in New Zealand were willing to join with the United States and other similarly disposed Governments in signing a definite treaty for the renunciation of war in the form of the draft treaty enclosed in your note No. 2.

I now beg leave to inform you that his Majesty's Government in New Zealand desire to associate themselves with the terms of the note which I have had the honor to address to you today notifying you of the willingness of his Majesty's Government in Great Britain to sign a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war as proposed by the Government of the United States.

His Majesty's Government in New Zealand desire me to add that they will have the utmost satisfaction, in co-operation with his Majesty's Governments in other parts of the British Empire, in joining with the Government of the United States and with all other Governments similarly disposed in signing a treaty in the form proposed.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

The Answer for South Africa.

The answer in behalf of the Union of South Africa was as follows:

July 18 1928.

Sir: In the note which you were so good as to address to me on June 23 last you stated that the Government of the United States would be glad to be informed whether his Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa were willing to join with the United States and other similarly disposed Governments in signing a definite treaty for the renunciation of war in the form of the draft treaty enclosed in your note No. 2. I now beg leave to inform you that the following message has been received by telegraph from General Hertzog, Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa, for communication to you.

"On behalf of his Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa, I have the honor to inform you that my Government have given their most serious consideration to the new draft treaty for the renunciation of war submitted in your note of the 23d June and to the observations accompanying it.

"My Government note with great satisfaction:

"(a) That it is common cause that the right of legitimate self-defense is not affected by the terms of the new draft.

"(b) That according to the preamble any signatory who shall seek to promote its national interests by resorting to war shall forfeit the benefits of the treaty; and

"(c) That the treaty is open to accession by all powers of the world.

"My Government have further examined the question whether the provisions of the present draft are inconsistent with the terms of the covenant of the League of Nations, by which they are bound, and have come to the conclusion that this is not the case and that the objects which the League of Nations was constituted to serve can best be promoted by members of the League of Nations participating in the proposed treaty.

"His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa have therefore very great pleasure in expressing their willingness to sign, together with all other powers which might be similarly inclined, the treaty in the form proposed in your note under reference."

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

Note on Behalf of India.

The note on behalf of India read as follows:

July 18 1928.

Sir: In the note which you were so good as to address to me on June 23 last, you stated that the Government of the United States would be glad to be informed whether the Government of India were willing to join with the United States and other similarly disposed Governments in signing a definite treaty for the renunciation of war in the form of the draft treaty enclosed in your note No. 2.

I now beg leave to inform you that the Government of India associate themselves wholeheartedly and most gladly with the terms of the note which I have had the honor to transmit to you today notifying you of the willingness of his Majesty's Government in Great Britain to sign a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war as proposed by the Government of the United States.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

The unqualified acceptance by Japan of the Kellogg anti-war treaty was received by the State Department on July 20 in a note from the Tokio Premier and Foreign Minister which congratulated the American Government upon the success which has met its efforts for outlawing war. "The Imperial Government," said Baron Tanaka, "are proud to be among the first to be associated with a movement so plainly in unison with the hopes everywhere entertained, and confidentially concur with the high probability of the acceptance of this simple and magnanimous treaty by the whole civilized world."

Text of the Japanese Note.

The text of the Japanese note received by the State Department was as follows:

Tokio, July 20 1928.

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 23d ultimo, in which you recall to my attention your Government's identic note of the 13th of April of this year, enclosing together with certain cor-

respondence, the preliminary draft of a treaty, and inquiring whether this Government were in a position to give favorable consideration to the latter.

Your note under reply further recalls that on the 20th of April the Government of the French Republic circulated among the interested Governments an alternative draft treaty, and that on the 25th of April the Secretary of State of the United States of America explained fully the construction placed by that Government on their own draft, in view of the matter emphasized in the French alternative.

You now further inform me that the British, German and Italian Governments have replied to your Government's notes of the 13th April last and that the Governments of the British self-governing Dominions and of India have likewise replied to invitations addressed to them on the suggestion of His Britannic Majesty's Government in Great Britain; and you observe that none of these Governments has expressed any dissent from the construction above referred to, or any disapproval of the principle underlying the proposals, nor have they suggested any specific modifications of the text of the draft; and you proceed to reinforce in detail the explanations made by the Secretary of State in his speech of April 28.

You then transmit for the consideration of this Government the revised draft of a multilateral treaty, which takes in the British self-governing Dominions, India and all parties to the Locarno Treaty, as original parties, and in the preamble of which is included a statement which is directed to recognizing the principle that, if a State goes to war in violation of the Treaty, the other contracting powers are released from their obligations under the Treaty to that State.

Such a multilateral treaty, as so revised, you are instructed to state your Government are ready to sign at once, and you express the fervent hope that this Government will be able promptly to indicate greatest readiness to accept it in this form without qualification or reservation. You conclude by expressing the desire of the Government of the United States to know whether my Government are prepared to join with the United States and other similarly disposed Governments in signing a definitive treaty in the form so transmitted.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the Japanese Government are happy to be able to give their full concurrence to the alteration now proposed, their understanding of the original draft submitted to them in April last being, as I intimated in my note to His Excellency, Mr. MacVeagh, dated the 26th of May, 1928, substantially the same as that entertained by the Government of the United States. They are therefore ready to have produced instructions for the signature, on that footing, of the treaty in the form in which it is now proposed.

I cannot conclude without congratulating your Government most warmly upon the rapid and general acceptance which their proposals have met with. The Imperial Government are proud to be among the first to be associated with a movement so plainly in unison with the hopes everywhere entertained, and confidently concur with the high probability of the acceptance of this simple and magnanimous treaty by the whole civilized world.

I beg you, Monsieur le Charge D'Affairs, to accept the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

BARON GIICHI TANAKA,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Negotiations for the adoption of the multilateral anti-war treaty were concluded on July 21 with the receipt by the State Department of a note from Dr. Eduard Benes, the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister, setting forth the readiness of his Government to sign the compact as it now stands.

Text of Czechoslovak Note.

In his note accepting for Czechoslovakia, Foreign Minister Benes expressed pleasure that the governments that had signed the Locarno compacts had been invited to participate. The note was addressed to Lewis Einstein, the American Minister at Prague, and read as follows:

July 20 1928.

Mr. Minister: I have had the honor of receiving Your Excellency's letter of June 23 by which the Government of the United States invites the Government of Czechoslovak Republic to sign the proposed treaty for the renunciation of war. The same invitation was transmitted to our representative in Washington.

The letter contains in addition to the integral text of the proposed treaty a commentary on the text which explains the remarks of the French Government and indicates in detail the meaning and the significance which the Government of the United States attaches to the multilateral treaty in the event of the treaty's signature, ratification and enactment.

I have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency by this note the reply to the Czechoslovak Government.

(1) First I would very respectfully thank the Government of the United States for having addressed its invitation to us. From the beginning we have followed the negotiations between the French and American Governments on the subject of the pact for the renunciation of war with the greatest sympathy and attention, and were ready at any moment to associate ourselves with this noble undertaking, which marks a memorable date in the history of the world after the war.

In our negotiations, which I have had the honor during the last few months, to carry on with the representatives of the United States, France and Great Britain, I have several times emphasized the importance of this act and the political necessity of associating thereto also the other Powers and especially those who have assumed obligations by their negotiations at Locarno in 1925.

The Government of the United States agreed fully in this with the other Powers and has been good enough to recognize the justice of this point of view and addressed to us its invitation. The Czechoslovak Government attributes thereto a considerable political importance and warmly thanks the Washington Government.

2. In accordance with the negotiations prior to the signing of the treaty, as well as by the changes made in the preamble from the original text, and from the explanations contained in Your Excellency's letter of June 23 1928, it is clear that there is nothing in this treaty in opposition either to the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations, nor with those of the Locarno treaties or the neutrality treaties, nor in general with the obligations contained in existing treaties which the Czechoslovak Republic has hitherto made.

3. From the explanations given in Your Excellency's letter it is further brought out that any violation of the multilateral treaty by one of the contracting parties would free entirely the other signatory powers from their obligations towards the power which might have violated the stipulations of this treaty. It is furthermore apparent that the right of self-defense is in no way weakened nor restricted by the obligations of the new treaty and that each power is entirely free to defend itself according to its will and its necessities against attack and foreign invasion.

4. As thus defined both in the text of the preamble and in the statements of Your Excellency's letter, the goal of the new treaty, according to the opinion of the Czechoslovak Republic, is to consolidate and maintain peaceful relations and peaceful and friendly collaboration under the contractual terms in which these have to-day been established between the interested nations. By their signatures, the contracting parties will renounce war as an instrument of their national policy aimed to satisfy their selfish interests.

This would be an immense benefit for humanity, and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic rejoices to see that the American Government is ready to offer participation in this treaty, on the one hand to the powers who are parties to the neutrality treaties, and on the other to all other powers, in order to invest it with as universal a character as possible.

5. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic having noted everything contained in your Excellency's note, expresses its point of view on this subject as shown in the foregoing, thus confirming the explanations of your note of June 23 1928.

It is very happy to be able to reply in the affirmative to the invitation of the Washington Government and thanking it again and most particularly for its generous efforts toward consolidating and maintaining world peace, declares that it is now ready to sign the text of the multilateral treaty in accordance with the proposition of His Excellency Mr. Kellogg, as set forth in Your Excellency's letter of June 23 1928.

I venture to add that the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic gladly associates itself with all those who have rendered warm homage to the noble manifestation of world peace made by the Government of the United States and that the foreign policy of our country sees therein the realization of the ends which it has pursued for ten years.

Pray accept Mr. Minister, the expressions of my highest consideration.
EDUARD BENES.

The multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war will not entangle the United States in European affairs nor entail any obligations under the League of Nations, the Secretary of State, Frank B. Kellogg, stated orally July 21. Mr. Kellogg's view was made known in connection with reports received from Paris in which it was said that "all Europe regards the treaty as bridging the diplomatic gap" and that "the sponsorship of the anti-war treaty places on the United States a much greater responsibility than it would have borne as a member of the League of Nations."

The multilateral treaty requires no affirmative action of any kind on our part, Secretary Kellogg explained, and will no more involve the United States in European affairs nor in the League of Nations than the arbitration treaties which we have signed with most of Europe.

Secretary of State Kellogg Ready to Conduct Negotiations With the Nationalist Government of China.

Readiness of the United States to enter into negotiations at once with the Nationalist Government of China "in reference to the tariff provisions of the treaties between the United States and China" with a view of concluding a new treaty, was set forth in a note which Secretary Kellogg has transmitted to John Van A. MacMurray, Minister in Peking, for delivery to the Nationalist Foreign Office. The note was a reply to a communication on July 11 from Chao Chu-wu, former Nationalist Foreign Minister, who has been here in the United States for several weeks in the interests of his Government asking for tariff negotiations. It is of first importance in that it treats the Nationalists as the one Government in China, and was accompanied by informal assurances by Secretary Kellogg that by it, and the negotiations for settlement of the Nanking incident last March, the United States has accorded de facto recognition to the Nationalist Government.

The text of the note of Secretary Kellogg, which was made public July 25, is as follows:

Events in China have moved with great rapidity during the past few months. The American Government and people have continued to observe them with deep and sympathetic interest.

Early in the year the American Minister to China made a trip through the Yangtze Valley region and while in Shanghai exchanged on March 30 1928, with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government notes in settlement of the unfortunate Nanking incident of Mar. 24 1927.

In pursuance of the terms therein agreed upon, a Sino-American joint commission has been entrusted with the appraisal of damages suffered by the American nationals during that occurrence.

On Jan. 27 1927, I made a statement of the position of the United States toward China. To it I have often subsequently had occasion to refer in reaffirmation of the position of this Government. I stated therein that the United States was then, and from the moment of the negotiation of the Washington treaty had been prepared to enter into negotiations with any Government of China or delegates who could represent or speak for China, not only for putting into force the surtaxes of the Washington Treaty but for restoring to China complete tariff autonomy.

Ever since the American Government has watched with increasing interest the developments pointing toward co-ordination of the different factions in China and the establishment of a Government with which the United States could enter into negotiations. Informed through press dispatches and through official reports which have from time to time been released to the press, the American people also have observed with eager interest these developments.

In a note addressed by the American Minister to China to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government at Nanking on Mar. 30 of the present year, in reply to a suggestion of the latter concerning revision of existing treaties, reference was made to the sympathy felt by the Government and people of the United States with the desire of the Chinese people to develop a sound national life of their own and to realize their aspirations for a sovereignty so far as possible unrestricted by obligations of an exceptional character, and it was stated that the American Government looked forward to the hope that there might be developed an administration so

far representative of the Chinese people as to be capable of assuring the actual fulfillment of any obligations which China would of necessity have for its part to assume incidentally to readjustment of treaty relations.

In a communication addressed to me under date July 11 1928, Mr. Chao Chu-wu informs me that the Nationalist Government has decided to appoint plenipotentiary delegates for the purpose of treaty negotiations and that he is instructed to request that the Government of the United States likewise appoint delegates for that purpose.

The good-will of the United States toward China is proverbial and the American Government and people welcome every advance made by the Chinese in the direction of unity, peace and progress.

We do not believe in interference in their internal affairs. We ask of them only that which we look for from every nation with which we maintain friendly intercourse; specifically, proper and adequate protection of American citizens, their property and their lawful rights and, in general, treatment in no way discriminatory as compared with the treatment accorded to the interests of nationals of any other country.

With a deep realization of the nature of the tremendous difficulties confronting the Chinese nation, I am impelled to affirm my belief that a new and unified China is in process of emerging from the chaos of civil war and turmoil which has distressed that country for many years. Certainly this is the hope of the people of the United States.

An earnest of the belief and the conviction that the welfare of all the peoples concerned will be promoted by the creation in China of a responsible authority which will undertake to speak to and for the nation, I am happy now to state that the American Government is ready to begin at once, through the American Minister to China negotiations with properly accredited representatives whom the Nationalist Government may appoint, in reference to the tariff provisions of the treaties between the United States and China, with a view to concluding a new treaty in which it may be expected that full expression will be given reciprocally to the principle of national tariff autonomy and to the principle that the commerce of each of the contracting parties shall enjoy in the ports and the territories of the other treatment in no way discriminatory as compared with the treatment accorded to the commerce of any other country.

U. S. and China Sign New Tariff Pact—Accord Providing For Full Autonomy Effective January 1 if Ratified By Then.

Associated Press advices from Washington last night, published in the New York "Evening Post" stated that a new tariff treaty with China making effective "complete national tariff autonomy" January 1, 1929, if ratified by that time, was signed at Peking, July 25. The text of the pact was made public yesterday by the State Department without comment. It was signed by Minister MacMurray and T. V. Soong, Nationalist Minister of Finance of the Chinese Republic, on the day following Secretary Kellogg's public announcement of American willingness to negotiate such a treaty.

The signature of the treaty itself it is pointed out constitutes a form of de facto recognition of the Nationalist Government by the United States. Article 1 of the new treaty provides: That all previous unequal tariff treaties between China and the United States shall be annulled and the principle of complete national tariff autonomy apply subject "to the condition that each of the high contracting parties shall enjoy in the territories of the other treatment in no way discriminatory as compared with treatment accorded to any other country." To supplement this general statement, Article 1, continues:

"The Nationalists of neither of the high contracting parties shall be compelled under any pretext whatever to pay within the territories of the other party any duties, internal charges or taxes upon their importations or exportations other or higher than those paid by nationals of the country or by nationals of any other country."

The text of the treaty it is stated formally adopts the new nationalist name of Peiping for Peking.

President Appoints Roy West Secretary of the Interior to Succeed Dr. Hubert Work—Lauds the Latter.

Roy O. West of Chicago, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Republican National Committee, was named by President Coolidge on July 20 as Secretary of the Interior to succeed Dr. Hubert Work, who resigned to become Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Mr. West is an old personal and political friend of the President. In addition to his post as Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee Mr. West is Republican National Committeeman from Illinois, a member of his party's Executive Committee and was, up to June, Secretary of the Republican National Committee for four years. Newspaper dispatches point out that entering politics almost thirty-five years ago, Mr. West's experience in that line is comparable to that of Dr. Work and Postmaster General New, two other Cabinet members in the Coolidge Administration.

The new Secretary is a lawyer, born in Illinois sixty years ago. He is a graduate of DePauw University and started his political career when he became Assistant County Attorney of Cook County at the age of 26. He was Chairman of the Illinois State Republican Committee five times

and was a member of the Republican National Committee from 1912 to 1916.

Mr. West expects to be at his new post in Washington Monday morning, July 30. In talking to newspaper men, he said:

"I appreciate the honor of the appointment to President Coolidge's Cabinet, and shall go to Washington immediately to familiarize myself with the great office for which I have been chosen."

Mr. West expects to devote his entire time to his new duties as Secretary of the Interior and for that reason will surrender the post of Vice-Chairman of the Financial Committee of the Republican National Committee. It also is believed that he will drop out of the Illinois campaign, although he may be consulted with reference to it by Chairman Work.

Great praise was bestowed upon Dr. Hubert Work when President Coolidge wrote to him on July 24, formally accepting his resignation as Secretary of the Interior. Dr. Work has become the chairman of the Republican National Committee. The President wrote:

Dear Mr. Secretary:—Your resignation as Secretary of the Interior, given me some days ago, is accepted to take effect on the qualification of your successor.

I wish to thank you for the loyal service you have rendered to the country during the time which you have been at the head of the important Department of the Interior. Your management of that great office has been exceedingly satisfactory and I am sure you will always view it with a good deal of satisfaction to yourself, in the knowledge that it was a real contribution to the administration of public affairs.

You can feel that you are leaving the department in a high state of efficiency, which will be reflected in the success of its efforts for some years to come.

I also wish to add my appreciation of your constant and unflinching consideration toward me personally and your loyal co-operation in carrying out the policies of the Administration.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

President Coolidge Appoints Members of Boulder Dam Board.

The Department of the Interior announced on July 20 that certificates of appointment had been issued by Secretary Work to the three engineers and two geologists who were invited two weeks ago to become members of the Board authorized by Congress "to examine the proposed site of the dam (Boulder or Black Canyon of the Colorado River) and review the plans and estimates made therefor, and to advise him prior to Dec. 1 1928, as to matters affecting the safety, the economic and engineering feasibility, and adequacy of the proposed structure and incidental works." The membership of the Board as finally constituted is as follows: Major General William L. Sibert, United States Army, retired; D. W. Mead, Engineer, Madison, Wis.; Robert Ridgeway, Engineer, of New York; Charles P. Berkey, Geologist, of New York, and W. J. Mead, Geologist, of Madison, Wis.

Favorable responses to all the invitations to serve on the Board have been received by Secretary Work. They have gone to the President who has given them his formal approval. The personnel of the Board is thus finally set up. It is probable that the first meeting of the Board will be held in Washington at an early date. The mass of the information to be considered, however, is located in Denver and the major study may be made from that point. Visits to the proposed dam site may be made from Denver. The Board, however, is independent and the method of its study rests entirely in its discretion.

John J. Raskob Resigns as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Motors Corp. in Order to Conduct the Democratic Presidential Campaign.

Alfred P. Sloan, President of the General Motors Corp., announced on Tuesday that John J. Raskob, now Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, had resigned as Chairman of the Corporation's Finance Committee and that the resignation had been accepted. Mr. Sloan made public a letter received by him from Mr. Raskob, in which the latter declared it was desirable for the public to know "that the corporation is not, and in the nature of things cannot be, in politics." His resignation does not cover his position as Vice-President and member of the Board of Directors, which he retains. Mr. Sloan's statement, given out at the General Motors Building, Broadway and Fifty-seventh Street, to which Governor Smith's campaign headquarters is being moved, follows:

The resignation of John J. Raskob, Chairman of our Finance Committee, has been under consideration and, it being to the interest of both the

corporation and Mr. Raskob to accept same, this has been done with the greatest regret on the part of the entire organization.

The attached correspondence states the facts in the case.

The first letter attached to the statement is dated July 23, and is directed to Mr. Sloan, who is addressed as "Dear Alfred."

I am tendering you herewith my resignation as chairman of our finance committee, as a member thereof, and as a member of the executive committee, effective as of the date hereof.

In the first place I find that the duties imposed upon me as chairman of the National Democratic Committee are such as to take all of my time and effort during the ensuing Presidential campaign. Moreover, it is desirable for the public to know, as everybody in General Motors should appreciate, that the corporation is not, and in the nature of things cannot be in politics. While all of its officers and employees are, of course, entitled to their individual views, the corporation must not be put in the light of taking sides for or against political parties, personages or questions.

"Lest, therefore, there should be the slightest misapprehension in the public mind on this score and in order to enable me to devote all my energies free from any restraint to the very arduous political duty which I have assumed, I am asking to be relieved of all my duties in connection with the corporation's affairs.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. RASKOB.

Mr. Sloan's letter in reply dated July 24, and addressed to "Dear John," follows:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of July 23 tendering your resignation as chairman of our finance committee, as a member thereof and as a member of the executive committee.

In view of your conviction that your duties as chairman of the National Democratic Committee will monopolize your time during the Presidential campaign, and on account of the importance to the corporation as well as to yourself in making it unmistakably clear that the corporation takes no part in political affairs, we are constrained to accept your request to be relieved from all your duties in connection with the corporation.

It is the unanimously expressed hope and expectation that you will resume your duties after the Presidential campaign is over. On our part, as a corporation, we recognize the necessity of always keeping clear of politics, which is no concern of ours, at the same time recognizing to the full the right of all of our officers, employees, dealers and stockholders to take their individual stands on political questions as they think best.

Sincerely yours,

ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.

Unfavorable Criticism.

The New York "Evening Post" in its issue of July 24 noted that an interesting discussion of the General Motors case was sent out by the Dow, Jones financial ticker service just before the Raskob resignation was announced. This read:

General Motors Corporation officials and directors have been discussing at various meetings held over the past week or so the unusual situation which has arisen since John J. Raskob, Chairman of the finance committee, accepted the post of National Chairman of the Democratic National Party to lead in Smith's campaign for the Presidency. This action has had an unfavorable effect on public sentiment toward the corporation, according to some of the dominant interests in its affairs.

Because of Mr. Raskob's prominent position and the fact that on many occasions in the past he has acted as the corporation's spokesman, the public has looked upon his recent personal political utterances as indicative of the General Motors position in the Presidential campaign.

The problem which officials and directors have been considering is the best method to impress upon public sentiment the fact that General Motors is not playing politics and that there is just as much difference of personal opinion on the respective merits of Presidential candidates and campaign issues among officials of General Motors as there is among any other representative group of business men.

No Disagreement.

Discussing this problem, officials said no definite decision has been reached on whether a strong statement of policy by the corporation would be sufficient to set public opinion straight in this matter, or whether more decisive action, such as Mr. Raskob's withdrawal from the corporation, would be needed. One director said he expected a decision would be reached in the next 48 hours but did not know whether it would involve Mr. Raskob's resignation from the corporation.

While rumors in the financial district concerning Mr. Raskob's possible resignation from General Motors have indicated that some friction and disagreement has developed among officials of the corporation, this is not the case. When unfavorable reaction against General Motors set in, Mr. Raskob was among the first to recognize that some action was necessary to disabuse the public mind from the idea that there was any relationship between his personal politics and General Motors' business policies.

When the matter was discussed, the difficulty which arose was as to what steps could be taken which would protect not only interests of the corporation, but also the political position of Mr. Raskob personally. Officials who have been considering the matter do not wish to embarrass Mr. Raskob's position as Democratic Chairman, but both Mr. Raskob and his associates agree that General Motors' interests in this matter deserve principal consideration and Mr. Raskob has been co-operating 100% in the attempt to find a solution which will fully protect the interests of General Motors.

The New York "Times" in its news columns on July 25, in reporting the matter, had the following to say:

The resignation of Mr. Raskob as an executive of the General Motors Corporation came as a surprise to the public and his associates in the campaign to elect Governor Smith President, but not to those associated with him in business. Immediately after his election as Democratic National Chairman, criticism of his acceptance of the position and his retention of his General Motors posts was said to have been made by some of his colleagues on the General Motors directorate and, according to a dispatch from Detroit, this led to a discussion of the advisability of his resignation as finance committee head by some of his associate directors.

Hoover Backers on Board.

Charles T. and Fred J. Fisher, Vice-Presidents of the General Motors Corporation; Lawrence P. Fisher, President of the Cadillac Motor Corporation, and William A. Fisher, President of the Fisher Body Corporation, all of whom are General Motors Corporation directors, are understood to be ardent supporters of Herbert Hoover, Republican nominee for President. They and other directors were said to have objected to a situation which they believed might make it appear that the corporation was back of Gov-

ernor Smith's candidacy for President. Members of some of the banking groups in General Motors were said to have expressed agreement with the view that Mr. Raskob should retire from his duties in the active management of the corporation during the campaign. George F. Baker, Jr. of the First National Bank, Seward Prosser of the Bankers Trust Co. and Junius S. Morgan, Jr. and George Whitney of J. P. Morgan & Co. have been associated with Mr. Raskob on the General Motors finance committee.

Mr. Raskob originally intended to continue as the General Motors financial head. This was evident when he insisted upon his headquarters of the Democratic National Committee being located in the General Motors Building at 1775 Broadway, so that he could work at both jobs. This headquarters, incidentally, is to be opened to-day.

More recently Mr. Raskob, it was said, became convinced that his original plan of trying to function both as Democratic National Chairman and General Motors financial head was inadvisable. In his letter of resignation to Mr. Sloan Mr. Raskob gave as his reasons the discovery that the duties of National Chairman would require all his time and his desire that the public should not be under the misapprehension that the General Motors Corporation was in politics.

The information in Wall Street was that Mr. Raskob decided on his resignation several days ago after discussions with associates in General Motors extending over several days. Mr. Raskob and his associates had heard, it is understood, that there was some criticism of his connection with the Democratic campaign while he continued to head the Finance Committee. This criticism, most of it of the whispered variety, appeared in Wall Street soon after Mr. Raskob became Chairman.

It was said in Wall Street that Mr. Raskob, as one of the largest stockholders in General Motors, made the final decision in the matter and did it willingly and without any outside pressure.

For the time being, it is understood, Donaldson Brown, Vice President in charge of finance and a member of the Finance and Executive committees, will take over most of Mr. Raskob's work. At the General Motors offices yesterday it was said that the Finance Committee had not chosen a successor to Mr. Raskob and it was not known when that action would be taken. It was reported that Mr. Brown would serve as Acting Chairman and that the permanent chairmanship would remain open until Mr. Raskob's return.

Liquidation Not Confirmed.

It was widely reported that Mr. Raskob was liquidating some of his stock holdings in General Motors, but these reports were not confirmed. Financial interests did not credit the story and ascribed it to bear traders seeking to depress the stock. General Motors was heavy on the Stock Exchange yesterday, falling from the high of 187½, at which it opened, to a low of 184½, and closing at 185½, with a net loss of 1½ points. The weakness was attributed in some quarters to Mr. Raskob's resignation.

The extent of Mr. Raskob's holdings in General Motors never has been disclosed, but he is known to be one of the largest individual holders of the stock. The du Pont interests, with whom he has been closely associated for years, virtually control the corporation through the ownership of about 25% of its common stock. This is the largest amount of stock held by any one group. Mr. Raskob is looked upon as the du Pont representative in the General Motors organization.

Mr. Raskob also is a large stockholder in a number of other enterprises, among them the United States Steel Corp. It has been reported at various times that he was to be elected a director of United States Steel. Some time ago Mr. Raskob was elected a director of the American International Corp., one of the largest holders of securities in the country.

In Wall Street Mr. Raskob has been regarded as the spokesman of General Motors on financial matters. His public statements on a number of occasions have stimulated buying enthusiasm in General Motors shares. The most recent instance of this was in March when, upon sailing for Europe, a statement by him was interpreted to mean that General Motors common should sell at "fifteen times its earnings." His remarks at that time started a lively demonstration in General Motors that spread to other departments of the market.

American Bar Association Would Permit Oil Companies to Enter into Co-operative Agreements.

The American Bar Association, in convention at Seattle, went on record July 26 after a heated debate as favoring national legislation to permit oil companies to enter into agreements for the co-operative development and operation of oil pools and, in cases of emergency, for the curtailment of oil production, without rendering themselves liable to prosecution under the anti-trust laws. The proposed law, drawn up by the mineral law section of the association in conjunction with the American Petroleum Institute and the Federal Oil Conservation Board, is designed to promote conservation of petroleum and natural gas. Its principal provisions according to dispatch from Seattle dated July 26 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," are:

"No agreement by two or more persons for the co-operative development and operation of an oil and gas pool shall be deemed in violation of any of the Acts of Congress forbidding monopolies or agreements in restraint of interstate commerce," and

"Agreements between oil producers for the curtailment of the drilling of oil wells and of the production of oil during periods of over production, as such periods are determined and declared by the Federal Oil Conservation Board, shall, when made in compliance with the conditions hereinafter provided, be deemed not in violation of any act of Congress forbidding monopolies or agreements in restraint of interstate or foreign commerce."

The association defeated a resolution favoring a new copyright law which would permit the United States to join the international copyright convention. The proposed law was attacked because of the automatic copyright laws prevailing abroad, to which the United States would have to subscribe. A resolution was adopted it is stated favoring the passage by all States of uniform laws relating to public utilities, business corporations, reciprocal tax transfers and veterans' guardianship.

Chicago's Transit Problem Unlike That of New York—F. J. Lisman Points Out Differences, Adding "Politics Is Politics" in Chicago or New York.

The street railway problems of New York and Chicago are as opposite as the poles, F. J. Lisman, New York banker

and author of the Lisman Plan for the solution of Chicago's traction problems, points out in the current number of "Barron's." He says:

In New York the companies have perpetual franchises, they have no net earnings, and their properties are in poor physical condition. In Chicago the companies' franchises have expired, they have large net earnings, and their properties are in excellent condition.

The Chicago transit situation is quite different from New York's in that the surface lines of Chicago carry about 2,500,000 people a day while the elevated lines carry only about 620,000 a day. The elevated lines apparently cannot increase their revenues on account of the tremendous congestion in the central part of the city known as the Loop. It seems to be impossible to run more trains into the Loop without increasing facilities. These increased facilities should be by way of subways, because the people will have no more elevated lines in the Loop District. However, the construction of the subways is mixed up with the franchise question and politics.

Chicago will be 100 years old in 1933 and expects to hold a grand centennial to celebrate its unique history of having developed from nothing into what is probably the world's third largest city. Unless the transportation situation is promptly and properly dealt with it will be utterly impossible to handle the crowds which are reasonably expected to visit the city during that year. In fact, the congestion under the present normal traffic is bad enough.

The problem for the Chicago City Council is this: Shall they grant a twenty-year franchise now? The companies have said they cannot accept it. No doubt they do not want to accept it so long as there is a chance of getting a longer one. Shall the city wait until 1929 when the legislature meets, in the hope that the legislature will pass laws authorizing indeterminate or perpetual franchises?

To commence new subways in 1929 will probably be too late for completion by 1933.

The Chicago franchise question is a matter which could have been settled by business men long ago, but "politics is politics," whether it be Chicago or New York.

Roman Catholics in the United States Number 18,604,850—Gain of 2,883,035 Members From 1916 to 1926 Reported to Census Bureau—3,115,424 in New York State.

The Roman Catholic population of the United States in 1926 was 18,604,850, as compared with 15,721,815 in 1916, a gain in ten years of 2,883,035, according to census returns made public on July 24 by the Department of Commerce. The totals include all baptized persons on the church rolls in the two census years. The memberships of some of the other leading church denominations for 1926, heretofore made public by the Department of Commerce, is given as follows: Congregational, 901,846; Protestant Episcopal, 1,858,966; Disciples of Christ, 1,377,595; Northern Baptist Convention, 1,290,438; Presbyterian, 1,894,030; Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 2,487,694; Methodist Episcopal Church, 4,080,777, and Jewish congregations, 4,087,357.

The returns show that the Catholic population is centred largely in the cities, although widely distributed among the States. On the other hand, there were more Catholic churches in the country than in the cities. The urban Catholic population in 1926 was 14,809,142 and the rural 3,795,708. New York led the States in the total of Catholic population in 1926 with 3,115,424, as compared with 2,745,552 in 1916. Pennsylvania was second with 2,124,229 Catholics in 1926 and 1,830,532 in 1916. Massachusetts was third among the States in Catholic population in 1926. It had 1,629,424 in 1926 and 1,410,208 in 1916. Other States with a Catholic population in excess of 1,000,000 in 1926 were New Jersey and Illinois.

The distribution of Catholic population by States in 1926, with comparable figures for 1916, is shown in the following table:

State—	1926.	1916.	State—	1926.	1916.
Maine.....	173,893	148,530	West Virginia.....	71,265	60,337
New Hampshire.....	146,646	136,020	North Carolina.....	6,900	4,989
Vermont.....	89,424	78,178	South Carolina.....	9,036	9,514
Massachusetts.....	1,629,424	1,410,208	Georgia.....	17,871	18,214
Rhode Island.....	325,375	261,312	Florida.....	39,379	24,650
Connecticut.....	557,747	483,834	Kentucky.....	177,069	160,185
New York.....	3,115,424	2,745,552	Tennessee.....	24,876	23,015
New Jersey.....	1,055,998	790,764	Alabama.....	36,019	37,482
Pennsylvania.....	2,124,229	1,830,532	Mississippi.....	32,705	32,160
Ohio.....	972,109	843,856	Louisiana.....	24,743	21,120
Indiana.....	312,194	272,288	Oklahoma.....	587,946	509,910
Illinois.....	1,352,719	1,171,381	Texas.....	46,723	47,427
Michigan.....	844,106	575,117	Arkansas.....	555,898	402,574
Wisconsin.....	657,511	595,836	Idaho.....	74,224	78,113
Minnesota.....	475,809	415,664	Wyoming.....	23,143	17,947
Iowa.....	287,066	262,513	Idaho.....	18,772	12,801
Missouri.....	517,466	445,352	Colorado.....	125,757	104,982
North Dakota.....	104,195	95,859	New Mexico.....	174,287	177,727
South Dakota.....	97,077	72,113	Arizona.....	96,471	84,742
Nebraska.....	154,889	135,537	Utah.....	14,595	10,000
Kansas.....	171,178	128,948	Nevada.....	8,447	8,742
Delaware.....	36,696	30,183	Washington.....	121,249	97,418
Maryland.....	233,969	219,530	Oregon.....	55,574	49,728
District of Columbia	67,348	51,421	California.....	720,803	494,539
Virginia.....	38,605	36,671			

John Moody Chary About Giving Advice—Declares in Address There Is Nothing to "Inside Information"—Urges Study of Fundamentals Back of All Securities.

According to the New York "Times" of July 25, John Moody, publisher of Moody's Manual, President of Moody

Investor's Service, financial analyst and author of two books on how to invest money, admitted the day before in an address to the New York Delta Upsilon Club at 22 East Thirty-eighth Street, that his thirty-eight years in Wall Street had been too short a time in which to learn how to advise others on how to make money. Mr. Moody declared there was "nothing to 'inside information,'" as his Investors' Service had been deluged with it. He advised prospective investors to learn the fundamentals back of all sorts of securities and "never forget them." He also warned against the general tendency, as he called it, to "swap, switch and trade" securities. Efforts to double one's capital in a very short time, he said, were not advisable, and "monumental patience and the courage of your convictions" were necessary to success.

Mr. Moody's hearers exhibited some surprise, the "Times" says, at his disavowal of any knowledge of a "hard-and-fast rule" for successful investments, and smiled as at a joke when he began his address by saying it seemed "ridiculous" to him to be asked to tell them how to invest their money wisely. "Years ago, at the age of 25, I thought I knew it all," said Mr. Moody. "It was then that I wrote 'The Art of Investing.' At 30 years of age I wrote 'How to Invest Money Wisely.' After the book was published a shabby old gentleman, 85 years old, called on me and asked if I were the author. When I said I was and asked him what he wanted, he replied: 'When I was 25 years old I wrote a book on how to invest money wisely, and look at me now. I actually am in need of food. I suspect that when you are my age you will be about as I am.' The old gentleman, hungry though he was, had given me food for thought.

"Now I believe that the span of human life is too brief a time in which to acquire the art of wise investing. There is, perhaps, a way to advise how to invest more or less wisely and with a minimum of risk.

"There is nothing to 'inside information' and the tendency to change investments frequently is a mistake. A sound investment and infinite patience will make money oftener. A business man with a surplus for investment should invest in high-grade securities only and those requiring no worry or attention from him. His business, after all, is his biggest speculation and he should devote his time and study to that.

"There is no set rule for investing wisely. Public utilities generally have for some time been good investments. The true investor, however, must be a person with imagination and a vision of the future.

"The investment trust seems to have been a mania in America for the last several years, although in England and Scotland the idea is very old and also very successful. The investment trust has come to stay, in this country. The investment field generally will grow tremendously within the next ten years."

2,000,000 Stockholders Now Have Nearly \$26,000,000,000 Invested in Public Utilities—Bonbright & Co., Inc. Expect Electric Power and Light Investments to Increase \$3,000,000,000 in Next Five Years.

A total of nearly \$26,000,000,000 is now invested in the public utility business of the nation, exclusive of the steam railroads, by more than 2,000,000 stockholders, according to a public utility survey made by Bonbright & Company, Inc. The largest investment in any one branch of the industry is that of the combined electric light and power and gas industries, amounting to about \$12,500,000,000. This compares with about \$6,000,000,000 in electric railroads, over \$3,800,000,000 in telephone and telegraph companies, and an amount estimated at over \$3,500,000,000 in water supply facilities.

"Although on January 1 1928, the amount of capital invested in the electric power and light industry alone was placed at \$9,500,000,000," the analysis states, "it is estimated that during the next five years this sum will increase by \$3,000,000,000. Revenues of the electric light and power industry have shown an increase in every year since its inception in 1882. Gross earnings of all these companies in the country in 1902 aggregated approximately \$85,700,000. Twenty years later they amounted to \$1,783,700,000, more than twenty times as much.

"There are many reasons why one may expect such a large increase in capital invested in electric power and light and a gain of at least one-half in gross receipts, during the next five years," the review concludes. "Most important is that more than one-third of the population of the United States still lives in unwired homes. In addition more

than 90 per cent. of the farms here are not yet served by power and light companies. The advent of radio broadcasting, and of the radio with an electric socket, have opened a new field of consumption. There will also be more homes equipped with electrical devices. At present less than half of the homes wired for electricity have other domestic appliances than a flat-iron. Great steps will also be made in the electrification of railroads. Only about 1 per cent. of our total railroad mileage is now electrified. Lastly, industry will require more power from electric power and light companies. At present only half the industrial requirements are supplied by these companies."

Rollin A. Wilbur to be President of Investment Bankers' Association.

Rollin A. Wilbur, vice-president of the Herrick Company, Cleveland, and a business associate of Myron T. Herrick, American Ambassador to France, has been nominated president of the Investment Bankers Association of America for the years 1928-29. Since his nomination is tantamount to election, Mr. Wilbur will assume his office at the close of the association's annual convention to be held at Atlantic City, October 14 to 19. He will succeed Henry R. Hayes of New York, vice-president of Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc. The account regarding Mr. Wilbur's career says:

Mr. Wilbur's nomination came in recognition of his excellent record on the association's board of governors and of his services in its industrial securities committee in furthering sounder principles of industrial financing. His report on non-voting stocks, opposing their general issuance, was adopted as the Association's policy in 1926 when the subject was one of endless controversy and non-voting stocks were declared a menace. This report, calmly summing up the facts in simple paragraphs, alternately began with "For non-voting stocks," "Against non-voting stocks," was widely reprinted in news and editorial columns and a tamed "menace" at once lost interest as a cause for public alarm.

Since 1915 Mr. Wilbur has been associated with Parnely W. Herrick, founder and head of The Herrick Co. and Myron T. Herrick, American Ambassador to France. He was born in the little country town of Wellington, Ohio, and after graduation from high school went to work in a minor position in the Home Savings & Banking Co. of that place. Alternating years of work and study followed. After a year in college Mr. Wilbur returned to Wellington as assistant cashier and, later, as cashier of the First National Bank of Wellington, attending to bank duties by day and studying law at night. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1897 and moved to Cleveland.

Although he was now a practicing attorney, entitled to plead in the courts of the state, young Wilbur's ambition was not satisfied. He attended Western Reserve University Law School from which he received the degree of L. L. B. in 1900. Still unsatisfied he studied at Harvard Law School in 1901 and 1902 and then returned to Cleveland to practice law. He was general attorney for Utah Power & Light Co., Salt Lake City, 1913 to 1915. It is said that the Herrick interests were first attracted to Wilbur by his independence of mind as well as by his industry. In a disputed business problem Wilbur held to his opposing convictions so vigorously that he won his point against his subsequent associates. This was the kind of man the Herricks were looking for and the partnership offer followed.

Other nominations by the Investment Bankers Association were announced as follows:

Executive Vice-President: Alden H. Little, Chicago.
 Vice-Presidents: Frank M. Gordon, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Jerome J. Janauer, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York; Joseph L. Seybold, Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis; Joseph R. Swan, Guaranty Co. of New York, New York; Carroll J. Waddell, Drexel & Co., Philadelphia.
 Treasurer: Robert A. Gardner, Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago.
 Secretary: Clayton G. Schray, Chicago.
 Members of the board of governors: Albert E. Schwabacher, Schwabacher & Co., San Francisco; Stanley L. Yonce, Northern Trust Co., Duluth; Edward N. Jessup, Lee, Higginson & Co., New York; Kelton E. White, G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis; Herbert F. Boynton, F. S. Mosely & Co., Boston; J. A. W. Iglehart, J. A. W. Iglehart & Co., Baltimore; Thomas W. Banks, Banks, Huntley & Co., Los Angeles; James A. Eccles, Harris, Forbes & Co., Ltd., Montreal; Gustave M. Mosler, Brighton Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Gerald Parker, Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City; Dietrich Schmitz, National Bank of Commerce, Seattle; Canton O'Donnell, United States National Co., Denver.

Marine Bancorporation of Seattle—Its Purpose and Holdings Indicated.

The following "Message" to the Stockholders of the Marine Bancorporation of Seattle from Andrew Price, its President, will be found of general interest as indicating the extent of its banking control and the purpose animating the promoters:

Among other purposes the Marine Bancorporation was organized:

1. To protect the deposits of Marine Banks with a larger ratio of capital and surplus than dictated by general banking practice, and
2. To provide a means by which customers and others might acquire an interest in banks serving them and thereby share on an equitable basis in the earnings which their business helps to make possible.

The acceptance of the Marine Bancorporation idea is gaining in favor constantly—the shares of its stock are being distributed among an ever-increasing group. The original family of 168 stockholders of last September has grown until to-day it numbers close to 7,000. During the last 30 days approximately 800 additional men and women have invested in Marine Bancorporation stock. The stock transfer records of your corporation reveal a particularly healthy situation in the breaking up of a substantial number of medium size blocks of stock, which in spite of efforts to prevent such practice, apparently were bought for speculation, and the placing of these shares in the hands of permanent investors.

To further encourage an even broader distribution of your corporation's holdings, arrangements have been made through the Marine National Company to sell stock on the partial payment plan, any stock so sold to be acquired by the Marine National Company from stock now outstanding in the market.

Your directors, shortly after the date of the last message to you under date of March 31, entered into negotiations for acquisition of The National Bank of Commerce of Seattle. This bank was established in 1889, and is recognized as one of the oldest, largest and most conservative banks in the State of Washington. It numbers among its thousands of customers many of the leading business houses of Seattle and the United States.

In addition to its other holdings, the Marine Bancorporation owns practically the entire capital stock of The National Bank of Commerce, Marine National Bank and The National City Bank, except directors' qualifying shares. A contract for consolidation of these banks, under name and charter of The National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, has been adopted by the directors of the three institutions.

Upon consolidation, The National Bank of Commerce of Seattle will have combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$4,000,000, as follows: Capital, \$2,500,000; Surplus, \$1,000,000; Undivided Profits, \$500,000. This makes The National Bank of Commerce, in point of combined capital resources, the largest bank in Seattle and the State of Washington.

The first step in the consolidation of the three banks was the merging of the business of the Marine National Bank with that of The National Bank of Commerce, effective June 18. The National City Bank will be continued at its present location, Second Avenue and Marion Street, pending completion of rearrangements of the banking room of The National Bank of Commerce, at which time it will be merged with The National Bank of Commerce.

Under the terms of your corporation's offer to the stockholders of The National Bank of Commerce, certain privileges of exchange of stock were granted on the basis of \$52.00 per share, as a result of which there have been issued 51,952 shares to stockholders of that bank, for the sum of \$2,701,504.00. This leaves approximately 100,000 shares of Marine Bancorporation stock still in its treasury, after allowing for stock held under partial payment sales and employee purchase plans.

The National Bank of Commerce owns its own building, covering one-quarter of a block, located at Second Avenue and Spring Street, Seattle. The principal occupant of the building, other than the bank itself, is the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, located on the third floor. This building is favorably located and adapted to the housing of the principal centralized business of your corporation. Certain rearrangements will be required to accommodate the business of the Marine National Bank and The National City Bank as merged with The National Bank of Commerce, as well as that of the Marine National Company, which also will be quartered in the building. Already economies of operation have been effected which should be materially increased as a result of the merger of the three banks and the housing of same, and Marine National Company, under one roof.

Perhaps one of the most important events since our last report was the decision of Hon. John H. Dunbar, Attorney-General of the State of Washington, who had been requested for an opinion as to the legality of the organization of the Marine Bancorporation. Although attorneys for your corporation had exhaustively investigated and inquired into all legal aspects of this question, prior to organization, and felt satisfied as to the legality of your corporation, its purpose and plans, this opinion gives official recognition to the organization and states specifically that "a holding or investment corporation organized and existing under the general laws of the State of Washington relative to the organization of corporations for profit may legally own, hold and vote the controlling interest in a chain of banks in this State, whether such banks be two or more banks organized as national banks or two or more State banks," and that "the holding of majority stock of a chain of banks is not a violation of the law forbidding branch banking."

Your corporation is bending every effort to further assist and carry on the efforts of its banks in the respective communities for constructive helpfulness toward industry and aid and encouragement of individual accomplishment. Through its large resources and those of its banks, it is in a position to extend a range and breadth of co-operation not previously obtainable in Washington.

The present financial position of your corporation is viewed by your directors as being an eminently satisfactory one. The company is free from indebtedness. It owns practically 100% (exclusive of directors' qualifying shares) of the stocks of the banks constituting the Marine Group.* It also has on hand approximately \$4,000,000 in cash, call loans, accounts receivable and other investments than bank stocks, being a sum substantially in excess of the total par value of the bank stocks which it owns, thereby fulfilling its original declaration in connection with its investment policy. Consistent with the conservative program adopted by your directors, its investments have been maintained in exceedingly liquid form, such securities other than bank stocks consisting principally of bonds which show your company an appreciation over and above book cost even in the face of recent market declines. By virtue of your corporation's strong current position with no indebtedness and with substantial sums in cash, call loans, and other receivables, your corporation finds itself to-day in an enviable strong current cash position which enables it to avail itself of any favorable investment opportunities. Based upon both assets and earning power, Marine Bancorporation stock is in a sound investment position.

Banks owned by your corporation now have over 50,000 accounts. In addition, these banks daily serve thousands of customers in their safe deposit, safekeeping, trust, bond and other departments. An indication of the large volume of transactions handled through banks owned by your corporation is their average daily clearings, exceeding those of

* The banks and companies constituting the Marine Group in addition to the Marine Bancorporation are:

The National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, with which are being consolidated

The Marine National Bank of Seattle and
The National City Bank of Seattle.

The Marine Central Bank of Seattle.

The Marine State Bank of Seattle.

The Marine National Company of Seattle.

The Capital National Bank of Olympia.

The Grays Harbor National Bank of Aberdeen.

The First National Bank of Cosmopolis.

The combined resources of the Marine Group are in excess of \$50,000,000, the entire city of Tacoma, according to press reports. Ways and means

are constantly being studied for improving the methods of conducting this large business, reducing its overhead and improving its service.

The sixty-four directors of banks owned by your corporation are giving the affairs of these respective institutions their close attention. In addition to regular director meetings each week and month, officers of these banks enjoy the advantage of their counsel and assistance through close daily contact. All are committed to conservative policies, the primary objective being to keep the Marine Group of Banks clean and liquid, and otherwise to protect depositors first, and by so doing, also protect the interests of stockholders of the Marine Bancorporation.

It is appropriate here to refer to the whole-hearted, enthusiastic efforts of the officers and staffs of banks and companies owned by your corporation. The Marine Group of Banks and Companies now has 320 employees. Throughout the entire organization there prevails a wholesome spirit of co-operation, encouraged, we believe, by the fact that practically 100% of the employees are stockholders of the Marine Bancorporation.

Every day there is evidence that the majority of the nearly 7,000 stockholders of the Marine Bancorporation are keenly alive to their opportunity to help the different banks which the corporation owns, not only by transacting their banking business with these banks, but by actually going out of their way to urge their friends and acquaintances to do likewise.

July 1 is a particularly propitious moment for the opening of new accounts—especially savings accounts—with banks owned by your corporation, as it is the start of a new interest period.

Opportunity is taken once again to caution against speculation in Marine Bancorporation stock.

Bancitaly Corporation Investment in 13 Oil Companies —Holdings, Mostly in Common Issues, Have Market Value of \$41,734,850.

The Wall Street "Journal," in its issue of July 26 (evening edition) discussed the oil holdings of the Bancitaly Corporation as follows:

Market value of the oil stocks held by the Bancitaly Corp. as of the July 20 semi-annual statement, was \$41,637,300. This was made up of holdings in 13 oil companies amounting to a total of 886,288 shares. All but one of the issues was common stock.

The largest holding in any one company, both in number of shares and market value, as of July 20, was in Standard Oil Co. of California. This investment amounted to 212,868 shares with a market value July 20 of \$12,186,693.

Companies whose principal operations are in California made up the bulk of the holdings in the petroleum industry. Holdings in Union Oil of California and Union Oil Associates, holding company with control of Union Oil, formed the second largest oil investment, with a combined value of \$8,006,961.

Some notable changes occurred in the corporation's oil holdings as compared with the statement of condition Jan. 20. Principal among these was the sale of entire holdings of Gulf Oil and Texas Corp., of 11,100 shares and 25,000 shares, respectively. Holdings in several other large oil units were reduced in the period with increases mainly in Pan American Petroleum & Transport B., Standard of California, Union Oil, Pure Oil and some others. Increase in Vacuum Oil holdings, from 8,000 to 16,700 shares, was largely due to a 100% stock dividend.

Appended is a table outlining various oil holdings of Bancitaly Corp. July 20 and Jan. 20, last, and July 20 1927.

Stock—	Value		Shares Held	
	July 20 1928.	July 20 1928.	Jan. 20 1928.	July 20 1927.
Atlantic Refining.....	\$1,094,000	7,700	16,400	9,600
Gulf Oil Corporation.....	-----	-----	11,100	5,000
Pan American Petroleum B. . .	4,304,000	103,100	95,600	49,200
Pure Oil.....	1,298,750	58,700	46,200	41,000
Royal Dutch (American)....	1,131,200	20,200	32,500	23,000
Shell Union.....	2,600,500	98,600	100,900	76,462
Standard Oil of California..	12,186,693	212,868	197,468	178,150
Standard Oil of Indiana.....	2,368,000	32,000	33,300	33,300
Standard Oil of N. J.	4,736,635	109,835	141,635	136,835
Standard Oil of N. Y.	1,180,300	35,100	74,000	69,400
Texas Corporation.....	-----	-----	25,000	20,020
Tidewater Assoc., com.....	333,200	19,600	12,600	-----
Tidewater Assoc., pref.....	*1,237,936	14,500	10,800	4,000
Union Oil of California.....	8,006,961	101,600	86,960	70,950
Union Oil Associates.....	-----	55,725	51,950	31,405
Vacuum Oil.....	1,256,675	16,700	8,000	3,500
Total.....	\$41,734,850	886,288	944,443	751,462

*Price as of July 19. a Represents combined value of Union Oil Associates and Union Oil of California, based on latter's market price.

It will be observed that share holdings in oil stocks were materially reduced in the first half of this year. This trend followed a considerable expansion during the second half of 1927. Shares held July 20 numbered about 58,000 less than on Jan. 20. They were still considerably greater than the 751,462 shares on hand July 20 1927.

Bancitaly Corporation Shows Profits in Last Six Months of \$35,233,552, Exclusive of Recent New York Bank Acquisitions—List of Holdings.

Bancitaly Corporation on Monday, July 23, made public its financial statement for the past six months (Jan. 20 to July 19), showing normal earnings amounting to \$35,233,552, exclusive of any profits from the transaction involving the Bank of America, Bowery and East River National Bank and Commercial Exchange National Bank of New York, and after setting aside more than \$13,000,000 in reserves. This announcement of earnings is accompanied by a current statement of condition, and in connection therewith the corporation makes public a list of its security holdings, having a market value of approximately \$1,000,000 or more each as of July 19 1928. Profits for the period covered by the statement not only set a new high record, it is stated, but also exceed any previous full year's operation and were more than six times dividend requirements for the first two quarters of 1928. If the same level is maintained throughout the remainder of 1928, it is stated, the corporation will have

earned over \$13 per share, or in excess of 11% on the present market price of the stock. From the standpoint of normal earnings and investment return, it is pointed out, this has been an even more profitable period of operation than was anticipated. While as much as a year ago the likelihood of profits being maintained at the high levels then enjoyed was questioned and stockholders were asked not to expect that records established during boom times could be sustained permanently, nevertheless, because of continuing prosperous conditions throughout the nation, earnings have exceeded all normal expectations. Although the securities account is carried on the books at \$254,972,867, this figure is said to be actually less than either cost or market price.

During the period covered by the statement, Bancitaly Corporation paid more than \$28,000,000 in cash to the capital of the Bank of America, over and above the stock of the other New York banks which it turned in when the recent merger with the Bowery and East River National Bank and the Commercial Exchange National Bank was effected. In addition the published statement shows there has been a complete liquidation of all bills payable—an item that amounted to \$32,000,000 at the time the Jan. 20th report of condition was issued. This, together with the large reserves and \$20,000,000 on deposits with banks and loaned at call, gives the corporation, it is declared, a stronger position than at any previous period in its history. The statement shows an increase in the capital account of \$29,000,000 and an aggregate gain in total resources of over \$5,000,000.

In many respects the present year is proving to be most gratifying. The net normal earnings, exclusive of the profits from the transaction involving the Bank of America, Bowery and East River National Bank and Commercial Exchange National Bank, which are estimated at anywhere from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000 and after setting up appropriate reserves, have far exceeded expectations. The inauguration of the long planned extension of service in New York, Chicago and London have been witnessed, it is pointed out. These offices, opened during the early part of the year, have been followed by similar units in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Baltimore. Other strategic points throughout the United States and Europe have been selected for the establishment of additional offices at a future date.

A list of principal domestic stocks of Bancitaly Corporation, the investment in each case representing a market value of \$1,000,000 or more as of July 19 1928, as made public by the corporation follows:

Name of Issue—	No. of Shares	Name of Issue—	No. of Shares
Bank of Italy, N. T. S. A., San Fr.	235,548	International Tel. & Tel. Corp.	13,300
Bank of America, N. A., N. Y.	314,698	Louisville & Nashville RR. Co.	9,500
First National Bank, New York	2,188	Mack Trucks, Inc.	18,200
United Security Bank & Trust Co., San Francisco	80,644	Missouri Pacific RR. Co. pref.	12,500
Chase National Bank, New York	2,765	New York Central RR. Co.	12,090
Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh	117	N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co., com.	45,300
First National Bank, Boston	2,000	N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co., pref.	6,675
Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.	15,600	Norfolk & Western Ry. Co.	11,800
American Car & Foundry Co.	13,200	Nor. Pac. Ry. Co. cts. of dep.	10,200
American Locomotive Co.	13,300	Nor. Pac. Ry. Co., com.	3,100
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	6,800	Pan American Petroleum & Trans- port Co., common "B"	103,100
Atch. Topeka & Santa Fe Ry Co.	23,092	Pennsylvania RR. Co.	21,413
Atlantic Coast Line RR. Co.	14,000	Pure Oil Co.	58,700
Atlantic Refining Co.	7,700	Royal Dutch Co. (Amer. shares)	20,200
Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co.	24,500	Shell Union Oil Corp.	98,600
Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.	6,200	Standard Oil of California	212,868
Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.	10,900	Standard Oil of Indiana	32,000
Borden Co.	5,775	Standard Oil of New Jersey	109,835
Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.	15,100	Standard Oil of New York	35,100
Chesapeake Corporation	12,200	St. Louis & San Fran. Ry., com.	7,500
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co.	7,000	St. Louis & San Fran. 5% pref.	4,578
Chicago & North Western Ry. Co.	17,000	Tidewater Assn. Oil, 6% cv. pref.	14,500
Delaware & Hudson Co.	6,600	Tidewater Assn. Oil, common	19,600
General Electric Co.	9,500	Union Oil Associates	55,725
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	10,000	Union Oil of California	101,660
7% preferred	10,000	U. S. Steel Corporation	18,200
Goodrich Co.	14,250	Vacuum Oil Co.	16,700
Great Northern Ry. pref. certif.	10,500	Woolworth Co.	7,100
Great Northern Ry. pref. stock	2,900		

The following is the consolidated statement of Bancitaly Corp. and its real estate investment subsidiary, the Capital Co., at the close of business July 19, compared with statement of January 20 (cents omitted):

	July 19 1928	Jan. 20 1928
Assets—		
Cash in banks and call loans	\$20,485,751	\$8,593,316
Bills and accounts receivable	12,293,695	21,603,395
Investments—Securities	254,972,867	252,430,801
Business properties, less mortgages	7,007,332	6,412,438
Subsidiaries	184,304	176,041
Total	\$294,943,950	\$289,215,994
Liabilities—		
Capital stock	\$130,000,000	\$130,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	149,971,328	120,561,776
Total	\$279,971,328	\$250,561,776
Capital investment		32,656,868
Bills and accounts payable		4,497,349
Reserves—For taxes, contingencies, &c.	13,497,622	1,500,000
Foundation of agricultural economies, Univ. of Calif.	1,475,000	
	\$294,943,950	\$279,215,994

The "Wall Street Journal" commented on the changes in the security holdings during the six months as follows:

Since its previous report on January 20, last, Bancitaly Corp. has made some noteworthy changes in its list of security holdings. Accompanying the statement is a list of its various holdings amounting to \$1,000,000 or

more. According to this statement the corporation has sold during the past six months 24,400 shares of Allied Chemical, 16,700 shares of American Can, 13,400 of American Smelting & Refining, 28,300 shares of Kennecott Copper, 24,000 of Corn Products, 11,100 shares of Gulf Oil and 17,400 shares of Montgomery Ward & Co. It sold 5,010 shares of National City Bank and reduced its holdings in Chase Bank from 5,960 to 2,765, but increased its holdings in First National Bank from 550 to 2,188 shares.

Corporation also reduced its holdings in Baltimore & Ohio, Canadian Pacific, International Tel. & Tel., American Tel. & Tel. and New York Central.

On the other hand, holdings were increased in Atchison, Pan-American Petroleum, Pure Oil, Standard Oil of California, Union Oil of California and others.

Pacific Coast Regional Trust Conference to be Held in San Francisco Oct. 17-20.

The Sixth Regional Trust Conference, for the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States will be held in San Francisco, Oct. 17-20. R. M. Sims, Vice-President and Trust Officer, American Trust Co. of San Francisco, has been chosen as the general chairman of the conference. Invitations will be sent to trust companies and banks in the eleven States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming to participate in the sessions. The conference will be held under the auspices of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers' Association and the Associated Trust Companies of Central California. Composing the General Committee are R. M. Sims, Chairman;

W. J. Kieferdorf, Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Ass'n, San Francisco, Vice-Chairman;

L. E. Greene, Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Co., San Francisco; Benjamin J. Henley, California Pacific Title and Trust Co., San Francisco;

Daniel Read, Central National Bank of Oakland; Grant Cordrey, Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco; J. E. McGuigan, United Security Bank & Trust Co., San Francisco; Stuart Smith, Bank of California, San Francisco; J. W. Garthwaite, Oakland Bank, Oakland; R. B. F. Randolph, Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco; F. J. Brickwedel, Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Co., San Francisco; George Spillman, Capital National Bank, Sacramento; Roy Blair, California Trust & Savings Bank, Sacramento; J. F. Dorgeloh, United Security Bank & Trust Co., San Francisco; L. A. McCrystle, Crocker First Federal Trust Co., San Francisco; John G. Campbell, First National Bank, Oakland; G. W. Davis, First National Bank in Berkeley; J. E. Drew, American Trust Co., San Francisco; F. H. Lougher, Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco.

The Chairmen of the other committees are: Arrangements, W. J. Kieferdorf; Hotels and Registration, Frank H. Lougher; Entertainment, R. B. F. Randolph; Finance, J. W. Garthwaite; Publicity, J. E. Drew; Transportation, Caxton P. Rhodes; Program, W. J. Kieferdorf.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

National Bank of Commerce in New York announces the election of John A. Hartford, President of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., as a director of the bank.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York on July 26, Fred S. Child and Marus E. Conrad, were appointed Assistant Cashiers.

President O. W. Birkhead of the Murray Hill Trust Co. announces that the 10,000 shares of additional stock offered to stockholders has been fully paid for, as well as a like number of shares of Murray Hill Allied Corp., and the capital account of the trust company has been increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 and the surplus account from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Public National Bank & Trust Co. of this city for approval of the plan to split up the stock has been adjourned until 11 a. m., Aug. 9.

Plans have just been completed by Charles Baier, of Baier & Bauer, for the new Forest Hills National Bank of New York, to be erected shortly at an approximate cost of \$135,000, at the intersection of Metropolitan and Seventieth Avenues, Forest Hills West, Queens. According to plans, the exterior will be of Colonial effect, while the interior will be of marble. The upper part of the "cages" will be of steel and shatter-proof glass and an ultra-modern vault will be placed on the main floor. The officers of the new bank the New York "Herald-Tribune" July 22 said, are John A. Rapelye, President; Louis C. Gosdorfer, Vice-President; Joseph H. De Bragga, Vice-President; Raymond A. Moosbrucker, Vice-President; John P. Lamerdin, Counsel. The directors are John A. Rapelye, Joseph H. De Bragga, John J. Wessmiller, Henry Hemmerdinger, G. E. Bilquez, Frank J. Horsch, Joseph H. Schiemann,

Benjamin Marvin, Raymond A. Moosbrucker, John P. Lamerdin, Charles Baier, Louis Galucci and Louis C. Gosdorfer.

Ground is being prepared at the southeast corner of Bedford Road and Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville, N. Y., for the erection of a building to be occupied by the First National Bank of Pleasantville. The structure will have a frontage on Bedford Road of 42 feet, and a depth of 86 feet along Wheeler Ave. Adjoining, at the rear, and facing Wheeler Ave., the bank will erect a building specially designed to house the Pleasantville Post Office, plans having been approved by the Postal authorities, and a 10-year lease of the premises having been signed. Both buildings are to be of the same exterior construction, light-faced brick and limestone. While the bank building at present will be of two stories, yet structural steel and other material have been planed to carry a five-story building in the future, and elevator space has been provided for such future development. The First National Bank of Pleasantville, organized by the Manville-Hoyt interests, opened for business Sept. 1 1925 with total resources of \$186,000, which at the close of three years have risen to \$1,125,000. Officers are: H. E. Manville, Chairman of the Board; Arthur G. Hoyt, President; B. Duncan Hull, Vice-President; Wilmot E. Bell, Cashier; Harry Klingler, Assistant Cashier, and Charles J. Campbell, Secretary and Attorney.

The Middletown National Bank of Middletown, Conn., the second to be chartered in the State, is now to be known as the Middletown National Bank & Trust Co., President Francis A. Beach announced on July 24 following receipt of a telegram from the office of the Comptroller of Currency giving permission for the change. The petition for a change of name was made in March and immediately brought forth opposition from the Middletown Trust Co., which, however, was not allowed in Superior Court. Mr. Beach announced that no change in policy will be made. A trust department was instituted at the bank one year ago.

A bonus of 10% on deposits will be paid patrons of the Smithfield Savings Bank, recently merged with the National Exchange Bank of Greenville, R. I., to form the Greenville Trust Co. The new bank has just opened main offices at Greenville and a branch at Esmond. The bonus, the Providence "Journal" says, will be added to the savings of the depositors of the Smithfield Savings Bank when they call at the new bank for new pass books. The officers of the Greenville Trust Co. are: President, Charles E. Walcott; Vice-Presidents, Nicholas S. Winsor and Henry S. Turner. All deposits in both the old banks have been taken over by the new company under a contract approved by the Rhode Island Bank Commissioner. New pass books and new check books will be issued.

Directors of the Union National Bank of Dover, N. J. on July 19 elected William Otto to succeed the late Thomas H. Hoagland as President. Mr. Hoagland, who died three weeks ago, had held the office twenty-five years. Mr. Otto has been cashier for an equal period.

Edward Maxson, State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, is ordered to show cause why a certificate of authority to do business should not be issued to the North Park and Dodd Trust Co., of East Orange in a writ of mandamus issued in the New Jersey Supreme Court at Newark, N. J., by Chief Justice William S. Gummere. Commissioner Maxson rejected the bank's application for a certificate last month upon the recommendation of Hugh H. Hilson, chief deputy.

An addition of \$400,000 to surplus and application for membership in the Federal Reserve System is planned for the Hobart-Service Trust Co., of Passaic, N. J. The \$400,000 will be raised by assessing each stockholder \$10 a share, if Vice Chancellor Backes approves today in Newark. The New Jersey Bankers' Securities Co. is the largest stockholder. Jacob V. Smeaton, president of the Passaic Chamber of Commerce, was elected president of the trust company yesterday after Harry H. Weinberger resigned. Mr. Smeaton will serve without compensation. Mr. Weinberger's \$21,000 salary as president it is stated was discontinued. Other reductions in overhead, amounting to \$10,000 a year were made a dispatch to the Newark "News" said on July 24.

Temporary organization of the newly-formed Franklin Washington Trust Co. of Newark, was affected on Tuesday at a meeting of the merger committee, according to the "Newark News." That committee represented the two banks which merged—the Franklin Banking & Trust Co. and the Washington Trust. Clifford F. MacEvoy, President of the Franklin Capital Corp., who headed the Franklin Bank & Trust Co., was chosen Chairman of the board. Thomas L. R. Crooks, who was President of the Washington, was selected as President. The following Vice-Presidents were chosen:

Willard H. Elliott, who was with the Washington, Roscoe L. Strickland of the Weequahic bank, Frederick Bowden of the Franklin and Jerome T. Congleton. Mr. Congleton is city corporation counsel and was on the board of the Washington.

Harry F. Hays Jr. of the Weequahic was chosen Treasurer and Frederick J. Hodson, Secretary of the Washington, Secretary. Five Assistant Secretaries were named. The stockholders of the merged bank will meet within 60 days the "Newark News" says, to name permanent directors and permanent officers. Each branch bank will have a Vice-President in charge and an advisory board. The main bank officers will be at Broad and Commerce streets, when the building there is completed. The branches will be at the Washington Trust offices at 477 Broad street, the present quarters of the Franklin at Roseville Avenue and Orange streets, and the Weequahic and Liberty banks. After the meeting Mr. MacEvoy commented as follows:

I am more than pleased with the progress of our organization plans. They are going forward rapidly and harmoniously, and a spirit of the heartiest co-operation and mutual confidence animates both offices and directors.

As an illustration of the fine feeling which prevails I need only cite the cases of two members of our new official family—Mr. Strickland and Mr. Hays. Mr. Strickland, a man of financial standing and formerly a local manufacturer, was one of the organizers and the President of the Weequahic Trust Co. and Mr. Hays was an officer from its inception.

When the Weequahic became affiliated with the Washington Trust Co. these gentlemen as Vice-President and Treasurer, respectively, of the latter institution, remained in charge of the Weequahic branch under lucrative contracts to run for five years.

Notwithstanding their belief that these contracts were valid instruments Mr. Strickland and Mr. Hays have voluntarily surrendered them and, as a real personal sacrifice, will continue prominently and actively in the Franklin Washington Trust Co. in the same official capacities they held with the Washington Trust Co.

This action on their part was prompted by their confidence in the new institution and their desire further to advance the interests of the Weequahic branch, which they were largely instrumental in establishing on a solid foundation, an achievement to which they justly, though modestly take personal pride. I am happy to have associated with me men actuated by that spirit and purpose.

Monday July 23 marked the opening of the offices of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. in its new thirty-story building at Broad and Walnut streets. On Sunday the company removed its cash, trust funds and other assets from its former office at 325 Chestnut and from its branch offices at 1431 Chestnut street, Broad and Chestnut streets and 1431 Chestnut street to the bank vaults in the new building. The company closed on Saturday its offices at those locations, with the exception of 325 Chestnut street, which will be continued. The branch at 6324 Woodland avenue also will be continued. Removal of the company's assets, believed to constitute the largest transportation of cash, securities and other valuables in the history of Philadelphia, says the Philadelphia "Ledger" was made under special guards of police detailed by Superintendent Mills and also by private detectives and the company's own bank guards. Minute precautions were taken to prevent any untoward occurrence or any loss of valuables. After the removal had been completed, officials of the company said that the entire operation had been carried out successfully.

The banking quarters in the new building, which was designed by Simon & Simon and built by Irwin & Leighton, comprise the greater portion of the first six floors and two basements of the structure. Six elevators will serve the trust company, independent of the twenty passenger elevators and two service elevators providing transportation for the office-building floors. We quote in part a description of the new quarters as published in the "Ledger":

The main banking room on the ground floor is 119 feet long, 54 feet 11 3/4 inches wide and 46 feet 9 1/2 inches high. The walls and wainscoting are of honed Tavernelle Claire marble, especially imported from Italy. The ceiling of the main banking room, rising to the third-floor level, is modeled in plaster with soft, harmonizing coloring. The floors of the wide public spaces are marble, with appropriate inlays. Check desks of striking design in Levanto marble occupy the center of the main public space, extending from the entrance on Broad street to the rear of the banking room.

At the east end of the banking room a sculptural clock group represents Day and Night as human figures united hand in hand across the face of Time. The clock group, which is carved in marble, is surmounted by a stained-glass window depicting scenes and characters of outstanding interest in the history of Philadelphia. Designed by the D'Ascenzo Studios, of this city, in collaboration with the architects, the window is more than

twenty-five feet high and is one of the few in this country depicting secular history.

The counters separating the public spaces from the working spaces as well as the railings inclosing the officers' spaces are of polished Tavernelle Claire marble. The screens of the tellers' spaces on the right side of the main public space are of wood, bronze and glass of the most modern type, eliminating entirely the old-style tellers' cages.

To the left of the main public space and at the eastern end of the banking room are the officers' spaces. Private offices, including those of William P. Gest, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Henry G. Brengle, President, are behind the rear wall of the main banking room and are accessible through a doorway under the sculptural clock group.

An information department and a department specially designed for the convenience of women customers are immediately to the left of the main entrance. Writing alcoves and telephone booths are near the elevators and stairways. The loan department is located on the left side of the banking room. Other departments on this floor off the banking are corporate trust department and the personnel department.

The main portion of the individual trust department, beginning at the second-floor level, is two stories in height, rising to the fourth-floor level. At the second-floor level on the north and south sides the public space forms a balcony overlooking the main banking room. On this floor are special divisions for the tax department, the investment analysis department, the trust ledger bookkeeping department and the library. The trust cash bookkeeping department is on the third floor.

On the fourth floor are filing space, mailing room, photostat room, correspondence clerks, department, purchasing department and stock room, receiving department, rooms for addressograph and graphotype machines transit settlement department, commercial bookkeeping department and general ledger department. An infirmary, a dispensary and a doctor's office are also on this floor.

The Board of Directors' room, facing Broad street on the fifth floor, is 56 feet long, 27 feet wide and 22 feet high. In dignified beauty this room is believed to be an unusual achievement. To the right of the board room is a spacious committee room. On the same floor are the main dining room, where more than 400 employees of the company will be served daily and which has a capacity far exceeding that number; the senior officers' dining room, the junior officers' dining room, a private dining room for guests, kitchen and pantry.

The sixth floor space is occupied by the real estate department, with various subdivisions devoted to the many activities of this department. A large mortgage vault is installed here.

The bank vault structure into which the cash, securities and thousands of safe deposit boxes were moved for to-day's opening is the largest in Philadelphia and one of the largest in the country. It is two stories in height with entrances from two basement-floor levels. The upper portion of the structure is the safe deposit and storage vault. The lower portion is the trust company vault.

The safe deposit department is reached by elevators and stairway from the main banking room at the Broad street side. Surrounding the vault are examination rooms, table space, individual booths and sixty-two committee rooms.

The vault structure is entirely apart from the building construction, the building being trussed over it, thus eliminating the use of columns through the vaults. It has re-enforced concrete walls two feet thick lined with steel. There are four separate systems of electrical protection wires in the concrete walls and steel doors. The safe deposit vault has an ultimate capacity of 35,000 steel boxes and a separate section for the storage of silver and other bulky valuables.

The terms under which the Broad Street National Bank of Philadelphia and the Queen Lane National Bank are to be merged with the Oak Lane Trust Co. are given to stockholders of the institutions in notices of special stockholders' meetings called to consider the proposal. Stockholders of the Queen Lane National are to receive one share of Oak Lane Trust stock for each three shares of Queen Lane National plus a payment of \$22.50 a share. The right to subscribe to one-half share of stock of the Oak Lane Trust Co. at \$275 for each share of Broad Street National stock held is offered to stockholders of the latter institution. The Oak Lane Trust Co. plans to issue 8,500 new shares to provide for the anticipated exchanges. Of the increase, 1,000 shares will be used in the acquisition of the Queen Lane National and the balance will provide for the Broad Street National transaction. It is expected that the merger will be completed by October 1.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Manheim Trust Co. of Germantown, Phil., has been called for September 18, to take action on a proposed increase in the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Southwestern National Bank of Philadelphia will take place on Aug. 20 1928, to vote on a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

A merger of three great financial institutions of Philadelphia—the Trademens National Bank, Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. and the Chelton Trust Co.—was decided upon at meetings of the boards of directors on July 25. The merged institution is to be known as the Trademens National Bank & Trust Co. The consolidated institution will have capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$8,800,000; deposits of approximately \$40,000,000; resources in excess of \$55,000,000; trust funds of approximately \$30,000,000 and corporate trusts of approximately \$65,000,000. Howard A. Loeb, now president of the Trademens' National Bank, will be

chairman of the board of the consolidated institution and Herbert W. Goodall, now president of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co., will be president. There will be practically no change in the official staff and directors. Through its large capital and extensive resources, the new institution, the Philadelphia "Record" points out, will be in a position to serve all interests in this city, and through its chain of branches will offer the services of a large institution in those parts of Philadelphia which have formerly been served only by local banks.

The main office will be at 316-320 Chestnut street. A large central city office will be maintained at 1420 Walnut street, which office is at present undergoing alterations. The Chelton Trust Co.'s office at Germantown and Chelton avenues, as well as their Logan office, and the Fifty-second street branch of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. will also be maintained and their facilities increased.

A new company, to be known as the Chelton Title Co. will be organized to take over the title business of the institution. All the stock of the Title Co. will be owned by the Trademens Corporation, a new corporation which will be organized simultaneously with a capital of \$2,450,000, the stock of which will be owned by the stockholders of the Trademens National Bank & Trust Co.

Because of the changes in national banking laws it has become more and more evident that trust functions and the management of estates can be most efficiently carried out by national banking institutions, according to the officers of the new company, who say that in this instance the conditions of consolidation are particularly ideal, as the institutions are not competitive. The Trademens National Bank has been doing a commercial business, with large foreign exchange facilities for financing imports and exports, while the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. and the Chelton Trust Co. have been largely catering to individual accounts and have carefully managed trust and title departments.

At the close of business June 30, 1928, the surplus, undivided profits and reserves of the Trademens National Bank amounted to \$3,700,979.89; Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co., \$2,701,753.18; Chelton Trust Co., surplus and undivided profits, \$377,368.99. Deposits of the three institutions, in the order named, were on that date as follows: \$18,716,653.94, \$14,665,759.47, and \$4,850,919.14.

The Trademens Corp. according to the "Philadelphia Ledger" will have broad charter powers. Its capital will be \$2,475,000 consisting of 333,000 shares of no-par value, which will be owned pro rata by stockholders of the consolidated bank. This corporation will supplement the new bank in much the same way that similar corporations do duty for the National City and the Chase National in New York and the First National in Chicago. It will be able to transact important business which is complementary to that part of the bank but which does not come directly within the scope of a national bank.

The plan of consolidation has been placed before the stockholders by a committee composed of Milton Campbell, Herbert W. Goodall, Howard A. Loeb, Jerome H. Louheim, A. G. B. Steel, and Thomas D. Sullivan. The program as agreed upon follows:

First. A business corporation to be known as "Trademens Corporation" will be organized, under the laws of Delaware or such other State as the committee may find most advantageous, with broad charter powers. The capital stock of the corporation shall consist of 33,000 shares of no par value, all of which shall be issued to Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. for a consideration of \$2,475,000, to be paid in cash and (or) property.

Second. Chelton Trust Co. (all of the stock of which is owned by Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co.) shall be merged into Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co., which shall then consolidate under the charter of Trademens National Bank under the name of Trademens National Bank and Trust Co. The consolidated bank will have a capital stock of \$3,300,000, divided into 33,000 shares of \$100 par value. It will begin business with surplus, undivided profits and reserves of approximately \$5,500,000, making the total capital, surplus, undivided profits and reserves approximately \$8,800,000.

Third. As at present constituted, the capital stock of the Trademens National Bank is \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 par value. The capital stock of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. is \$1,500,000, divided into 15,000 shares of \$100 par value.

Under the terms of the consolidation, each shareholder of Trademens National Bank, upon payment at the rate of \$135 per share, will receive for each share 1 8-10 shares of the consolidated bank, and each shareholder of Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co., upon payment at the rate of \$75 per share, will receive for each such share one share of the consolidated bank. This money will go into the surplus of the consolidated bank.

Fourth. As soon as the consolidation has become effective, the consolidated bank will distribute among the stockholders of the consolidated bank the 33,000 shares of Trademens Corp., which the consolidated bank will have acquired through the consolidation. The certificates for stock of the Trademens Corp., will be indorsed upon the certificates for stock of the consolidated bank, so that neither can be transferred separately.

Fifth. A Pennsylvania corporation will be organized under the name of Chelton Title Insurance Co., or some other suitable name, to carry on the

title insurance business of the Chelton Trust Co. All of the stock of the title company will be subscribed for and owned by the Tradesmens Corp. Under this plan each stockholder will receive one share of the Tradesmens Corporation for each share of the consolidated bank, and the proportionate interest of every stockholder in the two corporations will always remain the same.

The amount to be subscribed by the shareholders is necessary in order to restore to the surplus of the consolidated bank the amount of capital of the Tradesmens Corp. contributed by the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

Officers of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Baltimore, according to the Baltimore "Sun" expect to have everything ready for its proposed new investment company to start functioning in a short time, sufficient stockholders having approved of the plan to assure its fulfillment. The new investment company is to be known as the Farmers & Merchants National Corporation and will have 65,000 shares of capital stock of no par value. Stockholders of the bank who approve of the plan will receive beneficial interest certificates of the new corporation in the proportion of one for every ten shares of bank stock they own. The existing 16,250 shares of bank stock of \$40 par value will be substituted for 65,000 shares of \$10 par, it was said.

W. H. Gerhauser, President of the American Ship Building Co. has been elected to the board of Directors of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland. Mr. Gerhauser, formerly of Detroit is an engineering graduate of the University of Michigan, and at 39 years of age is one of the youngest men in Cleveland to head an organization of the size of the American Ship Building Co. He recently succeeded the late Alfred G. Smith.

The City Security Co., a newly formed subsidiary of the City Trust & Savings Bank of Youngstown, Ohio, is completing arrangements to purchase the Trumbull Banking Co at Girard, Ohio, five miles West of Youngstown, according to a dispatch from Youngstown on July 17, appearing in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of July 18. The Trumbull Banking Co. has assets of \$600,000. The advices furthermore stated that the City Trust & Savings Security Co. is capitalized at \$250,000 and will engage in a general investment business.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' Bank of Milwaukee has been called for Aug. 13 to vote on a proposed consolidation of the institution and the Second Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, recommended by the directors at a meeting held July 2.

With regard to the affairs of the Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis, the closing of which on June 28 last was noted in our issue of June 30, page 4033, the Memphis "Appeal" of July 10 reported that R. W. Hall had been appointed liquidating agent of the institution and that the bank would open its doors on that day for the collection of notes. At the time the institution closed its doors it had deposits of approximately \$3,000,000. In announcing the appointment of Mr. Hall as liquidating agent, H. L. Grigsby, Superintendent of Banks for Tennessee, and receiver for the Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co., said in part:

Mr. Hall's appointment was made known to the officers of the Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co., who expressed their gratification over the selection of a man of Mr. Hall's known ability. Messrs. Wilson and Hunt, state bank examiners in charge of the bank's affairs, requested the continued co-operation of the officers of the bank in the orderly liquidation of the bank's affairs and they were assured by the officers of the bank of their whole-hearted co-operation, so that the interests of all depositors and creditors as well as stockholders might be most conservatively administered.

The examiners will have completed their inventory of the bank's affairs by Tuesday (July 10), and all records examined were found to be clean, correct and in order and no misapplication was found. The bank will be opened Tuesday for liquidation purposes, and will continue to be open until the liquidation is completed. The usual banking hours from 9 until 2 will be observed.

All notes of borrowers were held by the bank and not pledged or rediscounted and therefore can be paid promptly at the bank.

The co-operation of all borrowers and depositors to the end of a speedy and economical administration of the bank's affairs is requested by the receiver and liquidating agent.

Bolling H. Jones, for the past 10 years Chairman of the board of the Fulton National Bank, of Atlanta, was last week elected President of that institution to succeed the late Dr. William J. Blalock. The directors at the same time designated Ryburn G. Clay, Vice-President, as executive or first Vice-President, and F. W. Blalock, Assistant Cashier, to the position of Vice-President and Director. Simon S. Selig, President of the Selig company, prominent manu-

facturer and leader in a number of local organizations, was elected a Director to succeed the late Morris Rich. The meeting of the directors at which the election was held was the first regular monthly session of the bank's board since the death on July 1 of Dr. Blalock, one of the city's most prominent bankers and financiers.

Mr. Jones, the new president of the bank, according to the "Atlanta Constitution" has been interested in the institution since it was founded in 1910 and for about 10 years has served as Chairman of its board of directors. He is identified with a number of business interests and for many years has been a leader in all movements looking to betterment of the City. He served as postmaster of Atlanta under the Wilson administration. Mr. Clay, the new executive Vice-President, has been one of the bank's Vice-Presidents and a director for many years, joining the Fulton National soon after its organization. He has held practically every position in the bank. He is the son of the late United States Senator A. S. Clay, of Marietta. F. W. Blalock, elevated to the position of Vice-President, has been connected with the bank for the past ten years. He is a nephew of the late Dr. Blalock, whom he succeeds on the board of directors.

Purchase of practically the entire stock in the Continental Trust Co., of Macon, Ga., by a group of Atlanta financiers headed by Robert F. Maddox, chairman of the board, and Thomas K. Glenn, President of the Atlanta and Lowry National Bank and the Trust Company of Georgia, was consummated July 24 according to the Atlanta Constitution of July 25. Confirmation of the transaction was obtained from Mr. Glenn upon his return to the city Tuesday night from Macon where the deal was closed. The Constitution adds:

While the group of local capitalists, who are said to be closely connected with the interests of the Atlanta bank but acted in this purchase as a separate corporation, acquired about 95% ownership in the Macon banking concern, only one change will be made in the organization, it was stated.

Marion Liles, who has been in charge of the Macon branch bond department of the Trust Company of Georgia since 1920 will become a Vice-President of the Continental, and will transfer the investment business to the Continental offices. The Continental has been without a bond department.

H. A. McCord will continue as President of the Continental Trust Co., the capital stock of which is to be increased immediately to \$500,000, making the Macon institution, with its new Atlanta affiliations, one of the biggest banking businesses in the southeast.

The conference in Macon was completed at 5:30 o'clock, with gratification expressed by the principals in the union of business facilities. Mr. Glenn and Mr. Maddox, with other associates from here, motored to Macon Tuesday, to wind up the negotiations, which had been started some days ago.

According to the last published statement of the Continental Trust Co., deposits of \$1,647,047.92 were shown on June 30 of this year, as compared with \$394,290.16 on deposit on Jan. 1 1927. The present capitalization is \$150,000, with surplus of \$50,000 and undivided profits of \$15,270.38.

Advices from Florence, S. C., on July 13 to the Columbia, S. C., "State" reported that the sum of \$82,000 was then ready for distribution to the approximately 4,000 depositors of the defunct First National Bank of Florence, according to Thomas A. Early, receiver for the institution. The dispatch went on to say:

When the bank failed three years ago it paid depositors 60% and issued 40% in participation certificates. The dividend just declared is the second 20% dividend on this 40%, and brings the total of payments to depositors up to 74%. Other assets are on hand to be liquidated. Concerning these Mr. Early would make no statement or prediction, although it is certain that additional dividends will be paid to depositors in course of time.

Closing of the First National Bank of Florence on March 26 1925 was noted in the "Chronicle" of April 11 1925, page 1844.

Formal notice has been posted on the doors of the Bank of Bridgeton, N. C., says the "Wall Street News" in a dispatch from Richmond, Va., dated July 21, that the institution had been closed by order of the board of directors and turned over to the State Corporation Commission for liquidation. Although the bank has been closed for a month following the death of the Cashier, J. A. Nunn, this is the first official notice regarding its closing. C. I. Taylor, of the State Corporation Commission, was given charge of the bank's books and an auditor will make a complete check of the bank's condition.

Negotiations are progressing rapidly, says the Richmond (Va.) "Dispatch" for July 26, toward the proposed merger of the Rihemond Trust Co. and the Industrial Bank of Richmond, according to reports in financial circles, and formal announcement of the consummation of the deal is expected soon. It is understood that committees are now working to complete numerous detailed arrangements connected with the proposed consolidation of these two institu-

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tions. According to information, the new bank and trust company will occupy the present quarters of the Richmond Trust Co., 7th and Main Sts. The Richmond Trust Co., of which Carter R. Williams is President, has a capital of \$1,000,000; a surplus and undivided profits of \$64,852, and deposits of \$2,298,988. No dividend has been recently declared as its earnings, the "Dispatch" states, are directed to surplus. The Industrial Bank of Richmond, which does a large mortgage business, has a capital of \$600,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$164,048 and deposits of \$400,227, as of June 30. On stock with a par of \$25 it pays a \$2 annual dividend.

That George H. Greenwood will be President of the Pacific National Bank of Seattle, now in course of organization, was reported in a dispatch from that city on July 18 to the "Wall Street Journal." Mr. Greenwood was formerly a Vice-President and a director of the old National Bank & Trust Co. of Spokane, Wash. The new bank will be capitalized at \$2,500,000, with surplus of \$500,000 and a contingent fund of \$100,000, it is said. It's affiliated securities company will be capitalized at \$600,000, with surplus of \$50,000, making the capital resources of the new bank \$3,750,000. Operations are expected to start about Sept. 1, it is said. In an item appearing in our issue of June 16 last, page 3710, reference was made to the new institution.

Julian C. Smith, Vice-President and General Manager of Shawinigan Water & Power and President of the Montreal Tramways, and one of the leading utility men of the country, was elected to the directorate of the Montreal Trust Co. of Montreal, Canada, at a meeting of the board held on July 23.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Speculative activity in this week's stock market centered largely in industrial shares and specialties, though there were occasional swings to the oil issues and merchandising stocks. Price movements have been somewhat irregular, and the net change from day to day have been small. The Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement published after the close of business on Thursday shows that a further reduction of \$10,496,000 has been made in the brokers' loan account. Irregularity characterized the movements of the stock market during the short session on Saturday and many of the early gains were considerably reduced before the close. Allied Chemical was one of the outstanding features and sold up to 177½ at its high for the day, though it reacted slightly just before the close. General Motors was in strong demand and reached 187¾ and then slipped back to 186¼. Radio Corporation receded from 168½ to 165½. Kroger Stores was another strong feature and sold above 99, closing with a net gain of 2 points at 98½. In the final hour the market was somewhat unsettled by the break in Freeport-Texas which dropped to a new low level for the year at 60¼. Selling pressure against Montgomery Ward, Union Carbide & Carbon, American Linseed and Hudson Motors carried these stocks down from 1 to 4 points.

On Monday the market turned upward following more or less irregularity in the early trading. Some of the speculative favorites were conspicuously strong, notably American Can, International Nickel, Columbia Gas and American Tobacco, all of which were from 1 to 3 or more points higher. General Motors, United States Steel common and a few others were inclined to lag behind in the first hour but were stronger at the close. Copper stocks moved to the front under the guidance of Kennecott Copper which again crossed 95, its high for the year. The strength of this issue stimulated buying Anaconda which fell into line with an advance of 2 points, followed by Greene-Cananea, Cerro de Pasco, Calumet & Arizona and Chili Copper. The strong industrials included among others Union Carbide & Carbon, United Fruit and Kroger Grocery, the latter reaching its highest peak since listing. Railroad stocks were again inactive, though there was an occasional exception like St. Louis & Southwestern which moved rapidly upward to 88½ as compared with its previous close at 84, and Texas & Pacific which sold up to 173. The merchandising stocks continued to advance, Montgomery Ward and Sears-Roebuck being in strong demand at substantial advances.

The market opened strong on Tuesday and moved briskly forward under the leadership of the railroad stocks. Atchison advanced 2 points to 190, followed by Ches. & Ohio which closed 2¼ points up at 181¼. General Motors moved up and down between 184½ and 187 and finally

closed at 185 with a loss of 1½ points on the day. American Can was the outstanding strong stock of the industrial group and sold up to 88½ with a net gain of 4 points. Another notably strong stock was Gold Dust which was unusually active and advanced 3½ points to 91½. United States Steel common sold up to 140 at its top for the day, but finally closed at 138½. Motor Products sold up to 125½, making a gain of 5 points; Lehn & Fink gained 3½ points and Butterick sold up to 45 at its high for the day, closing with a net gain of 3 points at 43¾. The market moved sharply upward on Wednesday, most of the buying centering largely on the speculative favorites and the so-called standard stocks. General Motors sold up to 189 and closed at 188½ a gain of 2 points. Consolidated Gas attracted considerable speculative attention as it bounded forward to 148½ and closed with a net gain of 4 points at 147½. Specialties also were strong, Wright Aero selling up to 156¼, as compared with its previous close at 151½. Curtis Aero & Motor, touched 106½ and Radio Corporation reached its top for the day at 171¾. The railroad shares were not as strong as the industrials, though Rock Island was in good demand and closed somewhat higher. General Electric also was in active demand and crossed 150 for the first time in over a week. American Piano pref. followed its 9½-point gain of Tuesday with an additional gain of 5 points and closed at 64¾. Other conspicuously strong issues were Amer. Tel. & Tel. and Westinghouse Electric. Tobacco stocks led by Lorillard were also higher.

Stocks continued to move forward on Thursday, oil shares becoming increasingly active and closing with substantial gains. Public Utility issues also were strong, particularly General Gas & Electric "A" which sold up to 56 and closed at 55½ with a net gain of over 4 points. United States Steel common sold up to 141½ at its high for the day, though it slid back to 140¾ at the close. Radio Corporation improved 2 points to 169½ and American Smelting gained 4½ points to 199½. In the railroad group New York Central moved higher and so did Delaware & Hudson, Atchison and Canadian Pacific, but the advances were not especially noteworthy. On Friday the market continued to move forward and substantial advances were recorded by a number of the market leaders. One of the features of the day was the strength of American Smelting & Refining which bounded forward to above 204, the highest in the history of the company. United States Steel common also moved briskly forward and crossed 143. General Motors advanced from 190 to 192 and Chrysler was also strong. American Can made a net gain of 3 points and Atlantic Refining reached its top price since 1923 when it crossed 148½. Railroad stocks were strong in spots, the strong issues including the Eries, St. Louis-San Francisco and Rock Island. Wright Aeronautical was up about 6 points and Radio Corporation advanced to 175 while Montgomery Ward moved to higher levels. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended July 27.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	565,800	\$1,803,000	\$1,091,000	\$123,500
Monday	1,395,310	3,965,000	1,806,500	315,500
Tuesday	1,764,410	4,790,000	2,159,000	572,000
Wednesday	1,703,840	4,572,000	2,674,500	620,500
Thursday	1,459,830	4,987,000	2,043,500	499,500
Friday	1,841,200	4,932,000	1,316,000	220,000
Total	8,730,390	\$25,049,000	\$11,091,000	\$2,351,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended July 27.		Jan. 1 to July 27.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stocks, No. of shares...	8,730,390	10,271,301	440,822,796	309,324,131
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$2,351,000	\$5,439,850	\$125,114,250	\$194,870,300
State and foreign bonds	11,091,000	10,371,500	492,006,565	492,471,400
Railroad & misc. bonds	25,049,000	34,113,000	1,501,681,025	1,310,164,050
Total bonds	\$38,491,000	\$49,924,350	\$2,118,801,840	\$1,997,505,750

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended July 27 1928.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*6,913	\$1,000	†14,965	---	490	\$5,000
Monday	*22,409	22,000	†18,067	\$39,100	959	18,600
Tuesday	*21,815	27,000	†19,743	22,300	1,832	16,800
Wednesday	*21,847	3,000	†22,528	48,100	3,015	25,000
Thursday	*23,022	8,000	†19,198	4,000	2,060	53,000
Friday	16,442	18,000	†5,764	3,000	1,857	11,000
Total	112,448	\$79,000	100,265	\$116,500	10,243	\$132,400
Prev. week revised	111,915	\$70,700	184,578	\$185,150	16,173	\$133,600

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 6,041; Monday, 11,957; Tuesday, 25,612; Wednesday, 43,897; Thursday, 14,950. † Saturday, 2,300; Monday, 5,500; Tuesday, 8,200; Wednesday, 5,700; Thursday, 5,100; Friday, 2,100.

THE CURB MARKET.

With the exception of to-day's market which showed some strength, trading in the Curb Market this week was dull and irregular. Interest centered in a few special issues, price movements outside of these being narrow. American Cyanamid, class B sold up from 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 35 $\frac{3}{8}$ the close to-day being at 34 $\frac{1}{4}$. Bancitaly Corp. advanced from 110 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 118 but reacted subsequently to 114 $\frac{7}{8}$. Fox Theatres com. sold up from 26 to 29 and finished to-day at 28 $\frac{1}{2}$. Industrial Rayon new dropped from 92 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 85 $\frac{5}{8}$, recovered to 88 but reacted finally to 86. Marion Steam Shovel new com. rose from 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 46 $\frac{3}{8}$ and ends the week at 45. Public Utilities were generally firm though inactive. Amer. Gas & Elec. com. gained about ten points to 165. Electric Investors advanced from 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 63 and closed to-day at 62 $\frac{1}{4}$. United Gas mpt. moved up from 131 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 138 $\frac{1}{2}$. Oils were quiet. Humble Oil & Refg. sold up from 77 to 81 and ends the week at 80 $\frac{5}{8}$. Standard Oil (Indiana) advanced from 73 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 76 $\frac{1}{8}$, the final figure to-day being 75 $\frac{1}{2}$. Mining issues were in demand. Newmont Mining sold up from 154 to 162, the close to-day being at the high figure. Noranda Mines dropped from 58 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 55 $\frac{1}{8}$, recovered to 57, the close to-day being at 56.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for this week will be found on page 534.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended July 27	*STOCKS (No. Shares).				BONDS (Par Value).	
	Indus. & Miscell.	Oil.	Mining.	Total.*	Domestic.	Foreign Governm.
Saturday	110,065	15,150	42,100	167,315	\$821,000	\$435,000
Monday	236,905	33,360	56,300	326,565	1,213,000	424,000
Tuesday	287,405	44,450	50,120	381,975	1,243,000	565,000
Wednesday	342,084	56,760	38,500	437,340	1,223,000	476,000
Thursday	230,644	50,702	48,940	330,282	1,021,000	383,000
Friday	222,461	98,400	33,810	354,675	1,326,000	282,000
Total	1,429,564	298,822	269,770	1,978,152	\$6,847,000	\$2,565,000

* In addition, rights were sold as follows: Saturday, 1,600; Monday, 2,700; Tuesday, 6,400; Wednesday, 4,400; Thursday, 4,700; Friday, 2,000.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of July 11 1928:

GOLD.

The Bank of England returns continue to show increasing gold reserves against notes. The total on the 4th instant was a fresh record, namely £170,686,190 (as compared with £169,633,710 on the previous Wednesday), and represents an increase of £16,779,875 since the 29th April 1925—when an effective gold standard was resumed. A further record gold holding is likely to be shown in the return for the week ending to-day, as will be seen from the Bank of England gold movements set out below.

In the open market yesterday £861,000 South African Bar Gold was available; the bulk of this amount—£692,000—was acquired by the Bank of England; £125,000 was taken for a destination not disclosed, and £38,000 was bought by the Trade and India.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced, showing a net influx of £916,000 during the week under review:

	July 5.	July 6.	July 7.	July 9.	July 10.	July 11.
Received	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	£250,000	£692,000	Nil.
Withdrawn	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	£17,000	£9,000

The receipts on the 9th and 10th instant were in sovereigns and bar gold respectively from South Africa. The £26,000 sovereigns withdrawn were sold as follows: Spain, £17,000 and Egypt £9,000.

Being were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered in the week ended the 4th instant:

Imports—	Exports—	
Arabia	Germany	£8,500
British West Africa	Other countries	7,265
Other countries		380
		£125,917
		£15,765

The Transvaal gold output for June 1928 amounted to 862,363 fine ounces, as compared with 886,186 fine ounces for May 1928 and 855,154 fine ounces for June 1927.

SILVER.

The tendency of prices has been downward, perhaps more from lack of demand than pressure of sales. China exchange has been easier in tone, and that quarter has consequently been rather a seller than a buyer. The market has also been assisted by some Continental sales, though not very substantial. India has been disposed to buy at the more favorable rates. The undertone still remains dull.

According to the Central News the French Government is about to purchase tendered silver five-franc pieces at 10 francs (new) per piece. This is equal to about 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per standard ounce. Therefore, as the melting of the now obsolete silver coin is not prohibited, French holders can do better by selling the coin to refiners. In these circumstances the French silver market will be for a time well supplied and the surplus, if any, will be available in other markets. Large quantities of French coin were undoubtedly smuggled abroad in recent years, and the French Government also obtained substantial amounts by purchase in the last year or so. The balance still outstanding may not therefore be large, though the tendency of the French peasant in hoarding coin may render the residue not negligible as a factor in the silver market.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered in the week ended the 4th instant:

Imports—	Exports—
Germany	Arabia
Netherlands	U. S. A.
Belgium	Other countries
U. S. A.	
British India	
Other countries	
£393,871	£33,762

The export, shown above, of £17,700 silver to the U. S. A., which was in the form of refined bars, seems rather like "carrying coals to Newcastle." No fresh Indian Currency Returns have come to hand.

The stock in Shanghai on the 7th instant consisted of about 43,900,000 ounces in sycee, 76,300,000 dollars, and 5,000 silver bars, as compared with about 41,700,000 ounces in sycee, 77,300,000 dollars, and 2,000 silver bars on the 30th ultimo. Quotations during the week:

	—Bar Silver, per oz. Std.—	Gold Bar Per
	Cash.	2 Mos. Oz. Fine.
July 5	27 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	27 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
July 6	27 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	84s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
July 7	27 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	27 3-16d
July 9	27 5-16d.	27 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
July 10	27 1-16d.	84s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
July 11	27 1-16d.	27d.
Average	27 3-16d.	84s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
	27.187d.	84s. 10.4d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1-16d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

	Sat., July 21.	Mon., July 23.	Tues., July 24.	Wed., July 25.	Thurs., July 26.	Fri., July 27.
Silver, per oz. d.	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 7-16	27 5-16	27 5-16	27 7-17	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gold, per fine oz.	84.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	84.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	84.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	84.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	84.11 $\frac{1}{4}$	84.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Consols, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{3}{4}$
British, 5s.	102	102	102	102	102	102
British, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	98 $\frac{1}{2}$
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	67.40	67.30	67.15	66.80	66.50	66.50
French War L'n (in Paris) fr.	93.15	93.40	93.25	93.15	93.20	93.20

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):					
Foreign	58 $\frac{3}{4}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week show a small decrease as compared with a year ago, but as the falling off is very small, the decrease may be turned into an increase when the final figures come to hand. 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 28) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 0.6% smaller than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,570,237,149, against \$9,626,562,365 for the same week in 1927. At this centre, there is a loss for the five days ending Friday of 0.5%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week Ended January 7.	1928.	1927.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,535,000,000	\$4,560,000,000	-0.5
Chicago	524,354,905	515,270,127	+1.8
Philadelphia	382,000,000	402,000,000	+5.0
Boston	349,000,000	408,000,000	+14.5
Kansas City	131,354,081	119,338,611	+10.1
St. Louis	111,500,000	111,300,000	+0.2
San Francisco	146,053,000	136,130,000	+7.3
Los Angeles	151,720,000	133,684,000	+13.5
Pittsburgh	138,332,729	137,007,953	+1.0
Detroit	177,029,883	186,747,975	+29.5
Cleveland	108,810,461	108,989,409	-0.2
Baltimore	72,517,382	86,482,601	-16.1
New Orleans	45,062,570	47,042,500	-4.2
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$6,872,735,011	\$6,901,993,176	-0.7
Other cities, 5 days	1,019,129,280	999,619,150	+2.0
Total all cities, 5 days	\$7,891,864,291	\$7,901,612,326	-0.1
All cities, 1 day	1,678,372,858	1,724,950,039	-2.7
Total all cities for week	\$9,570,237,149	\$9,626,562,365	-0.6

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended July 21. For that week there is an increase of 8.4%, the 1928 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$10,475,532,738, against \$9,667,122,164 in the same week of 1927. Outside of this city, however, the clearings show an increase of only 4.2%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 11.5%. We group the cities now according to the Federal

Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is an increase of 11.3%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 2.8%, but in the Boston Reserve District clearings show a decrease of 2.0%. In the Cleveland Reserve District a trifling increase appears, namely 0.6% and in the Richmond Reserve District of 5.5%, but the Atlanta Reserve District registers a loss of 2.3%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 3.5%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 4.3%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 10.3%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows an improvement of 13%, the Dallas Reserve District of 15.5% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 12.2%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week End, July 14 1928.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
First Reserve Dists.					
1st Boston.....12 cities	539,864,831	550,867,376	-2.0	518,720,560	453,594,142
2nd New York 11	6,265,221,052	5,629,464,007	+11.3	5,071,127,788	4,901,725,251
3rd Philadelphia 10	572,441,991	558,840,249	+2.6	576,648,144	587,103,988
4th Cleveland - 8	435,125,259	432,609,742	+0.6	426,304,433	407,217,332
5th Richmond - 6	184,002,221	174,484,798	+5.5	182,248,062	194,164,289
6th Atlanta.....13	185,349,774	189,700,374	-2.3	202,327,750	222,514,558
7th Chicago.....20	1,008,515,522	974,975,911	+3.5	944,972,054	823,232,830
8th St. Louis.....8	223,663,356	214,440,029	+4.3	211,871,612	206,021,995
9th Minneapolis 7	128,771,400	116,726,160	+10.3	120,538,775	115,769,091
10th Kansas City 12	286,129,218	253,279,385	+13.0	265,946,891	235,284,310
11th Dallas.....5	79,708,836	68,995,624	+15.5	66,675,864	62,660,503
12th San Fran.....17	566,439,278	504,739,509	+12.2	536,361,727	468,118,974
Total.....129 cities	10,476,532,738	9,667,122,164	+8.4	9,139,423,680	8,780,837,933
Outside N. Y. City.....	4,337,654,419	4,162,438,864	+4.2	4,190,086,691	3,996,952,404
Canada.....31 cities	448,152,461	345,973,292	+29.5	322,327,149	301,530,002

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Clearings at—	Week Ended July 21.				
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston					
Maine—Bangor.....	577,549	839,428	-21.2	702,204	912,000
Portland.....	3,455,629	3,622,730	-16.6	3,696,171	2,938,740
Mass.—Boston.....	484,000,000	498,000,000	-2.8	468,000,000	401,000,000
Fall River.....	1,156,530	2,168,549	-46.7	1,674,454	2,032,009
Lowell.....	1,317,979	1,122,887	+17.4	940,531	983,096
New Bedford.....	1,088,888	1,007,765	+8.1	1,177,118	1,314,129
Springfield.....	5,283,522	5,069,456	+4.2	5,176,430	5,557,479
Worcester.....	3,420,368	3,325,295	+2.9	3,480,536	3,264,372
Conn.—Hartford.....	13,847,170	14,191,251	-2.4	14,040,466	12,899,427
New Haven.....	9,328,559	8,269,631	+12.8	6,806,755	6,938,644
R. I.—Providence.....	15,717,300	12,684,400	+23.9	12,324,900	14,938,700
N. H.—Manchester.....	671,337	565,985	+18.6	706,695	815,546
Total (12 cities)	539,864,831	550,867,376	-2.0	518,720,560	453,594,142
Second Federal Reserve District—New York					
N. Y.—Albany.....	5,809,524	5,884,229	-1.3	8,025,376	5,196,699
Binghamton.....	1,449,667	1,145,381	+26.6	1,122,900	1,077,100
Buffalo.....	55,164,202	51,402,463	+7.1	50,165,477	55,157,327
Elmira.....	1,021,846	868,127	+17.7	1,010,443	837,044
Jamestown.....	1,177,396	1,359,279	-11.6	1,796,696	1,559,086
New York.....	6,137,878,321	5,504,683,300	+11.5	4,949,336,989	4,783,885,529
Rochester.....	12,616,899	12,680,795	+1.9	10,774,802	10,439,727
Syracuse.....	5,686,308	8,622,521	-34.1	6,780,776	7,419,565
Conn.—Stamford.....	5,016,542	3,810,131	+31.7	4,734,214	3,595,600
N. J.—Montclair.....	839,836	633,890	+32.5	533,530	572,189
Northern N. J.....	38,560,511	38,593,791	-0.1	37,846,685	31,988,385
Total (11 cities)	6,265,221,052	5,629,464,007	+11.3	5,071,127,788	4,901,725,251
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia					
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,540,433	1,713,527	-10.1	1,700,429	1,728,081
Bethlehem.....	4,487,893	4,455,486	+0.7	4,759,066	4,268,963
Chester.....	1,685,387	1,467,129	+14.9	1,522,542	1,476,056
Lancaster.....	1,636,432	1,860,924	+12.1	1,830,367	2,542,219
Philadelphia.....	540,000,000	525,000,000	+2.9	547,000,000	557,000,000
Reading.....	4,857,606	3,934,270	+23.5	3,673,894	3,323,249
Seranton.....	5,919,499	5,947,816	-0.5	6,028,902	5,928,600
Wilkes-Barre.....	4,647,108	3,871,928	+20.0	4,269,520	3,831,727
York.....	2,070,312	1,744,262	+18.7	1,998,062	1,886,010
N. J.—Trenton.....	5,597,351	6,844,907	-18.2	5,894,422	5,119,017
Total (10 cities)	572,441,991	556,840,249	+2.8	578,648,144	587,103,988
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland					
Ohio—Akron.....	7,046,000	7,460,000	-5.5	6,269,000	6,028,000
Canton.....	4,557,027	4,254,468	+7.1	4,520,944	4,017,977
Cincinnati.....	80,539,944	78,904,735	+2.1	77,634,440	71,411,995
Cleveland.....	146,208,313	134,473,588	+8.7	127,149,219	124,116,632
Columbus.....	16,607,200	18,380,800	-9.7	17,429,900	17,585,400
Mansfield.....	2,304,460	2,220,620	+3.8	2,308,724	2,312,484
Youngstown.....	5,398,058	4,949,724	+9.1	7,227,750	6,334,322
Pa.—Pittsburgh.....	172,464,257	181,965,807	-5.2	182,844,456	175,360,592
Total (8 cities)	435,125,259	432,609,742	+0.6	425,384,433	407,217,332
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond					
W. Va.—Hunt'g'n.....	1,375,945	1,163,709	+18.2	1,499,706	1,563,100
Va.—Norfolk.....	4,466,671	5,287,933	-15.5	8,481,164	7,929,936
Richmond.....	40,553,000	41,054,000	-1.2	45,915,000	52,196,000
S. C.—Charleston.....	2,481,964	2,000,000	+24.1	2,300,000	2,000,000
Md.—Baltimore.....	108,175,316	100,900,007	+1.3	113,231,208	104,373,546
D. C.—Washington.....	26,949,325	24,079,149	+11.8	24,820,944	26,102,247
Total (6 cities)	184,002,221	174,484,798	+5.5	196,248,082	194,164,829
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta					
Tenn.—Chatt'ga.....	9,595,212	9,953,460	-3.6	7,983,420	7,191,374
Knoxville.....	4,035,013	3,290,000	+26.1	3,000,000	2,900,000
Nashville.....	21,196,561	25,109,405	-15.6	22,711,082	20,849,815
Ga.—Atlanta.....	49,446,463	46,628,283	+6.0	51,137,683	59,046,646
Augusta.....	1,735,512	1,686,839	+2.8	1,695,129	1,359,000
Macon.....	1,906,732	1,855,400	+2.9	1,936,553	1,715,896
Fla.—Jack'nville.....	16,177,746	17,540,367	-7.7	25,440,718	27,721,372
Miami.....	2,108,000	3,352,000	-37.1	3,064,898	2,706,466
Ala.—Birmingham.....	23,312,390	25,312,152	-7.9	23,112,622	23,783,246
Mobile.....	1,587,526	1,788,881	-11.3	1,853,716	1,752,729
Miss.—Jackson.....	1,994,876	1,481,120	+34.7	1,649,581	1,010,700
Vicksburg.....	293,845	389,973	-24.6	394,748	226,125
La.—New Orleans.....	51,959,898	51,402,494	+1.1	52,947,620	48,687,219
Total (13 cities)	185,349,774	189,700,374	-2.3	202,927,750	222,514,558

Clearings at—	Week Ended July 21.				
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago					
Mich.—Adrian.....	253,688	230,833	+9.9	241,419	205,385
Ann Arbor.....	839,686	775,386	+8.3	840,952	805,675
Detroit.....	220,051,773	181,296,201	+21.4	177,939,124	181,245,796
Grand Rapids.....	10,089,640	7,313,736	+38.0	7,591,821	7,312,505
Lansing.....	3,101,011	2,478,944	+25.1	2,261,830	2,364,359
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	3,049,527	2,789,198	+9.3	2,770,064	2,694,356
Indianapolis.....	22,950,000	22,135,000	+8.8	23,068,000	18,368,000
South Bend.....	3,045,800	2,979,708	+2.2	2,792,600	2,740,000
Terre Haute.....	5,102,383	5,001,681	+2.0	5,315,365	4,408,018
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	42,214,041	40,758,288	+3.6	39,653,380	36,488,714
Iowa—Ced. Rap.....	2,963,278	2,562,259	+15.7	2,257,753	2,364,273
Des Moines.....	9,610,443	9,217,821	+4.3	9,522,565	9,584,566
St. Louis.....	7,089,414	6,017,017	+17.8	6,132,418	6,135,643
Waterloo.....	1,436,833	3,215,711	-18.1	1,083,971	1,080,463
Ill.—Bloomington.....	1,608,916	1,640,638	-2.0	1,767,409	1,508,320
Chicago.....	662,199,344	676,360,857	-2.1	646,932,339	637,824,064
Decatur.....	1,318,634	1,309,724	-0.8	1,372,182	1,551,773
Peoria.....	5,221,606	4,643,228	+12.5	4,841,255	4,654,604
Rockford.....	4,115,176	3,400,109	+21.0	3,065,820	2,287,241
Springfield.....	2,554,329	2,850,165	-10.4	2,521,796	2,608,292
Total (20 cities)	1,008,815,522	974,975,911	+3.5	944,972,054	926,282,930
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis					
Ind.—Evansville.....	5,962,831	6,208,476	-4.0	6,005,524	5,982,941
Mo.—St. Louis.....	150,200,000	140,000,000	+7.3	141,390,785	139,300,000
Ky.—Louisville.....	34,611,127	35,446,721	-2.4	32,327,790	30,534,333
Owensboro.....	894,931	313,257	+25.9	332,720	314,778
Tenn.—Memphis.....	18,056,072	18,026,055	+0.1	17,367,409	15,801,971
Ark.—Little Rock.....	12,846,809	12,003,429	+7.0	12,704,110	11,986,565
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	303,520	344,800	-12.0	371,863	577,063
Quincy.....	1,288,066	1,297,291	-0.7	1,496,529	1,523,954
Total (8 cities)	223,663,356	214,440,029	+3.3	211,871,612	206,021,995
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis					
Minn.—Duluth.....	6,104,554	6,232,987	-2.1	7,530,956	7,675,272
Minneapolis.....	83,404,984	73,416,669	+13.6	74,927,422	72,746,588
St. Paul.....	31,528,521	30,590,072	+3.1	31,296,966	29,108,499
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	1,999,572	1,872,111	+6.8	1,837,850	1,520,208
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	1,758,372	1,174,761	+49.7	1,305,426	1,376,265
Mont.—Billings.....	612,397	515,560	+18.8	527,879	540,129
Helena.....	3,363,000	2,924,000	+15.6	3,112,326	2,802,132
Total (7 cities)	128,771,400	116,726,160	+10.3	120,538,775	115,769,091
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City					
Neb.—Fremont.....	406,032	369,400			

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 572.—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.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows list various cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City, and weekly totals.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, July 21, follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport N., Norfolk, New Orleans*, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, and weekly totals.

* 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, July 21 1928, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows list cities like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Houston, and weekly totals.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1928 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Other countries, and weekly totals.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, July 21, were as follows:

Table with columns: GRAIN STOCKS, United States—, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows list various cities and weekly totals.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, Philadelphia, 3,000 bushels; Baltimore, 122,000; total, 140,000 bushels, against 25,000 bushels in 1927. Barley, Philadelphia, 13,000 bushels; Baltimore, 98,000; Buffalo, 168,000; Buffalo afloat, 26,000; total, 459,000 bushels, against 271,000 bushels in 1927. Wheat, New York, 100,000 bushels; Boston, 730,000; Philadelphia, 258,000; Baltimore, 10,596,000; Buffalo, 790,000; Buffalo afloat, 76,000; Canal, 2,010,000; total, 15,426,000 bushels, against 5,697,000 bushels in 1927.

Table with columns: Canadian—, Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian, Total July 21 1928, Total July 14 1928, Total July 23 1927.

Table with columns: Summary—, American, Canadian, Total July 21 1928, Total July 14 1928, Total July 23 1927.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ended Friday, July 20, and since July 1 1928 and 1927, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows include North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's, and Total.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLE REQUESTED. Capital. July 17—First National Bank in Geneva, Neb. Correspondent, Earl H. Wilkins, Geneva, Neb. \$25,000

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED. July 21—The National Bank of Wyoming, N. Y. Succeeds the Wyoming Banking Co., Wyoming, N. Y. Correspondent (Wolcott J. Humphrey, Warsaw, N. Y.) 50,000

CHARTERS ISSUED. July 16—The Buzzards Bay National Bank, Buzzards Bay, Mass. President, John W. Ramsay; Cashier, W. E. C. Perry. 50,000 July 21—The City National Bank of Albany, Ga. President, W. B. Haley; Cashier, Leo Leader. 100,000

CHANGES OF TITLES. July 16—The Security National Bank of Valley City, No. Dak., to "The First & Security National Bank of Valley City." July 18—The Republic National Bank of Dallas, Tex., to "Republic National Bank & Trust Co. of Dallas."

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table with columns: By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York: Bonds—, Green Bay, Winona & St Paul RR. Co., 2nd mtge., Inc. bonds; \$50,000 New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg RR. Co., 1st mtge. 40-year 8s construction bond chartered by La. Dec. 30 1869; 500 Mexican Metals Saving Co., com., par \$1; 75 Dominion Copper Co., Ltd., par \$10; 133 New York & New England Telep., par \$10; 185 Ramapo Water Co., par 600 Sequoyah Oil & Ref. Co., par \$1; 200 Internat. Tire Stores Corp., no par; 1,750 Consol. Ariz. Smelting Co., par \$5; 142 Tonopah Divide Mining Co., par \$1; 1,000 Consolidated Nevada Util. Corp., par \$3; 200,000 German Marks; 16 Northern Ohio Ry., pref.; 25 Hampshire Southern RR., \$32 lot

Table with columns: By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston: Shares—, 20 Weetamoe Mills, 10 Arlington Mills, 10 American Linen Co., 10 Pepperell Mfg. Co., 5 Weetamoe Mills, 10 American Linen Co., 10 Arlington Mills, 10 Chace Mills, 10 Lancaster Mills, preferred, 42 Nashawena Mills, 10 West Boylston Mfg. Co., pref., 6 Wampanoag Mills, 7 Wampanoag Mills, 5 Pepperell Mfg. Co., 13 Wampanoag Mills, 20 Gosnold Mills, pref., 190 Arlington Mills, 7 Davol Mills, 20 Sharp Mfg. Co., common, 10 Stafford Mills, 108 Pneumatic Scale Corp., Ltd., pref., par \$10.

Table with columns: By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo: Shares—, 10 Kelter Quailot, Inc., par \$20, \$1 lot; 200 Howey Gold Mines, par \$1, 96c; 1,000 Goldhill Mines, par \$1, 84c.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various banks and financial institutions with their respective share counts and prices.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Main dividend table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sub-sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists various companies under the heading 'Miscellaneous (Concluded)'. Includes companies like Franklin Co., German Cred. & Inv., etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists companies with previously announced but unpaid dividends, including Alabam Great Southern, A.T. & T., etc.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam) (Concluded).				Public Utilities (Concluded).			
Pennsylvania RR. (quar.)	\$7 1/2	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a	Ohio Edison Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Peoria & Bureau Valley	\$3 1/2	Aug. 10	*Holders of rec. July 20	6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Pere Marquette, prior preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 6a	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Five per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 6a	5% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a	6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
Pittsburgh & West Va. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 12a	6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Reading Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 9	Holders of rec. July 12a	6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
First preferred (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 13	Holders of rec. Aug. 23a	6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Second preferred (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 11	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Oklahoma Gas & Elec., 6% pref.	*3	July 31	*Holders of rec. July 23
St. Louis-San Francisco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a	Pacific Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	*37 1/2	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Pacific Lighting, common (quar.)	75c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
Southern Ry., com. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 2a	5% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 31
Virginian Ry., preferred	3	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a	Pacific Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 18
Wabash Ry., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 24	Holders of rec. July 25a	Preferred Edison, com. (quar.)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
				7% prior preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				Penn-Ohio Securities Corp., com. (qu.)	1.8c.	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 14
				Pennsylvania-Ohio P. & L., \$6 pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
				7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
				6.6% preferred (monthly)	60c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
				6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
				\$6 preferred (quarterly)	1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
				7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
				7.2% preferred (monthly)	60c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
				7.2% preferred (monthly)	60c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
				6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
				6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
				6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
				Philadelphia Company, com. (quar.)	\$1	July 31	Holders of rec. July 2a
				Common (extra)	\$1.50	July 31	Holders of rec. July 2a
				5% preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a
				Philadelphia Electric (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
				Philadelphia Rapid Transit (quar.)	\$1	July 31	Holders of rec. July 16a
				Phila. Suburban Water, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 11a
				Portland Gas & Coke, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 18
				Power & Light Securities Trust—			
				Shares of beneficial int. (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
				Shares of beneficial int. (in stock)	61 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
				Public Service Corp. of N. J., com. (qu.)	50c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
				6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	July 31	Holders of rec. July 6a
				6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 3a
				6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
				7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
				8% preferred (quar.)	2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
				Public Service Elec. & Gas, 6% pfd. (qu.)	1 1/2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
				7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
				Public Serv. of Colo., 7% pf. (mthly.)	*58 1-3c	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
				6% preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
				Public Serv. of No. Ill., com. (quar.)	*82	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
				Six per cent pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
				Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
				Railway & Light Securities, com. (qu.)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				Rhode Isld. Pub. Serv., cl. A (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				Rockland Light & Power, common	*\$1.12	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 16a
				Sierra Pacific Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				Southern Calif. Edison, com (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 20a
				Southern Canada Power, com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
				Standard Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
				Tennessee Elec. Power Co.—			
				5% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
				6% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
				7% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
				7.2% preferred (quar.)	1.80	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
				6% first preferred (monthly)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
				6% first preferred (monthly)	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
				6% first preferred (monthly)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
				6% first preferred (monthly)	60c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16
				7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
				7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
				Texas Power & Light, 7% pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 18
				\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 18
				Toledo Edison Co., 6% pref. (monthly)	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
				7% preferred (monthly)	*58 1-3c	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
				United Gas Improvement (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
				United Lt. & Pow., old A & B com. (qu.)	60c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				New class A & B com. (quar.)	12c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
				Washington (D. C.) Gas Light (quar.)	*90c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 14
				West Penn Elec. Co., class A (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
				7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 20a
				Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 20a
				West Penn Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 5a
				Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 5a
				West Penn Ry., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25
				Western Power Corp., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
				Wilmington Gas, pref.	3	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 11a
				Winnipeg Electric Co. (quar.)	*\$1	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 10
				Wisconsin Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
				York Rys., pref. (quar.)	62 1/2	July 31	Holders of rec. July 20a
				Banks.			
				Continental	5	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 27a
				Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 31a
				Trust Companies.			
				Farmers' Loan & Trust (extra)	*4	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
				Title Guarantee & Trust	5	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 22
				Fire Insurance.			
				American Equitable Assurance of New York, common (quar.)	37 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
				American Re-Insurance, common (quar.)	75c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
				Knickerbocker Ins. of N. Y., com. (qu.)	37 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
				New York Fire Ins., com. (quar.)	30c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
				Miscellaneous.			
				Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
				Allied Chem. & Dye Corp. com. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 11a
				Allis-Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 24a
				Aluminum Manufacture, com. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
				Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
				Amer. Chatillon Corp., pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
				Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
				Amerasia Corp. (quar.)	50c.	July 31	Holders of rec. July 16a
				American Can, com. (quar.)	50c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31a
				American Cigar, com. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				American Coal, com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				Amer. European Securities, pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31
				Amer. Founders Trust, com. (quar.)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				Com. (one-one fortieth share com.stk.)	(f)	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				7% first preferred (quar.)	87 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				6% first preferred (quar.)	75c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				6% second preferred (quar.)	37 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				American Glue, pref. (quar.)	2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14
				American Hardware Corp.—			
				Quarterly	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
				Quarterly	\$1	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
				Amer. Home Products (monthly)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
				Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 20
				Amer. Linsced, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 2 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
				Amer. Mach. & Fdy., com. (quar.)	\$1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
				American Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
				Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
				American Metal, common (quar.)	75c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a

Table with 3 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. The table lists various companies and their financial details, organized into two main sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' and 'City of Paris (dept. store, San Francisco)'. Each entry includes the company name, its percentage, payment date, and the date books are closed.

Table with 4 main columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive. It lists various companies like Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. and includes financial details such as percentages and dates.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes various financial entities and their stock details.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The following are the figures for the week ending July 20:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, JULY 20 1928. NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.

Table showing average figures for National and State Banks, including categories like Loans, Gold, Other Cash, Res. Dep., Dep. Other, and Gross Deposits.

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

Table showing average figures for Trust Companies, including categories like Loans, Cash, Res. Dep., Dep. Other, and Gross Deposits.

*Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central Union \$30,604,000; Empire \$2,897,000; Fulton, \$1,981,000.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

Table showing Boston Clearing House Members' returns for July 17, 1928, compared with previous weeks and other dates.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending July 21, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits...

Beginning with the return for the week ending May 14, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserves and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This will account for the queries at the end of the table.

Table showing Philadelphia Banks' reserves and deposits for the week ended July 21, 1928, with columns for Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, Total, and previous weeks.

*Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve member.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with Mar. 31, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report.

STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY JULY 21, 1928.

Table showing the statement of members of the New York Clearing House Association, listing clearing house members, capital, surplus, net demand deposits, and time deposits.

Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$279,575,000, (b) \$14,532,000; (c) \$51,020,000, (d) \$90,251,000, (e) \$2,226,000, (f) \$116,377,000.

*As per official reports: National, June 30 1928; State, June 30 1928; Trust Companies, June 30 1928.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 26, 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 480, 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 25 1928

Table with 10 columns for dates from July 25 1928 to July 27 1927. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Total U. S. Government securities, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, 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 25 1928

Table with 14 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, etc.).

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.													
Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	
\$ 490.0	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 490.0	\$	\$	\$	
Other securities													
Total bills and securities.....	1,402,323.0	93,242.0	369,814.0	126,097.0	149,438.0	69,229.0	87,241.0	202,366.0	61,219.0	37,541.0	52,596.0	48,459.0	105,081.0
Due from foreign banks.....	573.0	37.0	218.0	47.0	52.0	25.0	21.0	69.0	21.0	13.0	15.0	17.0	35.0
Uncollected items.....	626,843.0	62,341.0	167,632.0	50,344.0	58,984.0	45,402.0	21,767.0	79,587.0	27,251.0	13,337.0	41,035.0	22,935.0	36,228.0
Bank premises.....	60,113.0	3,824.0	16,568.0	1,752.0	6,806.0	3,481.0	2,833.0	8,720.0	3,902.0	2,202.0	4,308.0	1,883.0	3,834.0
All other resources.....	8,628.0	75.0	1,375.0	221.0	1,258.0	388.0	1,294.0	994.0	556.0	974.0	406.0	510.0	577.0
Total resources	4,924,182.0	378,173.0	1,495,591.0	345,738.0	482,113.0	182,638.0	231,877.0	747,106.0	183,667.0	129,195.0	198,281.0	132,440.0	417,363.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	1,606,582.0	139,299.0	336,272.0	126,349.0	191,889.0	51,140.0	129,096.0	271,734.0	56,786.0	54,723.0	55,933.0	29,498.0	163,863.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.....	2,299,893.0	148,081.0	889,235.0	132,693.0	188,535.0	65,983.0	64,389.0	345,495.0	80,583.0	50,339.0	90,888.0	64,191.0	179,481.0
Government.....	20,331.0	625.0	1,681.0	1,321.0	2,901.0	2,086.0	1,107.0	1,041.0	1,031.0	1,031.0	1,385.0	1,901.0	3,668.0
Foreign bank.....	8,651.0	728.0	1,678.0	923.0	1,010.0	495.0	408.0	1,350.0	418.0	262.0	350.0	340.0	689.0
Other deposits.....	17,241.0	77.0	8,915.0	122.0	1,162.0	255.0	90.0	1,047.0	329.0	207.0	389.0	28.0	4,620.0
Total deposits	2,346,116.0	149,511.0	901,509.0	135,059.0	192,291.0	69,634.0	66,973.0	348,999.0	82,371.0	51,839.0	93,012.0	66,460.0	188,458.0
Deferred availability items.....	574,543.0	60,253.0	141,175.0	47,231.0	57,458.0	42,323.0	19,648.0	71,896.0	27,587.0	11,568.0	35,413.0	23,174.0	36,917.0
Capital paid in.....	143,024.0	9,895.0	47,564.0	14,178.0	14,271.0	6,083.0	5,145.0	18,211.0	5,381.0	3,021.0	4,202.0	4,318.0	10,755.0
Surplus.....	233,319.0	17,893.0	63,007.0	21,662.0	24,021.0	12,324.0	9,996.0	32,778.0	10,397.0	7,039.0	9,046.0	8,527.0	16,629.0
All other liabilities.....	20,598.0	1,322.0	6,064.0	1,259.0	2,183.0	1,134.0	1,119.0	3,488.0	1,145.0	1,005.0	675.0	463.0	741.0
Total liabilities	4,924,182.0	378,173.0	1,495,591.0	345,738.0	482,113.0	182,638.0	231,877.0	747,106.0	183,667.0	129,195.0	198,281.0	132,440.0	417,363.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent).....	69.9	73.4	74.3	63.3	68.1	49.7	57.9	71.9	62.3	69.5	65.6	58.5	76.1
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	305,452.0	22,889.0	86,329.0	28,993.0	31,739.0	15,564.0	12,818.0	42,421.0	13,123.0	8,240.0	10,987.0	10,681.0	21,668.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation).....	415,850.0	28,574.0	127,416.0	32,721.0	31,394.0	15,374.0	27,047.0	45,639.0	12,773.0	7,092.0	7,847.0	6,100.0	73,873.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 25 1928.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
<i>Two ciphers (00) omitted.</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller.....	2,822,202.0	228,823.0	738,128.0	184,470.0	255,313.0	90,843.0	223,613.0	444,473.0	87,079.0	80,734.0	98,990.0	56,000.0	333,736.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	799,770.0	60,950.0	274,440.0	25,400.0	33,030.0	24,329.0	67,610.0	127,100.0	17,520.0	18,919.0	35,210.0	20,402.0	96,000.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	2,022,432.0	167,873.0	463,688.0	159,070.0	223,283.0	66,514.0	156,143.0	317,373.0	69,559.0	61,815.0	63,780.0	35,598.0	237,736.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank:													
Gold and gold certificates.....	352,477.0	35,300.0	153,161.0	50,000.0	20,396.0	21,750.0	1,750.0	2,975.0	7,900.0	14,167.0	9,803.0	4,000.0	40,000.0
Gold redemption fund.....	91,446.0	11,436.0	17,291.0	12,493.0	12,321.0	3,334.0	4,744.0	1,808.0	2,975.0	2,981.0	3,733.0	1,895.0	16,435.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board.....	675,794.0	58,000.0	5,000.0	59,777.0	70,000.0	9,953.0	48,100.0	213,000.0	13,000.0	28,000.0	38,860.0	4,000.0	138,057.0
Eligible paper.....	1,160,789.0	85,606.0	327,501.0	90,474.0	114,593.0	59,953.0	81,764.0	167,057.0	54,076.0	25,982.0	33,908.0	4,700.0	87,102.0
Total collateral	2,280,506.0	190,342.0	502,953.0	162,744.0	246,914.0	83,683.0	156,358.0	381,865.0	77,951.0	71,130.0	76,501.0	48,471.0	281,594.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 637 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 481, immediately following which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 17 1928 (In thousands of dollars).

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and Investments—total	22,316,293	1,538,585	8,475,605	1,247,814	2,214,648	676,076	639,233	3,292,152	726,877	376,127	684,088	460,119	1,984,969
Loans and discounts—total	15,749,676	1,085,948	6,046,623	848,592	1,472,504	516,585	506,069	2,397,781	511,978	243,601	445,644	339,580	1,334,771
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	129,139	9,712	50,579	8,726	13,330	3,598	4,315	20,478	4,723	2,356	3,114	3,758	4,450
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	6,632,886	412,635	2,832,843	406,378	673,052	183,832	133,748	1,049,452	218,662	80,537	132,591	88,237	360,919
All other loans and discounts.....	8,987,651	663,601	3,163,201	373,488	789,122	329,155	368,006	1,327,851	288,593	160,708	309,939	247,585	969,402
Investments—total	6,566,617	452,637	2,428,982	399,222	742,144	159,491	133,164	894,371	214,899	132,520	238,444	120,539	650,198
U. S. Government securities.....	2,984,930	165,400	1,192,295	112,080	136,767	71,059	61,255	372,761	75,617	70,111	110,425	81,665	355,495
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,581,687	287,237	1,236,687	287,142	425,377	88,432	71,909	521,610	139,282	62,415	128,019	38,874	294,703
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,693,803	99,121	777,024	80,857	126,891	41,324	38,924	255,333	44,003	23,888	54,454	34,325	117,659
Cash in vault.....	245,173	18,008	66,329	13,910	28,786	11,854	10,390	40,419	7,179	5,917	11,303	8,632	22,446
Net demand deposits	13,189,802	922,449	5,757,381	732,290	1,039,442	357,718	315,538	1,841,326	375,476	223,391	502,667	292,314	829,810
Time deposits.....	6,911,090	494,404	1,683,383	304,603	975,243	246,344	244,039	1,262,550	242,664	128,803	178,210	133,520	1,017,327
Government deposits.....	93,410	4,817	28,420	4,270	5,859	1,075	6,243	5,805	3,546	1,087	1,722	7,535	23,531
Due from banks	1,106,173	53,513	130,917	56,255	93,725	46,256	66,375	235,911	44,721	48,919	124,520	53,758	151,303
Due to banks	3,085,714	143,029	1,160,593	170,537	214,489	95,651	95,520	481,309	118,903	86,157	228,192	88,881	202,453
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	787,412	38,118	259,564	62,384	76,576	28,536	53,891	130,140	43,547	6,831	21,732	12,232	53,861
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	504,439	9,515	178,886	48,943	44,246	11,125	15,552	106,839	16,146	3,995	11,427	11,163	46,602
All other.....	282,973	28,603	80,678	13,441	32,330	17,411	38,339	23,301	27,401	2,836	10,305	1,069	7,259
Number of reporting banks	637	36	78	49	70	64	31	92	29	24	64	45	55

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business July 25 1928, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	July 25 1928.			July 18 1928.			July 27 1927.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	175,452,000	175,563,000	411,454,000	175,452,000	175,563,000	411,454,000	175,452,000	175,563,000	411,454,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury.....	18,026,000	19,652,000	7,175,000	18,026,000	19,652,000	7,175,000	18,026,000	19,652,000	7,175,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes.....	193,478,000	195,215,000	418,629,000	193,478,000	195,215,000	418,629,000	193,478,000	195,215,000	418,629,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.....	194,642,000	195,757,000	202,316,000	194,642,000	195,757,000	202,316,000	194,642,000	195,757,000	202,316,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank.....	499,901,000	500,098,000	490,888,000	499,901,000	500,098,000	490,888,000	499,901,000	500,098,000	490,888,000
Total gold reserves	888,021,000	891,070,000	1,111,033,000	888,021,000	891,070,000	1,111,033,000	888,021,000	891,070,000	1,111,033,000
Reserves other than gold.....	31,530,000	30,549,000	32,854,000	31,530,000	30,549,000	32,854,000	31,530,000	30,549,000	32,854,000
Total reserves	919,551,000	921,619,000	1,143,887,000	919,551,000	921,619,000	1,143,887,000	919,551,000	921,619,000	1,143,887,000
Non-reserve cash	20,433,000	20,302,000	14,751,000	20,433,000	20,302,000	14,751,000	20,433,000		

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 505.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week Ended July 27.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.				Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.		
Railroads—							
Boston & Maine.....100	390 76	July 23	77 1/2	July 24	58	Feb 83	May
Buff Roch & Pitts.....100	40 65	July 24	65	July 24	60	Feb 86	Apr
Preferred.....100	50 100	July 25	100	July 25	94	Mar 105 1/2	May
Buff & Susquehanna.....100	100 32 3/4	July 27	32 3/4	July 27	32	July 43	Jan
Havana Elec Ry.....*	100 10 1/4	July 25	10 1/4	July 25	10	Mar 17 3/4	June
Hooking Valley.....100	30 340	July 26	350	July 27	340	July 440	May
Ill Cent RR sec ctf.....100	10 75	July 27	75	July 27	75	July 82 1/2	June
Iowa Central.....100	10 3	July 24	3	July 24	2	Mar 5 1/2	Mar
Minneapolis & St Louis.....100	300 2 3/4	July 21	2 3/4	July 21	1 1/2	May 6 1/2	May
Morris & Essex.....50	30 83	July 25	83 1/2	July 23	83	July 89	June
New Ork Tex & Mex.....100	80 138 1/4	July 24	140	July 24	125	Apr 148 1/2	May
N Y Central rights.....	42,415 5 3/4	July 21	6 1/2	July 26	5 3/4	July 6 3/4	June
N Y Lack & Western.....100	30 110	July 23	110 1/2	July 23	109	Feb 112 1/2	June
Pitts Ft W & Ch pref.....100	50 156 1/4	July 23	160	July 25	156 1/2	July 167	Apr
So Ry M & O sts.....100	40 128 1/2	July 24	130 1/2	July 27	100	Jan 159 1/2	Jan
Vicks Shr & Pac pref.....100	20 101	July 21	101	July 21	101	July 108 1/2	Mar

Indus. & Miscell.								
Par.	Shares	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.			
Abtithl Pow & Pap pf 100	2,200	93 1/4	July 27	100 1/4	July 21	93 1/4	July 102 1/4	Apr
Am Pow & Light pref...100	1,140	102	July 26	102 3/4	July 26	102	July 107 1/2	May
Am Radiator pref.....100	2,900	146	July 23	150	July 25	142	Jan 152	Apr
Am Teleg & Teleg rights.100	112,000	1 1/4	July 21	1 1/4	July 25	1 1/4	July 1 1/4	June
Am Wholesale pref.....100	130	108	July 27	110	July 21	104	Apr 110 1/4	July
Arnold Constable rights.45,500	4 1/2	3 1/4	July 21	3 1/4	July 25	3 1/4	July 3 1/4	July
Barker Bros.....100	100	100	July 26	100	July 26	100	July 101 1/2	June
Brookway Motor Trk...100	4,500	48 1/2	July 21	52 1/2	July 27	45 1/2	July 57 3/4	June
Preferred.....100	100 111	July 25	111	July 25	110	June 117 1/2	May	
Canada Dry C A rights...100	16,100	1	July 25	1 1/2	July 27	1	July 1 1/2	July
Chickasha Cotton Oil...100	5,300	47	July 24	52 1/2	July 21	45 1/2	June 56 3/4	June
Coca Cola pref (7)...100	100	100	July 26	100	July 26	98	Jan 108 1/4	June
Coca Cola Ind pref.....100	2,400	24	July 21	24 1/2	July 24	23	July 25 1/2	July
Container Corp class A20	4,400	24 1/2	July 25	25 1/2	July 21	21 1/2	Mar 36	Apr
Class B.....100	7,400	12 1/2	July 27	13 1/2	July 23	10 1/2	Mar 19 1/4	Apr
Cushman Sons pref 8%...100	10 113 3/4	July 24	113 3/4	July 24	112	June 116 1/2	Mar	
Cutler-Hammer Mfg 10	400	52 1/2	July 25	52 1/2	July 24	52	June 60	Apr

Dodge Bros A cts.....*	13,200	13 1/2	July 24	15	July 27	12 1/2	June 15	July
Preferred cts.....*	28,500	69 1/2	July 25	77	July 27	64	June 77	July
Drug Inc.....*	4,000	92 3/4	July 24	94 1/2	July 27	80	Mar 99 1/2	May
Eltinger Schild.....100	700	34 1/2	July 26	35	July 26	34 1/2	July 40 3/4	June
Preferred.....100	200 102	July 26	102	July 26	102	July 114 1/4	June	
El Pr & Lt cts full paid.50	180	13 1/2	July 27	15	July 21	13 1/2	May 19	Feb
Elk Horn Coal pref.....50	10 113	July 26	113	July 26	111	Jan 113	Feb	
Franklin Simon pref.....100	100	72 1/2	July 26	72 1/2	July 26	37	Jan 75	July
General Gas & El c B...100	20,100	74 1/2	July 24	81 1/2	July 27	74 1/2	June 81 1/2	June
Graham Paige Mot cts...100	100	30 1/2	July 25	30 1/2	July 25	26 1/2	June 36 1/2	June
Grand Stores.....100	1,500	72 1/2	July 26	74 1/2	July 25	65 1/2	June 75 1/2	July
Grand Union.....100	300 27 1/2	July 23	28 1/2	July 27	26 1/2	July 30 1/2	June	
Preferred.....100	900 47 1/2	July 27	48	July 23	47	July 50	June	
Gulf States St Ist pf 100	10 108 1/2	July 27	108 1/2	July 27	104	Jan 110	Apr	

Hackensack Water pf.25	10	30 1/2	July 24	30 1/2	July 24	25 1/2	Jan 38 1/2	June
Preferred A.....25	20 27 1/2	July 21	27 1/2	July 21	25 1/2	Jan 29	June	
Internat Nickel pref.....100	100 116	July 23	116	July 24	110 1/2	Jan 116	June	
Int Paper cts.....*	800 70	July 23	72 1/2	July 23	68 1/2	July 72 1/2	June	
Preferred certifs.....100	500 101	July 27	103	July 21	101	July 103	July	
Johns-Manville pref 100	100 119	July 27	119	July 27	119	July 122	Apr	
Keith-Albee-Orpheum...10,300	17 1/4	July 21	21 1/4	July 24	15 1/2	May 25	June	
Preferred.....100	900 80 1/2	July 27	81 1/2	July 25	75 1/2	May 99	May	
Kelvinator Corp.....*	112,900	7 1/4	July 24	13 1/4	July 21	7 1/4	July 22 1/2	Apr
Kolster Radio.....28,200	51 1/2	July 27	58 3/4	July 26	51 1/2	July 58 3/4	July	

Lehigh Portl Cement.50	400	47 1/2	July 26	48	July 21	47 1/2	July 54	Mar
Preferred.....100	200 110	July 23	110	July 23	108 3/4	May 110 1/2	May	
Loew's preferred.....*	1,100 101	July 21	101 3/4	July 25	99 1/2	Mar 110 1/2	May	
McKeesport Tin Plate...10,800	66 1/2	July 23	68 3/4	July 25	62 1/2	June 72 1/4	Apr	
Mackay Co cts.....100	100 118	July 21	118	July 21	118	June 122 1/2	May	
Maytag preferred.....*	1,000 42 1/2	July 26	43 1/2	July 27	42 1/2	July 52	May	
Prior preferred.....*	400 91	July 23	91 3/4	July 21	91	July 101	May	
Mengo Co.....*	16,600 26	July 21	31 1/2	July 25	25 1/2	July 31 1/2	May	
National Supply pf.....100	60 115	July 24	115 1/2	July 21	115	Apr 119	Jan	

Pacific Lighting.....*	400	82 1/2	July 25	83 1/4	July 21	80	June 85 3/4	June
Pac Tel & Tel pref...100	100 120	July 26	120	July 26	115	Jan 125 1/2	May	
Penn Coal & Coke.....50	200 9 1/2	July 24	9 1/2	July 27	9 1/2	Jan 14 1/2	Jan	
Postal Tel & Cable pf 100	1,000 101 1/2	July 25	101 3/4	July 23	101 1/2	July 103	July	
Reis (R) & Co Ist pf 100	100 72	July 21	72	July 21	61 1/4	Feb 78	May	
Reynolds Tobacco A...25	30 110	July 21	114 1/2	July 24	106	July 114 1/2	July	
Rem Typewr Ist pf.....100	10 192 1/2	July 21	192 1/2	July 21	165 1/2	Mar 199	May	

Savage Arms new.....*	10,700	37 1/2	July 24	40 1/2	July 26	37 1/2	July 40 1/2	July
Spang Chalfont & Co...*	500 26	July 21	28 1/2	July 27	26	July 28 1/2	July	
Stand Sanitary Mfg.....*	800 38	July 23	38 1/2	July 23	34	June 42 1/4	May	
Stanley Co.....3,000	39	July 26	41 1/2	July 26	39	July 41 1/2	May	
Trico Products.....*	20,400 33 1/2	July 24	38 1/2	July 27	32 1/2	June 40	May	
Tob Prod div cts B.....*	100 20	July 26	20	July 26	20	July 24	June	
United Dyewood.....100	240 10 1/2	July 21	11 1/2	July 27	5	Feb 11 1/2	July	
United Paperboard.....100	2,000 22 1/2	July 26	26	July 21	18	June 27 1/2	Apr	
Wells Fargo & Co.....1	100 3 1/4	July 21	3 1/4	July 21	1 1/4	Jan 3 1/2	June	

*No par value.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask		
Alliance R'lty	72	85	Mtge Bond	165	175	Realty Assoc's (Bklyn) com	280	290
Amer Surety	280	300	N Y Title & Mortgage	590	600	1st pref.....	96	99
Bond & M G	415	450	US Casualty	390	410	2d pref.....	93	95
Lawyers Mtge	342	350				Westchester Title & Tr.	650	--
Lawyers Title & Guarantee	330	335						

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Banks—N.Y.	Bid	Ask	Banks—N.Y.	Bid	Ask	Tr. Cos.—N.Y.	Bid	Ask
America.....	181	185	Port Morris.....	675	725	Bronx Co Tr.....	400	450
Amer Union.....	230	240	Public.....	765	780	Central Union	1670	1690
Bronx Bank.....	700	775	Seaboard.....	820	835	County.....	425	435
Bryant Park.....	230	--	Seventh.....	278	288	Empire.....	475	479
Central.....	195	205	Seward.....	187	195	Equitable Tr.....	425	435
Century.....	250	275	State.....	680	720	Farm I. & Tr.....	700	800
Chase.....	545	550	Trade.....	300	325	Fidelity Trust	400	420
Chatham Phenix Nat Bk & Tr	565	575	Yorkville.....	250	290	Fulton.....	565	600
Chelsea Exch.....	265	280	Yorktown.....	225	--	Guaranty.....	645	650
Chemical.....	915	940	Brooklyn.			Int'l Germanle	220	225
Colonial.....	1275	--	First.....	475	525	Interstate.....	275	285
Commerce.....	644	647	Globe Exch.....	325	375	Lawyers Trust	--	--
Continental.....	550	625	Mechanics.....	371	477	Manufacturers	220	225
Corn Exch.....	635	645	Municipal.....	410	420	New \$25 par	260	280
Cosmopolit'n.....	500	--	Nassau.....	440	460	Murray Hill.....	225	280
Fifth Avenue.....	2300	--	People's.....	950	--	Mutual (Westchester).....	365	395
First.....	4000	4100	Prospect.....	170	190	N Y Trust.....	735	745
Garfield.....	400	600	Trust Cos New York			Times Square	805	815
Grace.....	1315	1345	Am Exrv Tr	432	435	Title Gu & Tr	390	350
Hanover.....	975	1050	Banca Com'le	425	475	U S Mtge & Tr	4100	3250
Herriman.....	280	290	Itallana Tr	425	475	United States	3900	1100
Liberty.....	750	760	Bank of N Y	690	710	Westchest'r Tr	1000	1100
Manhattan.....	820	828	& Trus Co	690	710	Brooklyn.....	1100	1200
National City	685	700	Bankers T us	948	955	Kings Co.....	2700	2900
Park.....	182	192				Midwood.....	275	325

*State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-divid. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.
Dec. 15 1928.....	3 1/2 %	99 1/2	99 1/2	Oct. 15 1930-32	3 1/2 %	97 1/2	97 1/2

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see preceding page

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Preweek Year 1927.		
Saturday, July 21.	Monday, July 23.	Tuesday, July 24.	Wednesday, July 25.	Thursday, July 26.	Friday, July 27.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Railroads.	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
186 186 1/2	186 1/2 188	188 1/2 190	189 1/2 190	189 1/2 190	189 1/2 190	14,100	Ach Topeka & Santa Fe.....	100	182 3/4 Mar 2	197 1/2 Apr 27	161 1/4 Jan 200	Aug 106 1/2 Dec
*103 1/2 104	104 1/2 104	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	*103 1/2 104 1/2	103 1/2 103 1/2	700	Preferred.....	100	102 1/2 Jan 5	108 1/2 Apr 9	99 3/4 Jan 106 1/2 Dec	174 1/2 Apr 205 1/2 Aug
*167 172	166 1/2 167	167 1/2 167 1/2	167 1/2 167 1/2	167 1/2 167 1/2	167 1/2 167 1/2	1,200	Atlantic Coast Line RR.....	100	164 June 19	191 1/2 May 7	106 1/2 Jan 125	Oct 85
105 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	9,800	Baltimore & Ohio.....	100	103 3/4 June 19	119 3/4 Apr 12	106 1/2 Jan 125	Oct 85
79 1/2 79 1/2	79 3/4 79 3/4	79 3/4 79 3/4	79 3/4 79 3/4	79 3/4 79 3/4	79 3/4 79 3/4	500	Preferred.....	100	78 1/2 July 24	85 Apr 4	73 1/2 Jan 83	June 83
*110 111	*110 1/2 111	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 110 1/2	8,600	Bangor & Aroostook.....	50	61 June 12	84 1/2 Jan 11	44 Jan 103 1/2	May 84
63 63	62 3/4 63 3/4	63 3/4 64	64 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	5,900	Bklyn-Manh Trans v t c. No par	100	11 1/2 July 7	11 3/4 May 31	10 1/2 Jan 122	June 12
*89 90 1/4	*89 90 1/4	*89 90	*89 90	*89 90	*89 90	23,700	Preferred v t c. No par	100	82 Jan 4	95 3/4 May 3	53 Aug 70 1/2	Jan 85
*45 50	*45 50	*45 50	*45 50	*45 50	*45 50	13,200	Brunswick Term & Ry Sec. 100	100	14 1/2 Jan 5	45 3/4 July 6	7 1/2 Oct 19 3/4	Dec 44 1/2
202 202	201 7/8 202	201 3/4 202	201 3/4 202	201 3/4 202	201 3/4 202	2,400	Buffalo & Susq pref.....	100	48 1/2 May 2	56 1/4 Apr 26	40 Apr 58	June
*310 370	*312 3/4 330	*310 3/4 350	*310 3/4 350	*310 3/4 350	*310 3/4 350	1,200	Canadian Pacific.....	100	195 1/2 June 19	223 3/4 May 8	285 Jan 348	June
178 1/2 178 1/2	179 1/2 179	179 1/2 181 1/4	181 1/4 181 1/4	181 1/4 181 1/4	181 1/4 181 1/4	2,400	Central RR of New Jersey.....	100	297 1/4 Feb 17	375 May 7	151 1/4 Jan 218 1/2	Oct 65
10 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	2,200	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	100	175 1/2 June 19	205 1/4 Jan 6	147 1/2 Jan 105	June
*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	700	Chicago & Alton.....	100	5 3/4 Jan 30	18 3/4 May 2	4 1/2 Jan 18 1/2	June
*41 1/2 44	*41 1/2 44	*41 1/2 44	*41 1/2 44	*41 1/2 44	*41 1/2 44	100	Chicago & East Illinois RR.....	100	7 1/2 Feb 20	26 3/4 May 2	7 1/2 Jan 10 1/2	June
13 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	900	Preferred.....	100	37 Feb 28	48 1/4 May 10	30 1/2 Jan 51	July
*25 1/2 26 1/4	*25 1/2 26 1/4	*25 1/2 26 1/4	*25 1/2 26 1/4	*25 1/2 26 1/4	*25 1/2 26 1/4	9,300	Chicago Great Western.....	100	59 1/4 July 20	76 3/4 May 4	43 Jan 84 1/2	Oct
34 3/4 34 3/4	34 3/4 35 1/4	34 3/4 35 1/4	35 1/4 35 1/4	35 1/4 35 1/4	35 1/4 35 1/4	22,300	Preferred.....	100	9 1/2 Feb 8	16 3/4 May 2	8 1/2 Jan 22 1/2	June
45 1/4 45 1/4	45 1/4 46 1/2	46 1/2 47 3/4	47 3/4 47 3/4	47 3/4 47 3/4	47 3/4 47 3/4	33,200	Chicago Millw St Paul & Pac.....	100	22 1/4 Mar 5	40 1/2 Apr 26	9 Jan 19 1/2	Dec
80 80	79 3/4 80	79 3/4 81	80 1/4 81	80 1/4 81	80 1/4 81	4,100	Preferred new.....	100	37 Mar 2	51 3/4 Apr 26	37 1/2 Jan 38 1/2	Dec
*137 1/2 142	*137 1/2 143	*137 1/2 142 3/4	*137 1/2 143	*137 1/2 143	*137 1/2 143	9,700	Chicago & North Western.....	100	78 June 19	94 1/4 May 1	78 3/4 Jan 97 1/2	Sept
115 115	115 115	115 115	115 115	115 115	115 115	600	Preferred.....	100	138 July 19	150 May 2	124 1/4 Jan 150	Oct
107 1/2 107 1/2	*107 1/2 108 1/4	107 1/2 107 1/2	*107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	106	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific.....	100	106 Feb 18	122 3/4 May 10	68 1/2 Jan 116	Dec
10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	300	7% preferred.....	100	106 1/4 Feb 9	111 1/2 May 31	102 1/2 Jan 113 1/2	Dec
*106 1/4 114	*107 114	*107 113	107 107	*107 114	*106 1/4 113	100	6% preferred.....	100	100 Feb 24	105 May 31	95 1/4 Jan 104	Nov
*79 1/2	*79 1/2	*79 1/2	*79 1/2	*79 1/2	*79 1/2	100	First preferred.....	100	100 Feb 21	126 May 3	84 Jan 137 1/4	July
*74 76	*74 76	*74 76	*74 76	*74 76	*74 76	1,100	Second preferred.....	100	67 July 3	85 Apr 10	70 Jan 78	Dec
*73 74	*73 74	*73 74	*73 74	*73 74	*73 74	5,700	Consol RR of Cuba pref.....	100	69 Apr 12	87 1/2 June 1	68 Jan 75	Oct
*183 185 1/2	184 184 1/2	183 3/4 184	184 1/2 184 1/2	185 1/4 189 1/2	189 1/2 190	1,000	Delaware & Hudson.....	100	163 1/4 Feb 10	226 Apr 26	171 1/2 Jan 230	June
131 1/4 132	*131 1/2 132	*131 1/2 132	*131 1/2 132	131 1/4 132	131 1/4 132	100	Delaware Lack & Western.....	50	129 Feb 20	150 Apr 9	130 1/2 Oct 173	Mar
*56 1/2 57	*56 1/2 57	56 56	56 56	*56 1/2 57	*56 1/2 57	110	Denv & Rio Gr West pref.....	100	50 1/2 Feb 20	65 1/4 Apr 28	41 1/2 Jan 67 1/2	June
*31 1/2 4	*31 1/2 4	*31 1/2 4	*31 1/2 4	*31 1/2 4	*31 1/2 4	100	Duluth So Shore & Atl.....	100	3 1/2 June 13	6 1/4 Jan 5	2 1/2 Apr 7 1/2	Dec
*6 6 1/2	*6 6 1/2	*6 6 1/2	*6 6 1/2	*6 6 1/2	*6 6 1/2	16,000	Erle.....	100	4 3/4 June 19	9 1/2 May 2	4 Mar 11 1/2	Dec
51 3/4 51 3/4	51 3/4 52 1/2	52 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	6,600	First preferred.....	100	50 June 18	63 3/4 Jan 7	52 1/2 Jan 66 1/4	Aug
51 3/4 51 3/4	52 1/2 52 1/2	52 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	1,600	Second preferred.....	100	49 1/4 June 20	62 Jan 6	49 Jan 64 1/2	Aug
50 5/8 52	*51 3/4 53	*51 3/4 53	52 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 54	54 1/2 54 1/2	3,700	Great Northern preferred.....	100	93 1/2 Feb 6	109 May 14	79 3/4 Jan 103 1/2	Sept
95 3/4 96	95 3/4 95 3/4	95 3/4 97 1/4	96 96	96 96	96 96	700	Preferred.....	100	91 1/2 Feb 7	105 1/4 May 15	85 1/2 Mar 101	Sept
93 3/4 93 3/4	*93 3/4 94 1/2	94 94	94 94	*93 1/2 95	93 3/4 94 1/2	1,700	Iron Ore Properties. No par	100	19 1/4 June 12	25 Jan 24	18 July 28 1/2	Sept
20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	900	Gulf Mobile & Northern.....	100	43 1/2 June 12	61 3/4 May 10	35 1/2 Jan 76 1/2	July
*43 45	*43 45	44 44 1/2	45 45	45 45	45 45	100	Preferred.....	100	100 July 12	109 May 1	105 Jan 112 1/2	Apr
*100 101	*100 106 3/4	100 101	*100 101 3/4	*101 101 3/4	*101 101 3/4	3,300	Hudson & Manhattan.....	100	51 Jan 3	73 1/2 Apr 24	40 1/2 Jan 65 1/2	May
56 1/4 57 3/8	*56 1/2 58	56 3/4 56 3/4	56 3/4 58	57 57	57 1/2 59 3/4	100	Preferred.....	100	83 Jan 16	93 1/2 Apr 26	78 Jan 90 1/2	May
*85 1/2 91	*85 1/2 91	*85 1/2 91	*85 1/2 91	*85 1/2 91	*85 1/2 91	3,100	Illinois Central.....	100	131 3/4 Jan 11	148 3/4 May 9	121 1/2 Jan 130 3/4	Oct
140 140 1/2	*136 1/2 145	*136 1/2 145	*136 1/2 141 1/2	*136 1/2 141 1/2	*136 1/2 141 1/2	700	Preferred.....	100	130 1/4 Jan 13	147 May 15	120 3/4 Jan 140	Oct
*80 81 1/2	*80 81 1/2	*80 81 1/2	*80 81 1/2	*80 81 1/2	*80 81 1/2	300	Int Rys of Cent America.....	100	36 1/2 Mar 16	51 June 16	23 Apr 23 1/2	Oct
*38 39	37 1/2 37 3/4	38 39	39 39 1/2	39 3/4 39 3/4	39 3/4 39 3/4	4,600	Preferred.....	100	69 3/4 Jan 8	82 May 2	62 Apr 74 1/2	Oct
*46 48	48 48	48 48	47 48	47 47 1/2	47 3/4 47 3/4	2,400	Interboro Rapid Tran v t c	100	29 Jan 5	62 May 3	30 1/2 Aug 52 1/2	Feb
69 69	*67 70	*67 69	*65 70	67 1/2 67 3/4	65 69	300	Preferred.....	100	43 June 13	63 1/2 Jan 7	41 1/4 Jan 70 1/2	Feb
*97 100	*96 98	98 98 1/2	*94 1/2 98	98 98	98 98 1/2	300	Kansas City Southern.....	100	67 1/2 July 26	77 Apr 20	64 1/2 Jan 73 1/2	Dec
139 1/4 141	140 141	140 141	*141 142	*141 142 1/2	141 141 1/4	1,000	Lehigh Valley.....	50	84 1/2 Feb 20	116 Apr 26	88 1/2 Oct 137 1/2	June
*82 1/2 86	*82 1/4 86	*82 1/4 86	*84 86	*84 86	*84 86	1,500	Louisville & Nashville.....	100	139 1/2 July 21	159 1/2 May 10	128 3/4 Jan 159 1/2	Oct
46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 1/2 46 1/2	1,500	Manhattan Elevated guar. 100	100	75 Jan 9	96 May 4	74 1/2 Dec 90	Feb
*45 6	*45 6	*45 6	*45 6	*45 6	*45 6	700	Modified guaranty.....	100	40 Jan 10	64 May 3	41 1/2 Dec 54 1/2	Feb
*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	*15 30	100	Market Street Railway.....	100	4 1/4 Apr 3	7 1/2 May 16	4 1/2 Nov 6 1/2	June
*45 47	46 1/2 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	700	Preferred.....	100	21 Apr 17	29 1/2 May 3	18 Feb 25 1/2	June
*11 16	*11 16	*11 16	*11 16	*11 16	*11 16	2,000	Prior preferred.....	100	45 Mar 27	54 1/4 May 4	41 1/2 Feb 59 1/4	Aug
46 46	*45 1/2 46	45 1/2 45 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 1/2 46 1/2	2,000	Second preferred.....	100	8 1/4 May 24	16 1/4 May 4	11 1/2 Oct 17 1/2	June
*79 85	*79 85	*79 85	*79 85	*79 85	*79 85	100	Minn St Paul & S S Marie.....	100	41 1/2 June 21	52 3/4 Jan 6	27 Jan 56 1/2	Dec
*63 1/2 67 1/4	*63 1/2 67 3/4	*63 1/2 67 3/4	*63 1/2 67 3/4	*63 1/2 67 3/4	*63 1/2 67 3/4	20	Preferred.....	100	79 Feb 7	87 1/4 May 16	50 Apr 88 1/2	Dec
35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 36 1/4	35 1/2 36 1/4	36 1/4 36 1/4	36 1/4 36 1/4	36 1/4 36 1/4	32,300	Mo-Kan-Tex RR. No par	100	63 1/2 July 17	71 1/4 Jan 9	58 1/4 Mar 71 1/2	Nov
*102 103 1/4	*102 102 3/4	102 3/4 102 3/4	102 3/4 103 1/4	102 1/2 102 3/4	102 1/2 103	2,500	Preferred.....	100	30 1/2 June 13	41 1/2 Jan 3	21 1/2 Jan 66 1/2	Dec
59 1/2 60	59 1/2 61 3/4	60 1/2 61 3/4	60 1/2 61 3/4	60 1/2 61 3/4	60 1/2 61 3/4	28,200	Missouri Pacific.....	100	101 1/2 June 12	109 Feb 3	95 1/2 Jan 109 1/2	Dec
112 3/4 113 1/4	114 115 1/4	113 1/2 115	115 115 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	18,000	Preferred.....	100	4 1/2 Feb 7	69 3/4 June 3	37 1/2 Jan 62	Apr
*23 1/4 3	23 1/4 28 3/4											

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Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices—Per Share, Not Per Cent. (Saturday, July 21 to Friday, July 27), Sales for the Week, Stocks (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous), and Per Share (Lowest and Highest) for the year 1927.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, On basis of 100-share lots', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927'. Lists various companies and their stock prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. s Ex-rights. s Warrants.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, July 21 to Friday, July 27) and 'per share' prices for various stocks. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927'. Lists various stock companies and their price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

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Saturday, July 21.		Monday, July 23.		Tuesday, July 24.		Wednesday, July 25.		Thursday, July 26.		Friday, July 27.	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
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51	54	51	53	51	53	51	53	51	53	51	

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Saturday, July 21.	Monday, July 23.	Tuesday, July 24.	Wednesday, July 25.	Thursday, July 26.	Friday, July 27.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
23 23 23 23	23 24 24 24	23 24 24 24	23 24 24 24	23 24 24 24	23 24 24 24
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94 98	95 95	94 98	94 98	94 98	94 98
68 64	68 64	68 64	68 64	68 64	68 64
26 26	26 26	26 26	26 26	26 26	26 26
78 74	78 74	78 74	78 74	78 74	78 74
186 192	188 190	189 193	191 197	197 199	195 195
126 12	126 12	126 12	126 12	126 12	126 12
23 23	23 23	23 23	23 23	23 23	23 23
93 93	94 95	95 95	95 95	95 95	95 95
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76 77	76 76	76 77	76 77	76 77	77 77
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41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41
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29 30	29 29	29 29	29 29	29 29	29 29
17 17	17 17	17 17	17 17	17 17	17 17
78 80	78 80	78 80	78 80	78 80	78 80
175 176	175 176	175 176	175 176	175 176	175 176
150 160	150 160	150 160	150 160	150 160	150 160
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17 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18
36 37	36 37	36 37	36 37	36 37	36 37
27 28	27 28	27 28	27 28	27 28	27 28
98 98	98 98	98 98	98 98	98 98	98 98
11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11
55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55
21 21	21 21	21 21	21 21	21 21	21 21
17 20	17 20	17 20	17 20	17 20	17 20
3 4	3 4	3 4	3 4	3 4	3 4
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112 112	112 112	112 112	112 112	112 112	112 112
46 47	46 46	46 46	46 47	47 47	47 47
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Sales for the week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927	
		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
700	Indus. & Miscel. (Con.)	20 1/4	Jan 11	31 1/4	Jan 38
70	Oil Well Supply	97	Jan 11	102 1/2	Jan 110
2,200	Preferred	107	Jan 11	111	Jan 11
200	Omnibus Corp.	90	Jan 11	102 1/2	Jan 110
200	Preferred A	98	Jan 11	102 1/2	Jan 110
100	Oppenheim Collins & Co	68 1/2	Jan 7	81	Jan 7
1	Orpheum Circuit, Inc.	18	Jan 9	58 1/2	Jan 23
100	Preferred	75	Jan 9	102 1/2	Jan 108
7,200	Otis Elevator	147 1/2	Jan 24	103	Jan 155
10	Preferred	119	Jan 24	108	Jan 124
23,100	Otis Steel	101 1/2	Jan 24	108	Jan 124
800	Otis Steel prior pref.	102 1/2	Jan 24	108	Jan 124
700	Owens Bottle	74 1/2	Jan 3	82 1/2	Jan 9
100	Preferred	114 1/2	Jan 3	107	Jan 120
1,200	Pacific Gas-Elec new	43 1/2	Jan 3	51	Jan 50
3,800	Pacific Oil	14	Jan 3	1	Jan 1
10	Pacific Telep & Teleg	145	Jan 12	124	Jan 162
15,400	Packard Motor Car	56 1/2	Jan 18	33 1/2	Jan 62
3,800	Pan-Amer Petr & Trans.	38 1/2	Jan 20	40 1/2	Jan 65
15,900	Class B	87 1/2	Jan 20	40 1/2	Jan 66
5,800	Pan-Am West Petrol B	15 1/2	Jan 23	16 1/2	Jan 37
1,300	Panhandle Prod & ref.	11 1/2	Jan 23	8	Jan 18
100	Preferred	70	Jan 23	54	Jan 8
5,900	Park & Tilford tem cts	34	Jan 23	20	Jan 20
8,700	Park Utah C M	9 1/2	Jan 23	6	Jan 6
44,900	Pathe Exchange	2	Jan 23	3 1/2	Jan 3 1/2
2,400	Pathe Exchange A new	8 1/2	Jan 23	5	Jan 5
19,000	Patino Mines & Enterpr	23 1/2	Jan 23	18 1/2	Jan 18 1/2
1,500	Peel Motor Car	16 1/2	Jan 23	12	Jan 12
5,800	Penick & Ford	22 1/2	Jan 23	19 1/2	Jan 19 1/2
1,700	Penn-Dixie Cement	14 1/2	Jan 23	11 1/2	Jan 11 1/2
100	Preferred	31	Jan 23	25	Jan 25
1,700	People's G L & C (Chic)	15 1/2	Jan 23	12 1/2	Jan 12 1/2
100	Philadelphia Co (Pittsb)	145	Jan 23	85 1/2	Jan 85 1/2
2,200	5% preferred	45 1/2	Jan 23	40	Jan 40
2,200	6% preferred	52	Jan 23	45	Jan 45
200	Phila & Read C & I	27 1/2	Jan 23	27 1/2	Jan 27 1/2
5,200	Certificates of Int.	27	Jan 23	2	

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week' and 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their share prices.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927' listing price ranges for various stocks.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. * No par value.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan 1. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and various international bonds.

On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling.

BONDS		Price		Week's		Bonds Sold	Range		BONDS		Price		Week's		Bonds Sold	Range		
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.		Friday, July 27.		Range of Last Sale.			Since Jan. 1.		N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.		Friday, July 27.		Range of Last Sale.			Since Jan. 1.		
Week Ended July 27.		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Week Ended July 27.		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	
Railroad																		
Ala Gt Sou 1st cons A 5s	1943	J	D	105	105 1/2	June 28	105 1/2	108 1/2	Chic Milw & St P (Concluded)									
1st cons 4s ser B	1943	J	D	93	94	94	12	93	Gen & ref ser A 4 1/2s	Jan 2014	A	O	73 1/4	Mar 28		72 1/2	74 1/2	
Ala Mid 1st guar gold 5s	1928	M	N	100	100	July 28	100	100 1/4	Gen ref conv ser B 5s	Jan 2014	F	A	75	Mar 28		70 1/2	75	
Alb & Susq 1st guar 3 1/2s	1946	A	O	83 1/4	90 1/4	90	July 28	87	91 1/2	Debentures 4 1/2s	1932	J	D	75	Mar 28		71	75
Alleg & West 1st gu 4s	1998	A	O	88	92	90	July 28	90	95 1/2	Debentures 4s	1925	J	D	71 1/2	Feb 28		71	73 1/2
Alleg Val gen guar g 4s	1942	M	S	91 1/8	93	96 1/2	June 28	93 1/4	99	25-year debentures 4s	1934	J	J	72 1/4	Feb 28		70 1/2	73 1/2
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s	1942	M	S	91 1/8	93	96 1/2	June 28	93 1/4	99	Chic Milw St P & Pac 5s	1974	F	A	93 1/4	Sale	93 1/4	93 1/2	
Atch Top & S Fe—Gen g 4s	1995	A	O	79	81	79	79	79	84 1/2	Conv ad 5s	Jan 2000	A	O	7 1/2	Sale	7 1/2	7 1/2	
Registered										Chic & N'west gen g 3 1/2s	1987	M	N	75 1/2	80	75 1/2	77 1/2	
Adjustment gold 4s	1993	A	O	92 1/4	Sale	92 1/4	93 1/2	147	95	Registered	1987	M	N	88	90	89	89	
Registered										General 4s	1987	M	N	88	90	89	89	
Stamped										Registered	1987	M	N	88	90	89	89	
Conv gold 4s of 1909	1955	J	D	88 1/2	88 1/2	Apr 28	88 1/2	88 1/2	95	Stpd 4s non-p Fed in tax '87	1987	M	N	88	90	89 1/2	89 1/2	
Conv 4s of 1905	1955	J	D	88 1/2	88 1/2	Apr 28	88 1/2	88 1/2	95	Gen 4 1/2s stpd Fed inc tax	1987	M	N	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105	
Conv g 4s issue of 1910	1960	J	D	89	92	93 1/4	Jan 27	91	91 3/4	Registered	1987	M	N	106 1/2	106 1/2	104 1/2	105	
Rocky Mtn Div 1st 4s	1965	J	J	90 1/4	Sale	90 1/4	90 1/4	25	90 1/4	Sinking fund 6s	1879-1929	A	O	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	
Trans-Con Short L 1st 4s	1953	J	J	86	88 1/2	95 1/2	July 28	89 1/2	96	Registered	1987	A	O	99 1/2	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	
Cal-Ariz 1st & ref 4 1/2s	1962	M	S	96 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/4	96 1/4	3	96 1/4	Sinking fund 5s	1879-1929	A	O	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	
Atl Knoxv & Nor 1st g 5s	1946	J	J	103	107	Mar 28	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	Registered	1987	M	N	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	
Atl & Charl A L 1st 4 1/2s	1944	J	J	95	95 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	2	98 1/2	10-year secured g 7s	1930	F	A	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	
1st 30-year 5s series B	1944	J	J	102 1/4	102 1/4	July 28	102 1/4	107 1/2	107 1/2	15-year secured g 6 1/2s	1936	M	N	109 1/4	110 1/2	109 1/4	110 1/2	
Atlantic City 1st cons 4s	1951	J	J	91	93	93 1/2	July 28	91	96	1st ref g 5s	May 2037	J	D	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	
Atl Coast Line 1st cons 4s	1951	J	J	91 1/4	Sale	91 1/4	92 1/2	10	91 1/4	1st & ref 4 1/2s	May 2037	J	D	97	Sale	96	97 1/4	
Registered										Chic R I & P Railway gen 4s	1988	J	J	89	Sale	89	89 1/4	
General unified 4 1/2s	1964	J	D	95 1/4	98 1/2	100 1/4	July 28	98 1/2	104	Registered	1988	J	J	91	May 28		91	92 1/2
L & N coll gold 4s	1952	M	N	91	Sale	91	92	35	93 1/2	Refunding gold 4s	1934	A	O	94 1/4	Sale	94 1/4	95	
Atl & Dav 1st g 4s	1943	J	J	75	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	2	75	Registered	1988	A	O	95 1/4	May 28		95	95 1/4
2d 4s	1943	J	J	65	70	73 1/2	July 28	71	76 1/2	Secured 4 1/2s series A	1952	M	S	92 1/4	Sale	91 1/2	92 1/2	
Atl & Yad 1st g guar 4s	1949	A	O	82 1/4	87 1/2	85 1/2	July 28	85 1/2	92 1/2	Ch St L & N O Mem Div 4s	1951	J	D	85 1/4	Sale	82 1/4	83 1/4	
Austin & N W 1st gu g 5s	1941	J	O	99	105	100 1/2	July 28	99	102 1/4	Gold 5s	1951	J	D	105 1/2	107	107	107 1/2	
Balt & Ohio 1st g 4s	1948	A	O	91 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	92 1/2	69	91 1/2	Registered	1951	J	D	104 1/2	107	107	107 1/2	
Registered										Gold 3 1/2s	1951	J	D	83 1/4	Sale	84 1/2	84 1/2	
20-year conv 4 1/2s	1933	M	S	98 1/2	Sale	98	99	91	97 1/2	Ch St L & P 1st cons g 5s	1932	A	O	85 1/4	Sale	85 1/4	85 1/4	
Registered										Registered	1932	A	O	100 1/2	101	101	101 1/2	
Refund & gen 5s series A	1933	M	S	100 1/4	Sale	100 1/4	101 1/2	36	101 1/2	Chic St P M & O cons 6s	1930	J	J	96 1/2	100	96 1/2	100	
1st gold 5s	1943	A	O	104	Sale	103 1/2	104 1/2	30	103 1/2	Cons 6s reduced to 3 1/2s	1930	J	J	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	
Ref & gen 5s series C	1945	J	D	108 1/2	109	108 1/2	109	64	106 1/2	Debenture 5s	1936	M	N	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	
P L E & W Va Svs ref 4s	1941	M	N	92	93	92	92	3	92	Stamped	1936	M	S	100	100	100	100	
South Div 1st 5s	1950	J	J	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	67	101 1/2	Chic T H & So East 1st 5s	1960	J	D	97 1/2	100	99	99 1/4	
Tol & Clin Div 1st ref 4s	1959	J	J	83	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	1	83 1/2	Inc g 5s	Dec 1 1960	M	S	91 1/4	94	94	94	
Ref & gen 5s series D	2000	M	S	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101 1/2	40	100 1/2	Chic Un Sta N 1st gu 4 1/2s	1963	J	J	99 1/2	99	99	99	
Bangor & Aroostook 1st 5s	1943	J	J	103 1/2	103 1/2	July 28	103 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	1st 5s series B	1963	J	J	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/2	105 1/2	
Con ref 4s	1951	J	J	84 1/2	86	84	84 1/2	8	83 1/4	Guaranteed g 5s	1944	J	D	102 1/2	Sale	102	102 1/2	
Battle Crk & Stur 1st gu 3s	1989	J	D	62	68 1/2	Feb 28	68 1/2	72	88 1/2	1st guar 6 1/2s series C	1963	J	J	115 1/2	112	114	114	
Beech Creek 1st gu g 4s	1936	J	J	96 1/2	Sale	96 1/2	96 1/2	2	96 1/2	Chic & West Ind gen g 6s	p1932	Q	M	104 1/2	102	102	102 1/2	
Registered										Consol 50-year 4s	1952	J	J	87 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	87 1/2	
2d guar g 5s	1936	J	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	Jan 28	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1st ref 5 1/2s ser A	1962	M	S	104 1/2	Sale	104	104 1/2	
Beech Crk Ext 1st g 3 1/2s	1951	A	O	82 1/2	85 1/2	Aug 27	85 1/2	88	93 1/2	Choc Okla & Gulf cons 5s	1952	M	S	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	
Big Sandy 1st 4s guar	1944	J	D	93	94 1/2	July 28	94 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	Cin H & D 2d gold 4 1/2s	1937	F	A	95 1/2	98	95 1/2	98	
Boat & N Y Air Line 1st 4s	1955	F	A	80 1/2	82	80	80 1/2	28	79 1/2	C I St L & C 1st g 4s	Aug 2 1936	Q	F	95 1/2	98	95 1/2	98	
Burns & W 1st gu gold 4s	1938	J	J	93 1/2	97	97 1/2	Apr 28	97 1/2	97 1/2	Registered	1936	Q	F	97 1/2	Feb 28		97 1/2	97 1/2
Buff Roch & Pitts gen g 5s	1937	M	S	99 1/2	100	100	100	2	100	Cin Leb & Nor gu 4s 1st com	1942	M	N	90	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	
Consol 4 1/2s	1957	M	N	91	92 1/4	91	91 1/2	30	90 1/2	Clearfield & Mah 1st gu 5s	1943	J	J	99 1/2	100	100	100	
Burl C R & Nor 1st 5s	1934	A	O	102 1/2	102 1/2	July 28	102 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	Cleve Cin Ch & St L gen 4s	1993	J	D	91 1/2	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	
Canada Sou cons g A 5s	1962	A	O	107 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	107 1/2	1	106	20-year deb 4 1/2s	1931	J	J	98	98 1/2	98	98	
Canadian Nat 4 1/2s	Sept 15 1954	M	S	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	99	44	98	General 5s Series B	1993	J	D	112	112	112	112	
5-year gold 4 1/2s	Feb 15 1930	F	A	99 1/4	Sale	99 1/4	99 1/2	19	98 1/2	Ref & Impt 6s series A	1929	J	J	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101	
30-year gold 4 1/2s	1957	J	D	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	68	98	Ref & Impt 6s ser C	1941	J	J	104 1/2	107	103 1/2	103 1/2	
Canadian North deb s f 7s	1940	J	D	112	Sale	111 1/4	112 1/2	12	111 1/4	Ref & Impt 5s ser D	1963	J	J	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	
25-year s f deb 6 1/2s	1946	J	J	118 1/4	118 1/4	118 1/4	118 1/4	5	118 1/2	Cairo Div 1st gold 4s	1939	J	J	95	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	
10-yr gold 4 1/2s	Feb 15 1935	F	A	98	Sale	98	98 1/2	25	97 1/2	Cin W & M Div 1st g 4s	1991	J	J	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	
Canadian Pac Ry 4% deb stock	1946	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	87 1/2	63	85 1/2	St L Div 1st coll tr g 4s	1991	J	J	97	88 1/2	88	88 1/2	
Col 4 1/2s	1946	M	S	96 1/4	Sale	96 1/4	97	40	96 1/4	Spr L & O Div 1st g 4s	1940	M	N	87	88	88 1/2	88 1/2	
Carb & Shaw 1st gold 4s	1932	M	S	98 1/4	Sale	98 1/4	Apr 28	98 1/4	98 1/4	W W Val Div 1st g 4s	1940	J	J	90 1/2	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	
Caro Cent 1st cons g 4s	1949	J	J	83	84	82 1/2	July 28	80	80 1/2	Ref & Impt 4 1/2s ser E	1977							

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Week Ended July 27.										Week Ended July 27.									
Description	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds	Since	High	Low	High	Description	Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds	Since	High	Low	High
Fla Cent & Penn 1st ext g 5s 1930	J	99	99 3/4	100	June 28	100	100	100	102	Louisville & Nashville 5s 1937	M	101 1/8	104 1/4	102	July 28	No.	102	102	106
1st consol gold 5s 1933	J	99	101	100 3/4	July 28	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	103 1/4	nited gold 4s 1940	J	94	95	94 3/4	95	4	94	94	99 1/4
Florida East Coast 1st 4 1/2s 1939	J	D	96 1/2	98	98 1/2	July 28	98 1/2	98 1/2	101	Colonial trust gold 5s 1931	M	100 3/8	102 1/2	100 3/8	100 3/8	3	100	100	102 3/4
1st & ref 5 1/2s series A 1974	M	D	86	87	86	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	91 1/2	10-year sec 7s May 15 1930	M	100 3/8	104	103 1/2	July 28	1	102 1/2	102 1/2	105 1/2
Fonda Johns & Glov 1st 4 1/2s 1952	M	J	46	47	46 3/4	48	48	45	52	1st refund 5 1/2s series A 2003	A	O	106	109	107	107	1	107 1/2	107 1/2
Fort S U D Co 1st g 4 1/2s 1941	J	M	---	---	99 3/4	Apr 28	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	1st & ref 5s series B 2003	A	O	103	104	104	July 28	1	102	102
Ft W & Den C 1st g 5 1/2s 1961	J	D	---	---	104 1/2	July 28	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	1st & ref 4 1/2s series C 2003	A	O	97 1/8	99 1/4	99 1/4	July 28	---	99 1/4	104 1/4
Ft Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4s 1928	J	D	---	---	99 3/4	May 28	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	N O & M 1st 6s 1930	J	J	100 3/8	101 1/2	100 1/2	July 28	---	100 1/2	102 1/2
Frem Elk & Mo Val 1st 6s 1933	A	O	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	107 1/2	2d gold 6s 1930	J	J	100	101 1/2	100 1/2	July 28	---	100 1/2	102 1/4
G & S A M & P 1st 5s 1931	M	N	100	100 1/8	100 1/4	July 28	100	100	102 1/2	Paducah & Mem Div 4s 1946	F	A	91 1/8	96 1/2	95 1/2	May 28	---	95	96 1/2
2d extens 5s guar 1931	J	O	100	100 1/8	100	July 28	100	100	101	St Louis Div 2d gold 3s 1950	M	S	67	70	70	70	1	68 3/4	71
Galv Hous & Hend 1st 5s 1933	A	O	---	---	98 3/4	July 28	98 3/4	98 3/4	100 3/4	St Mob & Montg 1st g 4 1/2s 1945	M	S	98 3/4	100	100 3/4	June 28	---	100 1/2	102 3/4
Ga & Ala Ry 1st cons 5s Oct 1945	J	J	85	94 7/8	95	95	95	95	101	South Ry Joint Monon 4s 1952	J	J	89	90	88 3/4	90	11	88 1/2	94 1/4
Ga Caro & Nor 1st gu g 5s 1929	J	J	97 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	June 28	99 1/4	99 1/4	100	Atl Knov & Clin Div 4s 1955	M	N	91 1/4	95 1/2	92	July 28	---	92	95 1/2
Georgia Midland 1st 3s 1946	A	O	74 3/8	78 1/2	76 1/2	June 28	76 1/2	79	Louisville & Lex Div g 4 1/2s 31	M	N	98	100	100	May 28	---	100	100 3/4	
Gr R & E 1st ext gu g 4 1/2s 1941	A	O	96 1/2	100	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	101 1/2	Manon Coal RR 1st 5s 1934	J	J	99 1/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	Jan 28	---	103 1/2	103 1/2
Grand Trunk of Can Deb 6s 1940	A	O	113	115	112 1/2	113	113	113	117	Manila RR (South Lines) 4s 1939	M	S	75	74 1/2	77	July 28	---	74	79 3/4
15-year s f 6s 1936	M	S	97	107	107	108	107	109	109	1st ext 4s 1959	J	D	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	82 3/4
Grays Point Term 1st 5s 1947	J	D	98 1/2	99	99	June 28	99	98 3/4	99 1/2	Manitoba S W Coloniza'n 5s 1934	J	D	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2
Great Nor gen 7s series A 1936	J	J	113 1/2	Sale	112 1/2	113 1/2	62	111	116	Man G B & N W 1st 3 1/2s 1941	J	J	84 1/8	90	88	July 28	---	88	88
Registered	J	J	---	---	114 1/2	Apr 28	---	114 1/2	114 1/2	Mich Cent Det & Bay City 5s 31	Q	M	100	101	100	June 28	---	99 1/2	102 1/2
1st & ref 4 1/2s series A 1961	J	J	95 3/8	Sale	95 3/8	96 3/4	6	95 3/8	102	Registered	Q	M	98	101 1/2	100 3/4	Apr 28	---	100 3/4	101 1/2
General 5 1/2s series B 1952	J	J	106 3/4	Sale	105 3/4	106 3/4	7	105 3/4	111 1/4	Mich Air Line 4s 1940	J	J	92 1/8	---	97 3/4	Jan 28	---	97 3/4	97 3/4
General 5s series C 1973	J	J	104	Sale	103 3/4	104 1/2	41	103 1/2	106	Registered	J	J	---	---	92 1/2	Jan 28	---	92 1/2	97 3/4
General 4 1/2s series D 1976	J	J	97 1/4	Sale	97	97 1/2	9	97	101 1/2	1st gold 3 1/2s 1952	M	N	81 1/8	85	77 1/2	78	11	77 1/2	89 3/4
General 4 1/2s series E 1977	J	J	96 3/4	97	96 3/4	97 1/2	41	96 3/4	101 1/2	20-year debenture 4s 1929	A	O	99 1/4	Sale	99 1/8	99 1/4	27	98 1/2	100
Green Bay & West deb cts A 1930	Feb	85 1/2	86	86	Mar 28	86	86	86	86 1/2	Mid of N J 1st ext 5s 1940	A	O	91	96	94 1/2	June 28	---	94 1/2	99 3/4
Debtentures cts B 1930	Feb	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Mar 28	94 1/2	126	94 1/2	95 1/2	Mid L S & West Imp g 5s 1929	F	A	99	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	3	98 3/4	100 3/4
Greenbrier Ry 1st gu 4s 1940	M	N	94 1/2	Sale	95 3/4	Mar 28	---	95 3/4	101 1/2	Mid S & Nor 1st ext 4 1/2s (1880) 1934	J	D	94	98	98	May 28	---	98	99 1/4
Gulf Mob & Nor 1st 5 1/2s 1950	A	O	101 3/4	104	104 1/2	June 28	---	104 1/2	107	Cons ext 4 1/2s (1884) 1934	J	D	99	96 1/2	97	July 28	---	95 1/2	99 1/4
1st M 5s series C 1950	A	O	97	100	100	July 28	---	99 1/2	104	Mid Spar & N W 1st gu 4s 1947	M	S	89	93 3/4	90	Apr 28	---	95 1/2	97 1/2
Gulf & S I 1st ref & ter g 5s 1952	J	J	108 3/4	Sale	108 3/4	108 1/2	3	107 1/2	108	Mid W & State Line 1st 3 1/2s 1941	J	J	90	90	90	Apr 28	---	90	90
Hocking Val 1st cons g 4 1/2s 1999	J	J	98	100	97 1/2	July 28	---	97 1/2	107	Minn & St Louis 1st cons 5s 1943	M	J	51	52	52 1/2	52 1/2	2	42	81
Registered	J	J	---	---	102 1/2	May 28	---	102 1/2	104	Temp cts of deposit 1949	M	S	47 1/2	58	49	June 28	---	48	57
Housatonic Ry cons g 5s 1937	M	N	97	---	98 1/4	July 28	---	98 1/4	101 1/2	1st & refunding gold 4s 1949	M	S	16 1/4	18	15 1/4	18	3	14	23 1/2
Waco & N W div 1st 6s 1930	M	N	102 1/2	104	101 1/2	June 28	---	101 1/2	104 1/2	Ref & ext 50-yr 5s ser A 1962	Q	F	15 1/4	18	17 1/2	July 28	---	11 1/2	21
Houston Belt & Term 1st 5s 1937	J	J	100 3/8	103 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/4	6	98	102 1/2	M & P S S M cons g 4s int gu 38	J	J	87 3/8	Sale	87	87 1/2	8	87	92 1/2
Houston E & W Tex 1st 4s 1933	M	N	100 3/8	---	100 1/4	May 28	---	100 1/4	100 3/4	1st cons 5s 1938	J	J	97	Sale	97	98 3/4	2	93 1/2	100 1/2
1st guar 5s red 1933	M	N	99	102	100	100	5	98 1/2	103 1/2	1st cons 6s gu as to int 1938	J	J	98 3/4	Sale	98	98 3/4	16	98	101
Hud & Manhat 1st 6s ser A 1957	F	A	98 1/8	Sale	98 1/8	99 3/4	41	98 1/8	103 1/2	10-year coll trust 6 1/2s 1931	M	S	100	100 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/2	6	100	103 1/2
Adjustment income 5d Feb 1957	F	A	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	88	138	87 1/2	95	1st & ref 6s series A 1946	J	J	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/4	1	100	103 1/4
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s 1951	J	J	92 1/4	92 3/4	99	June 28	---	97 1/4	99 1/4	25-year 5 1/2s 1949	M	N	93 3/4	94	93	93	23	92 1/2	96
Registered	J	J	---	---	95	May 28	---	95	95	1st Chicago Term s f 4s 1941	M	N	95 1/8	---	95 1/8	June 28	---	95 1/8	96 1/4
1st gold 3 1/2s 1951	J	J	85	88	86 1/2	June 28	---	84 1/2	86 1/2	Mississippi Central 1st 5s 1949	J	J	99 3/8	---	99 1/2	99 1/2	10	98	100
Extended 1st gold 3 1/2s 1951	A	O	84	88	86 1/2	June 28	---	84 1/2	86 1/2	Mo Kan & Tex 1st gold 4s 1990	J	D	86 1/2	Sale	86	86 1/2	27	85	92 3/4
1st gold 3s sterling 1951	M	S	73 1/8	76	76	July 28	---	76	76	Mo-KT RR pr lien 5s ser A 1962	J	J	99 1/2	Sale	99	100 1/2	12	99	104 1/4
Collateral trust gold 4s 1952	A	O	89	Sale	88 3/4	90	16	88 3/4	96 1/2	10-year 4s series B 1962	J	J	---	---	88 1/4	88	88	87	92 1/2
1st refunding 4s 1955	M	N	91 3/8	92 3/8	93	93	5	92 3/8	92 1/2	Prior lien 4 1/2s ser D 1978	J	J	93	93 1/2	92 3/4	93 1/2	10	92 3/4	99 3/4
Purchased lines 3 1/2s 1952	J	J	82	85	84 1/8	June 28	---	84 1/8	90 1/8	Cons adjust 5s ser A Jan 1967	A	O	103	104	103	104	32	101 1/2	109 1/2
Registered	J	J	---	---	85	Apr 28	---	85	85	Mo Pac 1st & ref 5s ser A 1965	F	A	100 3/4	101	100 3/8	100 3/4	10	100	103 1/2
Collateral trust gold 4s 1953	M	N	88 3/8	89 1/2	88 3/8	88 3/4	8	88 3/8	90 1/4	General 4s 1975	M	S	77 1/2	Sale	76 1/4	77 1/2	33	76 1/4	83 1/2
Registered	M	N	---	---	108 3/8	107 1/8	3	107 1/8	114	1st & ref 5s ser F 1977	M	N	98 3/4	Sale	98 3/8	99	169	98	102 1/2
Refunding 5s 1955	M	N	99	102	100	100	5	99	104	Mo Pac 3d 7s ext at 4% July 1938	M	N	91 3/4	95	93	July 28	---	93	97 1/2
15-year secured 6 1/2s g 1936	J	O	106	111 1/2	111	111	3	109 1/2	114	Mo B & Bir prior lien g 5s 1945	J	J	103	---	103	Feb 28	---	103	103
40-year 4 1/2s Aug 1 1966	F	A	99 1/2	Sale	98 1/4	100	87	98 1/4	102 3/4	Small 1945	J	J	---	---	100	Apr 28	---	99 3/4	100
Cairo Bridge gold 4s 1950	J	D	84 1/4	---	86 1/8	86 1/8	1	86 1/8	102 3/4	Small 1945	J	J	87						

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 27, Interest Period, Price (Bid, Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

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d Due May. e Due June. f Due August.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 27, Interest Period, Price Friday July 27, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan 1. Includes entries like Louisville Gas & El (Ky) 5s-1952, Lower Australian Hydro El Pow, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 27, Interest Period, Price Friday July 27, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan 1. Includes entries like Purify Bakeries s deb 5s-1948, Pure Oil s f 5 1/2% notes-1937, etc.

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 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock symbols and their corresponding prices.

Main table titled 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Shares', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927'. Rows list numerous stock companies and their prices.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. z Ex-dividend. Ex-rights. z Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges.

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive:

Bonds—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Amoskeag Mfg 6s.....1948	88	88	89	88,000	8	July	95½	Jan
Chic Jet Ry & USY 4s 1940	101	90¼	90¼	1,000	90	Jan	94½	June
5s.....1940	101	101	101½	11,000	101	July	103½	Jan
East Mass Street RR 4½s series A.....1948	66	67	67	12,000	66	July	79	Apr
Gannett Co. Inc 6s.....1943	100	99½	99½	5,000	99½	July	99½	July
Hood Rubber 7s.....1937	100	100	100	7,000	100	July	103½	Jan
K G M & B 5s Income. 1934	103	103	103	18,000	97½	July	100½	Feb
Mass Cas Co 5½s.....1946	103	103	103	1,000	103	July	105½	May
Sloux City Gas & El 5½s 1945	103	103	103	1,000	102	June	104	June
Swift & Co 5s.....1944	102	102	102	1,000	101¼	June	103	Jan
Western Tel & Tel 5s. 1932	100½	100	100½	14,000	100	July	103	Jan

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
American Stores.....*		74	75½	4,931	64	Jan	77½	July	
Bell Tel Co of Pa pref. 100	115½	115	115½	83	114½	July	118	May	
Blainers All etc.....*		58	58½	311	58	June	60	May	
Bornot Inc.....*		9	9	100	8½	June	14	May	
Budd (E G) Mfg Co.....*		18½	19½	1,425	18	July	33	Jan	
Preferred.....*		42	50	484	42	July	73	Mar	
Camden Fire Insurance.....		28	29	1,700	27½	Jan	49½	May	
Consol Traction of N J 100	51	51	52	400	51	July	62½	May	
Crap Ship & Eng.....100		2½	2½	400	1½	Feb	14	Jan	
Electric Storage Battery 100		77½	77½	80	69½	Jan	85	May	
Falm't Pk Trans com.....*		8	8	25	8	July	11½	May	
Fire Association.....10		49½	46½	8,300	46½	July	85	Apr	
Horn & Hardart (N Y) common.....		55	55	25	52	Feb	64	Mar	
Insurance Co of N A 100	71½	71	73	800	71½	July	104½	May	
Lake Superior Corp.....100		5½	5½	200	3	June	9½	May	
Lehigh Coal & Nav.....60	136	136	136	200	105½	Feb	154	June	
Lit Brothers.....100		25½	25½	200	22½	Jan	29½	June	
Lit Schuylkill N, RR & C60	41	41	41	16	40½	July	45	Feb	
Manufact Gas Ins.....*		59½	59½	300	27½	Jan	64½	June	
Mark (Louis) Shoes, Inc.....*		5½	5½	500	3	July	22½	Jan	
Northern Central Ry.....60		86½	86½	50	86½	July	90	May	
North East Power Co.....*		25½	25½	200	20½	Mar	30½	May	
Penn Cent L & P com pref.*		78	79	82	78	July	82	Mar	
Pennsylvania RR.....50		63½	64½	2,900	61½	June	72	Apr	
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg.....50	94	94	94	20	92	Jan	109½	Jan	
Phila Co (Pitts) 5% pf. 50		49	49	10	46	Mar	49	July	
Phila Dairy Prod.....50		92½	92½	20	90	Mar	94½	Apr	
Phila Elec of Pa.....25		65½	65½	100	55½	Jan	74½	May	
Phila Elec Pow rets.....25	29½	28½	29½	1,200	22	Jan	30½	June	
Phila Rap Tran 7% pf. 50	50½	50½	50½	700	50	Apr	52½	Apr	
Philadelphia Traction.....50	59½	58½	59½	173	57	June	64	May	
Reliance Insurance.....10	25½	25½	25½	30	25	June	37½	Jan	
Sentry Safety Contr.....100		14½	15½	1,400	13½	July	18½	July	
Shreve El Dorado Pipe L 25	29½	29	29½	600	18	Mar	32	May	
Scott Paper Co.....*		49	45½	49½	410	40½	May	60½	May
Preferred B.....*		15	15	50	15	July	15	July	
Stanley Co of America.....*		40	38½	41½	5,224	30½	May	54½	Mar
13th & 15th Sts Pass Rys 50		159½	159½	5	159½	July	173	Apr	
Tono-Belmont Devel.....1	1	4½	4½	800	5	July	2	Jan	
Tonopah Mining.....1	4½	3,600	4½	5	3,600	4½	Jan	5	
Trans Oil.....50		7½	7½	1,300	7½	Jan	46	May	
Union Traction.....50	39½	39½	40½	1,300	37½	Jan	46	May	
United Gas Improv't.....50	137½	132	137½	12,800	114½	Jan	149½	May	
United Lt & Pr "A" com.....*		25	26	3,100	15½	Feb	27½	July	
U S Dairy Prod 1st pref.....*		97	97	5	87	Jan	98	May	
Victory Insurance Co.....10		25	25½	600	25	July	34	Jan	
Victor Talking Mach com.....*		90½	92½	1,500	53	Jan	104½	May	
West Jersey & Seash RR 50	34	33½	34	625	33½	July	39½	Jan	
Westmoreland Coal.....50		45	45	100	44½	July	51½	Jan	
York Rys pref.....50		41½	41½	35	41½	July	45	Apr	
Rights—									
Ins Co of N A.....7½		7½	8½	18,100	7½	July	10	June	
Bonds—									
Elec & Peoples tr cts 4s 1/45		55	58	\$15,700	55	June	58	May	
Cts of deposit.....		50	58	600	50	July	66	May	
Inter-State Rys coll tr 4s 43	48½	48½	49	11,000	48½	July	52	Jan	
Keystone Telep 1st 5s.....35		95	95	10,000	94½	June	96	Jan	
Market St Elev 1st 4s. 1955		88	88	1,000	88	July	92	Jan	
Phila Co 5s.....1967		97½	97½	1,000	97½	July	101¼	Apr	
Phila Elec (Pa).....*		98½	99	6,000	98½	July	106	Mar	
1st 4½% series.....1967		105	105½	2,100	104	July	109½	Apr	
1st 5s.....1966		106	106	1,000	106	Mar	107½	June	
1st lien & ref 5½s.....1953		105	105	40,000	105	June	108	May	
Phila Elec Pow 5½s.....1972		100½	101	20,000	99½	June	101	July	
Strawbridge & Cloth 6s 48		98	98	9,000	98	July	100½	July	
York Rys 1st 5s.....1937		98	98	9,000	98	July	100½	July	

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Amer Wholesale pref.....100		108	109½	55	104½	Mar	109½	July	
Arundel Corp.....*	39½	37½	40½	2,316	35½	July	51½	May	
Atlantic Coast L (Conn.) 50	170	166	170	113	166	July	212	Jan	
Baltimore Trust Co.....50	164½	164½	169	65	158½	Mar	225	May	
Baltimore Tube.....100		10½	11	23	10½	July	10½	July	
Preferred.....100		45	45	40	32	Jan	50	July	
Bonesch (I) & Sons pref. 25		27½	27½	121	26½	Apr	27½	Jan	
Black & Decker com.....*		113½	113½	4	113	Jan	117½	Apr	
Ches & Fo Tel of Balt pf 100		30	30	180	21½	Mar	25	May	
Commercial Credit.....25		24½	25	11	23	Jan	36½	June	
Preferred B.....25		25	25	5	23	Feb	27½	May	
6¼% 1st pref.....100		88	88½	15	88	July	95½	May	
Consol Gas E I & Pow.....81		78½	81½	1,149	67½	June	93	Apr	
6% preferred ser D.....100		110½	110½	10	109½	Jan	114½	May	
5% pref series A.....100		102	102	263	100	June	105½	Mar	
Consolidation Coal.....100	27½	27	27½	205	25½	June	33½	Jan	
Dellon Tire & Rubber.....*		5	6	110	5	June	19½	June	
Drovers & Mech Bank 100		410	410	63	400	Feb	416	July	
Eastern Rolling Mill.....*		27	26½	535	24½	Mar	29½	May	
Equitable Trust Co.....25	99½	99½	100	50	99½	July	128	Apr	
Farmers & Merch Bank 40	87	85	87	30	77	Feb	95	June	
Fidelity & Deposit.....50		275	275	5	260	June	326	May	
Finance Co of Amer "A".....*		10½	10½	330	10½	July	11½	May	
Series B.....*		10½	10½	650	10½	May	11½	May	
Finance Service com A.....10		17½	17½	40	16½	Jan	20½	Feb	

Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
First Nat Bank w l.....62		62	63	300	61½	July	64	July
Mfrs Finance com v t.....25		26	26	109	25½	Mar	29	June
1st preferred.....25		19½	20	256	19½	Jan	26	June
2d preferred.....25		18½	18½	21	18½	July	20½	Mar
Maryland Casualty Co.....157		156	158	53	156	July	165	May
Mercantile Trust Co.....50		460	460	6	460	June	470	June
Merch & Miners Transp.....*		45	45½	182	45	June	50	May
Monon W Penn P S pref. 25		25	26	226	25	Jan	27	Jan
Mortgage Security com.....*		14	14	150	14	July	21½	Jan
2d preferred.....100		60	60	10	60	July	85	Jan
Mt V-W db'y Mills v t.....100		15	16	48	16	July	22	June
Preferred.....100		83	85	81	83	July	97½	May
Nat Bank of Baltimore.....100		270	271	18	270	July	286	Jan
New Amsterdam Cas Co 10		72	73	203	71	Feb	83½	May
Northern Central Ry.....50		88	88	41	88	Jan	90½	Mar
Silica Gel Corp com v t.....*		24	24½	435	17	Mar	25½	Apr
Southern Bankers Sec com.....*		35	35	1	35	July	35	July
Preferred.....*		95	95	25	38½	Mar	72	May
Un Porto Rican Sugar com.....*		52	52	40	48½	Mar	72	May
Preferred.....*		55	57	1,404	12	Apr	20½	Jan
United Rys & Elec.....50		14½	12	14½	35	348½	Jan	475
U S Fidelity & Guar.....50		420	420	424	100	10½	July	18
Wash Bat & Annapolis.....50		10½	10½	100	10½	July	100	June
West V-M Dairy Inc com.....*		94½	94½	4	54½	June	100	June
Prior preferred.....50		54½	54½	54½	40	52½	Jan	55½
Bonds—								
Baltimore City bonds.....								
4s Conduit.....1962	99½	99½	99½	\$1,000	99½	July	103½	Feb
4s Engine House.....1957		99½	99½	1,000	99	June	103½	Jan
4s Paving Loan.....1951		99½	99½	5,000	90	June	93	Jan
3½s New Sewer.....1980								

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries for Aetna Rubber, Allen Ind., Amer Multigraph, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries for Am Vitified Prod, Am W G Mach, Arkansas Gas Corp, etc.

* No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries for Acme Steel Co, Adams Royalty Co, All-American Mohawk, etc.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Novadel Process Co, Oklahoma Gas & El, Penn Gas & Elec, etc. Columns include Stock Name, 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 Magnavox Co, Nor Am Investment, Pahuau Sugar Plantation, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the St. Louis Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, 1928. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the San Francisco Stock Exchange, July 21 to July 27, 1928. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

New York Curb Market—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Market for the week beginning on Saturday last (July 21) and ending the present Friday (July 28). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table with columns: Week Ended July 2, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. The table lists numerous stocks and their performance metrics.

Table of stock prices and sales for various companies including Palmolive Peet Co, Parke Davis & Co, Peck & Stow Wilcox, etc. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices and sales for Public Utilities (Concl.) including Amer Gas & Elec com, Amer Nat Gas com, Amer Pow & Lt A pref, etc. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Other Oil Stocks (Concluded)		Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.					
Par	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.				
Crown Cent Petrol Corp.	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	76c	Mar	3 1/4	June	Cities Serv Gas 5 1/2 1942	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	19,000	93 3/4	July	98	Mar		
Derby Petrol Corp.	20	19 1/2	22	700	8 1/4	Jan	30 1/2	May	Cities Serv Gas Pipe L 6 1/2 1942	98 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	30,000	98 3/4	Feb	103 1/2	Apr	
Derby Oil & Ref. pref.	12 1/2	11	12 1/2	3,000	7 1/2	Feb	12 1/2	July	Cities Serv P & L 5 1/2 1952	97 3/4	97 3/4	98	100,000	97 3/4	June	102	Apr	
Gulf Oil Corp of Penna.	25	12 1/2	12 1/2	1,600	101 1/2	Feb	148 1/2	May	Cleve Elec III 5 1/2 1954	104	104	106 1/2	15,000	104	July	106 1/2	July	
International Petroleum	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	12,600	1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Mar	Colon Oil deb 6 1/2 1938	100	100	100	1,000	100	July	100	July	
International Petroleum	10	38 1/2	38 1/2	5,100	35	Feb	45 1/2	May	Commander Larabee 6 1/2 1941	89	89	89 1/2	3,000	89	July	94 1/2	Jan	
Kirby Petroleum	4	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	1 1/2	July	3	May	Com'l Invest Tr 6 1/2 1947	96 3/4	95 3/4	96 3/4	81,000	95 3/4	June	100 3/4	May	
Leonard Oil Developm't.	25	6 1/2	6 1/2	400	5 1/2	July	9 1/2	May	Bank 5 1/2 1937	88 3/4	88	88 3/4	17,000	88 3/4	July	94 1/2	Jan	
Lion Oil Refg.	1	27 1/2	28 1/2	1,100	20	Feb	32 1/2	May	Common Edison 4 1/2 1947	96 3/4	96 3/4	99	23,000	96 3/4	July	102 1/2	Apr	
Lone Star Gas Corp.	25	52 1/2	53	700	48 1/2	Apr	57	May	Consol G E L & P Balt-	106 1/4	106	106 1/4	11,000	104	June	1108 1/2	Feb	
Magdalena Syndicate	1	91c	86c	98c	8,900	86c	July	1 1/2	Apr	Consol Publishers 6 1/2 1936	100 1/4	100	100 3/4	2,000	97 3/4	Jan	102	May
Mexico-Ohio Oil	1	4	4 1/2	5,700	4	July	8	Mar	Consol Textile 5 1/2 1941	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	6,000	93 1/2	Mar	96	Jan	
Mexico Oil Corp.	10	29c	20c	43c	53,500	20c	July	74c	May	Cont'l G & El 5 1/2 1958	91 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	53,000	91 1/2	July	97 1/2	Mar
Mountain & Gulf Oil	1	81c	81c	82c	500	76c	June	1 1/2	Mar	Continental Oil 5 1/2 1937	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	4,000	96 3/4	July	99	Jan
Mountain Prod Corp.	10	22 1/2	22 1/2	23	1,500	22 1/2	Jan	28 1/2	Apr	Cuba Co 6 1/2 notes 1929	96 1/2	97	97	8,000	96 1/2	July	98 1/2	Mar
Nat Fuel Gas new	5	26 1/2	26 1/2	300	24 1/2	Mar	30 1/2	Jan	Cudaby Pack deb 5 1/2 1937	99	98 1/2	99	21,000	97 1/2	Jan	101	May	
New Bradford Oil	5	5	5	300	4 1/2	Mar	5 1/2	Jan	5 1/2 1946	101	101	101	2,000	99 1/2	July	102 1/2	Mar	
New Eng Fuel Oil	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3 1/2	July	5 1/2	Apr	Denver & R G West 6 1/2 78	91 1/2	91	91 1/2	13,000	89 1/2	June	96 1/2	May	
North Cent Oil	5	12 1/2	12 1/2	100	10 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	Mar	Denv & Salt Lake Ry 6 1/2 60	85	85	85 1/2	9,000	80	Jan	93 1/2	May	
Pandem Oil Corporation	5	12 1/2	12 1/2	500	12 1/2	June	13 1/2	Apr	Detroit City Gas 6 1/2 1950	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	2,000	99 1/2	July	104 1/2	Mar	
Pantepec Oil of Venezuela	5	12 1/2	13 1/2	10,400	8 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	July	6s, series A	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	17,000	106	June	108 1/2	Feb	
Pennok Oil Corp.	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	5 1/2	Feb	7 1/2	Apr	Detroit Int Bdge 6 1/2 1952	98 3/4	98	98 3/4	44,000	97 1/2	June	104 1/2	Jan	
Reiter Foster Oil Corp	25	7 1/2	8	4,300	4 1/2	Feb	12 1/2	Apr	25-year S I deb 7 1/2 1952	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	4,000	90	June	101	Jan	
Red Bank Oil	25	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	8	June	17	May	Dixie Gulf Gas 6 1/2 1937	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	7,000	96 1/2	July	99 1/2	Jan	
Richfield Oil pref.	25	23 1/2	23 1/2	600	22	Apr	31 1/2	Apr	Elec Pow (Germ'y) 6 1/2 1953	96	95 1/2	96	13,000	95 1/2	June	99 1/2	May	
Ryan Consol Petrol.	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	4 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Apr	Empire Oil & Refg 5 1/2 1942	93	93	93 1/2	35,000	92 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	Mar	
Salt Creek Consol Oil	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	5 1/2	Jan	7	Jan	Eur Mtge & Inv 7 C 1967	92	92	94 1/2	92,000	92	July	97 1/2	Mar	
Salt Creek Producers	10	27 1/2	27 1/2	28	1,000	27	June	35	Jan	Fairb'ks, Morse & Co 6 1/2 1922	95	95	1,000	95	July	97 1/2	Jan	
Texon Oil & Land	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	18,900	3	Mar	4 1/2	May	Federal Sugar 6s 1933	82	82	1,000	82	July	89 1/2	Feb		
Tid-Oseage Oil non-vot st.	5	18	18	300	13 1/2	Feb	21 1/2	Apr	Fed Wat Service 5 1/2 1957	101	100 1/2	101 1/2	90,000	99 1/2	June	108 1/2	May	
Venezuela Petroleum	5	15 1/2	15 1/2	200	17 1/2	July	25	Apr	Firestone Cot Mills 6s 1948	92 1/2	93	93	18,000	92 1/2	July	97 1/2	Mar	
Wilcox (H F) Oil & Gas.	5	6	6	100	3 1/2	Apr	8 1/2	Apr	Firestone T & B Cal 5 1/2 1942	94	94	94 1/2	22,000	93	June	98 1/2	Jan	
Woody Petrol Corp.	25	6 1/2	6	700	2 1/2	Feb	8 1/2	May	First Bohemian Glass Works	99	99	99	4,000	88 1/2	July	103	Jan	
"Y" Oil & Gas Co.	25	6 1/2	6	700	2 1/2	Feb	8 1/2	May	1st 7 1/2 with stk pur war 5 1/2	89	88 1/2	89	4,000	88 1/2	July	103	Jan	
Mining Stocks.																		
Arizona Globe Copper	1	7c	7c	6,000	3c	Jan	10c	June	Flsk Rubber 5 1/2 1931	94	93	94	24,000	93 1/2	July	98 1/2	Feb	
Bunker Hill & Sull.	10	136	136	200	121	Jan	160	Jan	Florida Power & Lt 6s 1954	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	80,000	94 1/2	Apr	99 1/2	Apr	
Carnegie Metals	10	18 1/2	18 1/2	1,000	17	Jan	27 1/2	Apr	Galena-Sig Oil 7s 1930	99	99	99 1/2	22,000	97	Feb	99 1/2	July	
Central American Mines	5	4 1/2	5 1/2	6,700	60c	Jan	5 1/2	July	Gateau Power 6s 1956	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	112,000	97 1/2	Jan	101	Jan	
Chief Consol Mining	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	500	3 1/2	Mar	4 1/2	Feb	6s 1941	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	7,000	100	June	104 1/2	Apr	
Comstock Tun & Drain 10c	10	40c	43c	700	20c	May	53c	June	Gelsenkirchen Min 6s 1942	92 1/2	91	92 1/2	155,000	90 1/2	July	97	Mar	
Consol. Copper Mines	5	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	12,700	5	Jan	15	May	Genl Amer Invest 5s 1952	87 1/2	89	25,000	87 1/2	July	95	Apr	
Cortez Silver Mines	1	21	21	1,000	18c	Jan	32c	May	Gen Laundry Mach 6 1/2 1937	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	15,000	100	Jan	115	June	
Cresson Consol G M & M1	1	1	1	3,200	1	July	2 1/2	Jan	General Rayon 6s 1948	99	99	99	20,000	98	July	100 1/2	June	
Divide Extension	5	4c	4c	1,000	3c	Mar	5c	Apr	Gen'l Vending Corp	87	87	88	15,000	87	July	98 1/2	Oct	
Dolores Esperanza Corp.	2	1	1 1/2	900	30c	Mar	7	July	Georgia Power ref 5s 1947	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	95,000	98 1/2	July	103	Mar	
Engineer Gold Min Ltd 5c	1	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,400	2	Jan	9 1/2	July	Goodyear T & R 5s 1929	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	36,000	99 1/2	May	99 1/2	Apr	
Evans Wallower Lead com	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	4,300	7	July	9 1/2	July	Goodyear T & R Cal 5 1/2 1931	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	2,000	100	Apr	101	Jan	
Falcon Lead Mines	1	5c	6c	8,000	5	July	16c	Jan	Grand Trunk Ry 6 1/2 1936	108 1/2	108 1/2	109	3,000	108 1/2	Jan	112	Jan	
Golden Centre Mines	5	9	8 1/2	9 1/2	11,900	2 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	May	Juantanamo & W Ry 6s 1958	90	90	90 1/2	6,000	90	July	97 1/2	Jan
Goldfield Consol Mines	1	10c	10c	5,000	8c	Jan	15c	June	Gulf Oil of Pa 5s 1937	100	100	100 1/2	18,000	99 1/2	July	102 1/2	Mar	
Goldfield Florence	1	9c	9c	11c	28,000	5c	Jan	25c	May	Sinking fund deb 6s 1947	100	100	100 1/2	12,000	99 1/2	June	102 1/2	Jan
Hecla Mining	25c	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	3,400	13 1/2	Apr	18	Jan	Gulf States Util 6s 1956	98 1/2	99 1/2	10,000	98	June	102	May	
Hollinger Cons Old Mines 6s	10	10 1/2	11 1/2	1,200	10 1/2	Apr	18 1/2	Jan	Hamburg Elec Co 7s 1935	100	100	100 1/2	9,000	99 1/2	Feb	103	Feb	
Hud Bay Min & Smelt.	5	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18,900	16 1/2	Jan	21 1/2	Feb	Hamburg Elc & Und 5 1/2 1938	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	50,000	92 1/2	June	92 1/2	June
Iron Cap Copper	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	4	3	Jan	8 1/2	May	Hanover Cred Ins 6s 1931	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	10,000	94	Jan	96 1/2	Apr	
Mason Valley Mines	5	17 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	1 1/2	Apr	1 1/2	Jan	Hond Rubber 7s 1936	100	100	100	6,000	100	July	103 1/2	Jan
Mining Corp of Canada	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	900	3 1/2	Apr	5 1/2	Jan	5 1/2 notes notes Oct 15 '36	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	8,000	85	July	96 1/2	Apr	
New Cornish Copper	5	27 1/2	22 1/2	300	25 1/2	Feb	29 1/2	Jan	Houston Gulf Gas 6 1/2 1943	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	6,000	95	July	99 1/2	May	
New Jersey Zinc	100	220	215	225	110	180 1/2	Jan	242	May	6s 1943	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	63,000	96	July	99 1/2	May
Newmont Mining Corp 10c	10	162	156	162	10,900	12 1/2	Jan	185 1/2	Jan	Illinois Pr & Lt 5 1/2 1957	97 1/2	96 1/2	99	9,000	95 1/2	July	101 1/2	May
Nipissing Mines	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,200	3 1/2	July	5 1/2	Jan	5 1/2 series "B"	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	July	103 1/2	May
Noranda Mines, Ltd.	5	56	55 1/2	58 1/2	91,700	17 1/2	Mar	6 1/2	July	Indep Oil & Gas deb 6s 1939	100 1/2	100	101	41,000	96 1/2	Jan	106	Apr
Obio Copper	1	71c	80c	5,500	60c	Apr	1 1/2	Jan	Ind'polis P & L 6s ser A '57	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	78,000	97 1/2	June	102	Mar	
Parmac Porcupine M Ltd 1c	1	24c	30c	8,000	15c	Jan	35c	May	Int Pow Secur 7s ser E 1957	96	94 1/2	96 1/2	15,000	94 1/2	July	101 1/2	May	
Premier Gold Inc	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	June	3 1/2	Jan	Internat Securities 6s 1947	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	26,000	94	May	99 1/2	May	
Roan Antelope C Min Ltd.	1	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	2,300	27 1/2	July	27 1/2	July	Interstate Power 6s 1957	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	33,000	94 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	Apr
San Toy Mining	1	4c	4c	1,000	3c	Jan	6c	Mar	Debentures 6s 1952	97 1/2	97	98 1/2	23,000	96 1/2	July	102 1/2	Mar	
Shattuck Dean Mining	5	15	14 1/2	15	2,900	8 1/2	Feb	11 1/2	June	Invest Bond & Sh 6s 1947	112	114 1/2	114 1/2	2,000	104 1/2	Jan	115 1/2	May
So Amer Gold & Plat.	1	3	3	100	2 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Mar	Invest Co of Am 5s A 1947	99 1/2	98 1/2	101 1/2	28,000	96	Feb	109	Apr	
Teck Hughes	1	9 1/2	9 1/2	2,700	8 1/2	Feb	11 1/2	June	Investors Equity Co 5s '47	106	108	3,000	104 1					

Table of Bonds (Continued) with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various bond titles like Phila Sub Cos G & E, Pittsburg Steel 6s, etc.

Table of Bonds (Concluded) with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various bond titles like Russian Government, Saas Basin Con Counties, etc.

* No par value. † Correction. m Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. s Option sales. t Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend.

Option sales made as follows: a Middle West Util. prior lien stk. Mar. 5 at 12; s A. G. Spalding & Bro., com., Jan. 14 at 120; p Associated Gas & Elec., Jan. 14 at 47;

h Sierra Pacific Electric Co., Jan. 6 at 92; u Mt. State Power, Jan. 13, 101 1/4; (1) Palmolive Pet., Feb. 28 at 85.

"Under the rule" sales were made as follows: b Belgian National Railway, preference Jan. 20 at 17 1/2; f Eltington Schild Co; 6s, Jan. 13 at 98 1/2; j Goodyear Tire & Rubber of Calif. 5 1/2s, Jan. 4 at 101 1/4;

k U. S. Rubber 6 1/2% notes 1940 at 108; r J. J. Newberry, pref. Jan. 25 at 107 1/4; e Standard Publishing class A Jan. 25 at 4; w \$1,000 United Oil Prod. 8s 1931, Feb. 2 at \$31. Potrero Sug. 7s, 1967, Feb. 17 at 98; w American Meter Co. Feb. 29 at 126. (3) Ohio River Edison 5s, 1951, Feb. 27 at 103. (4) Nat. Pub. Sur. war., Apr. 24 at 3+3 1/2. (6) Mtr. Bk. of Bogota 7s, 1947, Apr. 20 at 96-Inland Steel 4 1/2s, May 4, at \$5,000 at 98 1/2. (8) Cities Service pref., May 23 at 108 1/2. (9) German Con. Mines 7s, 1947: May 23, \$1,000 at 101 1/4. (10) Trumbull Steel, pref., July 19, 100 at 122 1/2. (11) Midwest Gas 7s, 1936, July 23, \$4,000 at 107 1/2.

Note.—Sales of Neve Drug Stores com at 36 3/4 @ 37 1/2 reported last week was an error; should have been convertible A stock. Also sales reported May 31 at 40 @ 40 1/4 for common stock should have been convertible A stock. The range on the common stock for Jan. 1 to date should have read low, 25 June; high, 34 May.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Paton, Peterson & Co., Inc., announce that their corporate name has been changed to R. C. Peterson & Co., Inc., and that their offices have been moved to 25 Broad St., New York, where they will continue as specialists in bank and insurance stocks. Their new telephone number is Bowling Green 5000.

—Ross Davis has been placed in charge of the Chicago office of J. G. White & Co., Inc., and will assume the duties of western manager for the company. Mr. Davis formerly was associated with Paine, Webber & Co. and for some years was northwestern representative of Illinois Merchants Trust Co.

—Baker, Simonds & Co., Inc., 37 Wall St., New York, have issued a charted analysis of the five-year growth of the 68 companies whose securities are the basis for United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc., and which produce 80% of the total electric energy generated in the country.

—The weekly market letter just issued by Josephthal & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, contains a resume of the economic situation and also discusses the current status of National Cash Register Co. and Washab Railway Co.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for American depository receipts, for ordinary registered shares of the British Aluminum Co., Ltd., and the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd.

—In their current circular on the sugar market, Farr & Co., 90 Wall St., New York, have included a table showing the present bid and asked quotations, current dividend rates as compared with those paid last year, and the price range of the stocks of various sugar companies during this year.

—M. J. Meehan & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have opened a new branch office in the Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., under the management of Timothy J. Mara.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 25,000 shares preferred stock, no par value, and 50,000 shares common stock, no par value, of the Union Investors, Inc.

—Smith, Graham & Rockwell, members New York Stock Exchange, 50 Broadway, New York, have prepared an analysis of Victor Talking Machine Co., which may be had upon request.

—Rhoads & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 27 William St., New York, have prepared a circular on American International Corp. which may be had upon request.

—The statistical department of Hoyt, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place New York, has prepared an analysis of J. C. Penney Co., Inc., which is now ready for distribution.

—The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 60,000 shares common stock par \$100, and 40,000 shares preferred stock, par \$100 of W. & J. Stone.

—Paine, Webber & Co. have published the first issue of their semi-monthly "Review" in which they review the prospects of several corporations.

—Macauley & Co., 42 Broadway, New York, have issued their monthly quotation bulletin on Brooklyn, Long Island and Staten Island bank stocks.

—Stout & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have opened an uptown office at 342 Madison Ave., with Dudley H. Peabody as manager.

—J. G. White & Co., Inc., 37 Wall St., New York, are distributing a pamphlet surveying the airplane industry and its outlook for the future.

—Mark C. Steinberg & Co. of St. Louis, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have published an analysis of Kolster Radio Corp.

—An analysis of the common stock of Motor Products Corp. has been prepared by the Newman, Gustin Co., 50 Broadway, New York.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds. Each column lists various securities with their respective prices and par values.

* Per share. † No par value. b Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend n Nominal. z Ex-dividend y Ex-rights. r Canadian quotation s Sale price.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Curtis & Sanger, 49 Wall St., New York, have issued their weekly quotation pamphlet of bank and insurance company stocks.
—Zwetsch, Heinzelmann & Co., 57 William St., N. Y., are distributing an analytic chart on Natural Gas Securities.
—George H. Burr & Co., 57 William St., New York, have prepared a special analysis of McCrory Stores Corp.
—Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad St., N. Y., are distributing an analysis of Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.
—Gurnett & Co. announce the removal of their New York offices to the Harriman Building, 39 Broadway.
—James H. Oliphant & Co., announce that John H. Hamline is now associated with their Chicago office.
—The Bank of Montreal has available for distribution road maps of the principal provinces of Canada.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of July. The table covers 7 roads and shows 3.66% increase over the same week last year.

Thrd Week of July.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$ 15,148	\$ 31,823	\$	\$ 16,675
Canadian National	5,216,288	4,820,372	395,916	
Canadian Pacific	4,015,000	3,621,000	394,000	
Mobile & Ohio	295,460	337,216		41,756
St Louis Southwestern	429,200	448,316		19,116
Southern Railway System	3,525,757	3,657,273		131,516
Western Maryland	335,181	418,145		82,964
Total (7 roads)	14,132,034	13,634,145	789,916	292,027
Net increase (3.66%)			497,889	

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the second week of July:

Second Week of July.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (5 roads)	\$ 8,391,338	\$ 8,165,630	\$ 225,708	
Canadian National	5,240,498	4,846,569	593,929	
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	107,764	107,080	684	
Georgia & Florida	35,300	35,700		400
Minneapolis & St. Louis	251,124	260,756		9,632
Mineral Range	4,508	4,933		425
Nevada-California-Oregon	8,862	10,165		1,302
Western Maryland	327,381	418,145		90,764
Total (12 roads)	14,366,775	13,648,978	820,321	102,524
Net increase (5.26%)			717,797	

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
1st week Jan. (13 roads)	\$ 12,251,914	\$ 12,953,678	-\$ 701,764	5.42
2d week Jan. (13 roads)	13,828,607	13,537,951	+290,657	2.16
3d week Jan. (13 roads)	14,159,779	13,591,510	+568,270	4.17
4th week Jan. (13 roads)	19,645,909	19,129,089	+516,820	2.70
1st week Feb. (13 roads)	14,361,236	13,890,366	+470,870	3.39
2d week Feb. (13 roads)	14,728,570	14,221,833	+506,737	3.56
3d week Feb. (13 roads)	18,851,532	10,882,826	+7,968,706	73.23
4th week Feb. (13 roads)	15,775,152	13,665,718	+2,109,434	15.47
1st week Mar. (11 roads)	9,148,917	9,305,258	-156,341	1.69
2d week Mar. (11 roads)	9,271,593	9,523,366	-251,773	2.65
3d week Mar. (11 roads)	14,104,068	13,836,568	+267,500	1.90
4th week Mar. (12 roads)	21,017,426	20,134,884	+882,541	4.38
1st week Apr. (12 roads)	15,651,418	15,283,350	+368,068	2.41
2d week Apr. (12 roads)	13,255,732	13,508,682	-252,950	1.87
3d week Apr. (11 roads)	9,009,058	8,996,523	+12,534	0.14
4th week Apr. (12 roads)	17,496,497	18,058,908	-562,411	3.11
1st week May (12 roads)	13,649,210	14,118,344	-469,133	3.33
2d week May (12 roads)	14,191,781	13,656,727	+535,054	3.92
3d week May (12 roads)	14,458,113	13,506,067	+952,046	7.04
4th week May (12 roads)	15,007,030	14,264,043	+742,987	5.21
1st week June (12 roads)	18,673,411	13,394,869	+5,278,542	39.48
2d week June (12 roads)	14,229,434	13,551,112	+678,321	5.01
3d week June (12 roads)	14,138,958	13,541,992	+596,966	3.66
4th week June (11 roads)	19,250,486	18,288,339	+962,147	5.25
1st week July (12 roads)	14,126,722	13,318,138	+808,584	6.07
2d week July (12 roads)	14,366,775	13,648,978	+717,797	5.26
3d week July (7 roads)	14,132,034	13,634,145	+497,889	3.66

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class A roads in the country, with a total mileage each month as stated in the footnote to the table:

Month.	Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
June	\$ 516,023,039	\$ 539,797,813	\$ 23,774,774	\$ 127,749,692
July	508,413,874	556,710,935	48,297,061	125,438,334
August	556,406,663	579,093,397	22,686,735	164,013,942
September	564,043,987	590,102,143	26,058,156	179,434,277
October	582,542,179	605,082,445	23,440,266	180,919,048
November	502,994,051	561,153,956	58,159,905	125,957,014
December	466,526,003	525,820,708	59,294,705	90,351,147
1928.			1928.	
January	456,520,897	486,722,646	30,161,749	93,990,640
February	455,681,258	468,532,117	12,850,859	108,120,729
March	504,233,099	530,643,758	26,410,659	131,840,275
April	473,428,231	497,865,380	24,437,149	110,907,453
May	509,746,395	518,569,718	8,823,323	128,780,393

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: 1927—June, 14.07% dec.; July, 22.03% dec.; Aug., 8.73% dec.; Sept., 7.14% dec.; Oct., 3.87% dec.; Nov., 20.53% dec.; Dec., 23.76% dec. 1928—Jan., 5.58% dec.; Feb., 0.50% inc.; March, 2.96% dec.; April, 2.56% dec.; May, 0.66% inc. In the month of June the length of road covered was 238,425 miles in 1926; against 237,243 miles in 1926; in July, 238,316 miles, against 237,711 miles in 1926; in Aug., 238,672 miles, against 237,824 miles in 1926; in Sept., 238,814 miles, against 237,854 miles in 1926; in Oct., 238,828 miles, against 238,041 miles in 1926; in Nov., 238,711 miles, against 238,142 miles in 1926; in Dec., 238,552 miles, against 237,711 miles in 1926; in Jan., 239,476 miles, against 238,608 miles in 1927; in Feb., 239,584 miles, against 238,731 miles in 1927; in March, 239,649 miles, against 238,729 miles in 1927; in April, 239,852 miles, against 238,904 miles in 1927; in May, 240,120 miles, against 239,079 miles in 1927.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Akron Canton & Youngstown						
June	279,053	278,026	99,269	97,784	86,518	86,634
From Jan 1.	1,603,591	1,614,408	525,551	552,199	445,789	439,010
Ach Topeka & Santa Fe System						
June	18,359,049	19,954,555	3,387,368	4,586,005	1,784,138	2,925,091
From Jan 1.	110,519,519	121,768,408	22,426,877	31,005,443	13,232,801	20,670,790
Canadian National						
June	22,032,767	20,097,590	2,806,658	1,534,285		
From Jan 1.	123,213,526	114,437,683	19,870,375	15,889,907		
Central RR of New Jersey						
June	4,702,754	5,300,803	1,172,829	1,527,731	672,516	1,058,335
From Jan 1.	27,638,959	28,837,508	7,189,116	6,720,424	4,926,115	5,010,915

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Central Vermont						
June	706,404	823,034	-115,332	164,398	-137,557	144,818
From Jan 1.	3,003,067	4,328,370	-1,463,515	603,998	-1,543,643	487,710
Ches & Ohio						
June	10,114,644	11,276,773	3,341,187	3,566,715	2,721,666	2,834,716
From Jan 1.	59,652,434	67,492,700	17,524,817	21,375,987	13,555,658	17,074,719
Chicago & North Western						
June	13,862,005	13,580,533			63,068,197	62,855,191
From Jan 1.	71,261,134	70,327,721			69,054,094	68,432,843
Conemaugh & Black Lick						
June	159,649	143,539	31,478	1,386	30,478	186
From Jan 1.	772,353	831,306	21,644	-45,296	15,644	-52,496
Delaware & Hudson						
June	3,059,133	3,580,437	640,977	623,878	289,524	506,756
From Jan 1.	18,944,614	20,885,395	3,466,229	3,325,731	2,675,258	2,623,254
Delaware Lack & West						
June	6,745,910	7,535,031	1,935,903	2,466,350	1,367,998	1,780,619
From Jan 1.	39,183,295	41,738,407	9,977,129	11,022,177	6,759,599	2,457,586
Eric						
June	8,858,472	9,185,093	1,643,424	1,773,938	1,284,455	1,416,214
From Jan 1.	51,964,187	53,070,451	9,866,558	8,314,766	7,701,190	6,070,473
Chicago & Erie						
June	1,239,089	1,051,543	519,364	372,010	460,792	317,215
From Jan 1.	7,117,648	6,814,851	2,669,851	2,499,630	2,353,010	2,170,810
New Jersey & New York						
June	130,134	135,828	19,109	11,581	15,206	8,004
From Jan 1.	774,810	774,679	68,611	54,383	45,146	32,748
Kansas Okla & Gulf						
June	226,364	222,263	46,986	69,934	36,223	60,514
From Jan 1.	1,434,921	1,368,843	428,176	164,965	363,364	107,308
Lake Terminal						
June	99,859	97,434	12,964	-3,440	10,052	302
From Jan 1.	496,412	540,472	-32,841	-22,343	-50,629	-47,627
Lehigh Valley						
June	5,813,262	6,499,007	1,580,114	1,614,129	1,253,901	1,283,130
From Jan 1.	33,925,004	37,231,274	7,200,375	7,511,506	5,493,287	5,726,295
Midland Valley						
June	280,959	322,975	73,429	103,162	59,506	86,576
From Jan 1.	1,700,579	1,906,044	642,686	713,006	545,134	595,990
Minneapolis & St. Louis						
June	1,137,000	1,238,000			68,000	64,000
From Jan 1.	6,773,000	6,604,000			6270,000	6574,000
Miss St Paul & S S Marie						
June	2,329,779	2,169,803	625,216	474,464	476,501	326,204
From Jan 1.	12,662,160	11,657,255	2,699,582	2,124,099	1,896,494	1,256,627
Mobile & Ohio						
June	1,323,026	1,455,913	249,219	302,251	166,990	214,806
From Jan 1.	8,503,063	8,983,798	1,808,385	2,067,044	1,311,448	1,558,065
New York Central						
June	7,375,000	7,626,000			6942,000	61205,000
From Jan 1.	43,501,000	45,419,000			66,314,000	67,209,000
N Y Chicago & St. Louis						
June	4,201,563	4,476,923	956,003	1,202,283	753,082	933,091
From Jan 1.	25,872,527	26,654,971	6,726,523	7,178,087	5,206,808	5,663,580
N Y N H & Hartford						
June	11,734,961	11,852,478	3,583,638	3,380,019	2,974,659	2,869,419
From Jan 1.	66,006,165	68,089,809	18,000,376	17,429,044	14,301,326	14,262,244
N Y Ontario & Western						
June	1,062,777	1,166,709	198,653	300,849	153,225	250,835
From Jan 1.	5,442,779	5,649,476	611,969	547,934	321,217	246,252
N Y Susq & Western						
June	382,166	412,663	48,725	91,362	19,371	62,871
From Jan 1.	2,414,117	2,441,774	470,786	386,626	294,626	215,354
Norfolk & Southern						
June	938,402	936,707	356,670	329,010	276,609	267,261
From Jan 1.	4,749,731	5,013,709	1,436,208	1,551,398	1,110,385	

		Total Net Income.	Fixed Charges.	Balance.
		\$	\$	\$
Boston & Maine	June '28	1,167,773	646,048	521,725
	'27	1,170,493	658,240	512,252
	From Jan 1 '28	6,820,759	3,909,023	2,911,736
	'27	6,388,316	3,959,250	2,429,066
Chesapeake & Ohio	June '28	2,956,986	609,153	2,347,833
	'27	3,013,021	588,732	2,424,289
	From Jan 1 '28	14,745,477	3,803,099	10,942,378
	'27	17,868,252	3,977,982	13,890,270
Minn St Paul & S S M System	June '28	771,170	574,879	196,289
	'27	594,880	568,823	36,057
	From Jan 1 '28	2,311,279	3,477,452	-1,166,172
	'27	1,758,893	3,498,824	-1,739,931
Minn. St Paul & S S Maric Co	June '28	515,853	405,514	110,339
	'27	339,097	405,624	-66,526
	From Jan 1 '28	2,009,058	2,463,220	-454,162
	'27	1,359,990	2,462,022	-1,102,031
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	June '28	767,130	461,990	305,140
	'27	839,617	539,530	300,087
	From Jan 1 '28	5,257,860	2,890,548	2,367,311
	'27	5,749,609	3,350,974	2,398,634
New York New Haven & Hartford	June '28	2,427,197	1,117,874	1,309,323
	'27	2,179,120	1,298,915	1,380,205
	From Jan 1 '28	11,105,600	6,722,956	4,382,644
	'27	10,212,820	7,596,647	2,616,173
New York Ontario & Western	June '28	135,522	121,350	14,172
	'27	229,733	117,814	111,919
	From Jan 1 '28	213,153	725,944	-513,791
	'27	132,198	702,511	-570,312
Norfolk & Western	June '28	2,765,003	414,483	2,351,520
	'27	3,217,694	424,206	2,793,488
	From Jan 1 '28	14,054,008	2,497,601	11,556,407
	'27	17,480,678	2,578,493	14,902,185
Pere Marquette	June '28	496,938	182,266	314,672
	'27	490,139	165,914	324,225
	From Jan 1 '28	3,767,086	1,070,358	2,696,728
	'27	4,057,910	1,001,643	3,056,267
St Louis-San Francisco	June '28	916,878	1,696,734	220,144
	'27	1,752,343	1,293,778	458,565
	From Jan 1 '28	10,961,036	8,971,337	1,989,699
	'27	10,198,197	7,771,957	2,426,240
Seaboard Air Line	June '28	985,421	980,153	5,268
	'27	976,661	947,392	29,269
	From Jan 1 '28	6,707,904	3,945,116	2,762,788
	'27	6,934,871	5,513,371	1,421,500
Virginian	June '28	424,657	272,205	152,452
	'27	675,604	282,043	393,561
	From Jan 1 '28	2,976,240	1,563,179	1,413,061
	'27	5,083,661	1,602,295	3,481,366
Western Maryland	June '28	367,683	251,120	116,563
	'27	533,551	256,543	277,008
	From Jan 1 '28	2,442,244	1,513,282	928,962
	'27	2,969,587	1,542,746	1,426,841
Wisconsin Central	June '28	255,317	169,365	85,950
	'27	255,783	163,199	102,583
	From Jan 1 '28	302,221	1,014,232	-712,010
	'27	398,903	1,036,802	-637,900

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:

New York City Street Railways.

Companies.		Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Brooklyn City	Apr '28	965,706	139,580	41,557	98,022
	'27	989,385	142,580	48,118	94,462
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	3,883,301	529,633	167,127	362,503
	'27	3,873,743	522,943	190,385	332,556
Brooklyn Heights	Apr '28	1,559	7,844	58,009	-50,164
	'27	1,559	8,405	58,508	-50,102
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	6,237	30,854	232,036	-201,181
	'27	6,386	32,440	232,369	-199,926
Brooklyn & Queens	Apr '28	239,320	29,872	58,864	-28,992
	'27	232,260	18,764	71,218	-52,233
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	960,708	108,661	235,898	-127,236
	'27	895,133	56,452	244,677	-188,003
Coney Isl & Bklyn	Apr '28	225,424	45,849	30,512	15,336
	'27	232,306	32,150	32,464	-307
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	838,330	160,750	121,682	39,066
	'27	887,632	115,729	129,977	-15,667
Coney Isl & Gravesend	Apr '28	9,291	-754	13,760	-14,515
	'27	8,690	-844	13,727	-14,572
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	33,598	-4,836	54,936	-69,223
	'27	31,326	-13,343	55,073	-68,418
8th & 9th Ave	Apr '28	91,828	3,122	8,006	-4,884
	'27	119,143	-26,095	5,727	-34,822
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	289,592	2,707	34,286	-31,579
	'27	457,288	-9,907	37,173	-133,081
Interborough R T (Elevated Div)	Apr '28	1,551,809	346,292	697,397	-351,105
	'27	1,633,424	426,017	698,964	-272,947
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	6,232,026	1,253,148	2,791,134	-1,537,986
	'27	6,356,452	1,535,255	2,793,541	-1,258,285
(Subway Div)	Apr '28	4,116,887	2,013,142	1,101,815	911,326
	'27	2,876,910	1,030,011	523,948	506,063
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	16,876,700	7,932,744	4,411,492	3,521,251
	'27	10,337,242	3,857,251	2,012,288	1,844,965
Manhattan & Queens	Apr '28	40,351	9,719	9,946	-226
	'27	40,211	7,576	9,843	-267
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	154,238	18,811	39,112	-20,300
	'27	149,149	17,283	38,602	-21,328
Manh Bdge 3c Line	Apr '28	18,268	1,188	413	774
	'27	19,825	1,894	372	1,121
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	71,981	1,758	1,653	104
	'27	73,712	2,932	1,489	1,441
Nassau Electric	Apr '28	495,824	56,107	99,857	-43,750
	'27	500,443	-25,960	64,360	-90,320
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	1,966,094	205,877	402,190	-196,293
	'27	1,887,308	13,421	364,371	-350,949
N Y & Harlem	Apr '28	92,440	111,330	52,679	58,651
	'27	100,065	106,975	54,740	52,234
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	369,231	390,066	231,826	178,240
	'27	391,250	412,211	218,451	198,758
N Y & Queens	Apr '28	69,721	16,547	23,293	-6,746
	'27	73,240	14,176	23,633	-9,457
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	278,582	59,313	94,186	-34,873
	'27	278,142	43,856	93,945	-50,088
New York Rys	Apr '28	529,553	77,424	178,568	-101,143
	'27	576,203	93,185	80,976	-12,209
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	2,108,644	271,646	712,188	-404,541
	'27	2,221,703	329,166	329,253	-86
N Y Rapid Transit	Apr '28	2,852,953	888,318	518,886	369,439
	'27	2,876,910	1,030,011	523,948	506,063
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	11,589,836	3,694,705	2,079,624	1,615,088
	'27	10,337,242	3,857,251	2,012,288	1,844,965
Ocean Electric	Apr '28	5,126	-2,655	500	-3,155
	'27	3,198	-5,050	501	-5,552
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	20,843	-10,343	507	-10,850
	'27	12,268	-20,881	506	-21,388

Companies.		Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Second Ave	Apr '28	89,513	11,809	17,679	-5,870
	'27	90,752	10,129	17,679	-7,551
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	350,997	23,904	70,718	-46,814
	'27	250,067	26,427	60,553	-34,126
South Brooklyn	Apr '28	87,935	23,196	18,289	4,906
	'27	94,546	23,177	22,440	737
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	337,601	90,311	70,439	19,601
	'27	362,847	82,494	88,673	-6,178
Stelway Rys	Apr '28	68,346	4,002	4,417	-414
	'27	69,140	5,181	4,133	1,048
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	274,835	10,701	17,745	-7,043
	'27	271,591	22,335	17,004	5,332
Thrd Avenue	Apr '28	1,277,024	225,868	227,823	-1,954
	'27	1,289,604	252,034	225,371	26,662
	4 mos ended Apr 30 '28	5,110,898	829,725	913,101	-837,375
	'27	5,011,152	919,657	900,465	19,111

Alabama Power Co.

		Month of June 1928.	12 Mos. End. June 30 '28.
Gross earnings from operations		1,346,691	17,107,076
Operating expenses, including taxes & maintenance		535,303	7,421,989
Net earnings from operations		811,388	9,685,087
Other income		108,271	1,073,814
Total income		919,659	10,758,901
Interest on funded debt			3,261,433
Balance			7,497,468
Other deductions			627,694
Balance			6,869,774
Dividends on preferred stock			1,793,818
Balance for reserves, retirements, &c.			5,075,956
*Including earnings of companies consolidated to form this company.			

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies Steamship Lines.

(And Subsidiary Steamship Companies)

	Month of May 1927.	5 Mos. End. May 31-1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30-1927.
Operating revenues	2,555,654	2,810,521	14,422,997
Net revenue from oper. (incl. depreciation)	58,215	3,105	1,411,851
Gross income	131,025	73,970	1,762,822
Int., rents and taxes	210,596	219,056	1,060,443
Net income	-79,571	-145,086	702,379
			238,179

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.

	Month of June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30-1927.
Gross earnings	145,631	138,673
Oper. exp. & taxes	74,316	72,599
Gross income	71,315	66,074
Interest, &c.	20,772	26,719
Net income	50,543	39,355
Prof. stock dividend		
Depreciation		
Balance		391,922
Common stock dividend		207,821
Balance		184,101

Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.

	Month of June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30-1927.
Gross earnings	3,631,329	3,197,650
Operating expenses	1,512,467	1,287,427
Net earnings	2,118,862	1,910,223
		11,895,939
		10,610,290

Gulf Power Co.		Month of June 1928.	12 Mos. End. June 30 '28.
Gross earnings from operations		\$ 89,313	\$ 1,016,740
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance		50,361	617,527
Net earnings from operations		38,952	399,213
Other income		2,284	27,092
Total income		41,236	426,305
Interest on funded debt			92,325
Balance			333,980
Other deductions			147,797
Balance			186,183
Dividends on \$6 cumul. preferred stock			38,075
Balance for reserves, retirements, &c.			148,108

Illinois Power & Light Corp. (and Subs.)				
	Month of June 1928.	May 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	May 31 1927.
Gross earns. from oper.	2,738,533	2,469,514	32,197,692	31,640,161
Oper. exp. & maint.	1,492,222	1,464,459	17,716,742	17,965,647
Taxes	131,697	101,582	1,319,411	1,262,365
Total exp. & taxes	1,623,919	1,566,041	19,036,154	19,228,012
Earnings from operat'n.	1,114,613	903,472	13,161,538	12,412,149
Less rentals	54,663		454,167	
Add other income	38,100	26,463	411,320	39,708
Total net earnings	1,098,051	929,935	13,118,691	12,451,857
Less prior charges of Iowa Power & Light Co. & Kansas Pow & Lt Co			1,112,524	882,365
Total earnings available for bond interest			12,006,167	11,569,492
12 mos. int. on Ill. Pow. & Lt. Corp. mtg. debt			5,153,511	4,697,936

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.				
Net Earnings of the Interborough System under the "Plan."				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Gross rev. fr. all sources	5,615,593	5,443,946	67,502,320	63,573,263
Exps. for oper. & maintaining the property	3,535,386	3,234,630	39,657,345	37,055,487
Taxes payable to city, State & United States	2,080,207	2,199,316	27,844,974	26,517,777
Available for charges	1,871,636	1,900,369	24,644,359	23,010,954
Rentals payable to city for original subways	221,913	221,392	2,658,097	2,655,569
Rentals payable as int. on Manhattan Ry. bonds	150,686	150,687	1,808,240	1,808,240
Miscellaneous rentals	25,118	23,212	287,027	282,457
	397,717	173,899	4,753,364	2,090,697
Int. pay. for use of bor. money & sinking fund requirements:				
Interest on I. R. T.—				
1st mtg. 5% bonds	693,883	675,470	8,309,250	8,097,967
7% secured notes	193,607	196,433	2,338,468	2,362,785
6% 10-yr. notes	47,484	46,180	566,310	548,736
Int. on equip. tr. cfts.	8,137	14,825	135,575	218,825
Sinking fund on I.R.T.				
1st mtg. bonds	194,935	201,517	2,353,248	2,375,996
Other items	6,647	8,168	79,539	105,735
	1,144,696	1,142,593	13,782,392	13,707,044
Dividend rentals—				
7% on Man. Ry. stock not assenting to "Plan of readjustment"	25,380	25,381	304,570	303,898
5% on assenting Manhattan Ry. stock	231,870	231,871	2,782,450	2,782,858
	257,251	257,252	3,087,020	3,086,756

Balance (subject to re-adjust, (see note)) 71,970 105,235 3,021,582 1,470,888

Note.—The above stated results from the Subway and also from the system operations are on the basis of the preferential deficits as computed by the company and are, consequently, considered to be only preliminary and tentative because they are subject to such readjustment as may be necessitated by the final adjudication of objections made by the Transit Commission to certain items in the accounting under the contract with the city. Such adjudication may show that a portion of the "Balance after actual maintenance" on the subway is payable to the city, with a corresponding change in that balance on the system.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Gross earn'gs (all sources)	1,065,785	975,147	13,304,750	11,512,042
Oper. exp. (incl. maint., gen. & income taxes)	562,530	517,431	6,831,423	5,535,062
Net earnings	503,255	457,716	6,473,326	5,976,979
Interest charges	103,941	112,334	1,326,370	1,262,102
Balance	399,313	345,381	5,146,955	4,714,877
Amort. of disc. & prem.	15,429	15,428	185,144	178,683
Balance	383,884	329,953	4,961,811	4,536,193
Divs. 1st pref. stock	20,000	67,076	735,690	782,829
Surp. earnings avail. for deprec. & com. stock dividends	363,884	262,876	4,226,120	3,753,364

Mississippi Power Co.				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Gross earn. from oper.	\$ 232,750	\$ 213,679	\$ 2,768,570	\$ 2,289,841
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance	143,108	131,884	1,709,301	1,510,012
Net earn. from oper.	89,642	81,795	1,059,269	779,829
Other income	12,644	27,488	137,601	153,319
Total income	102,286	109,283	1,196,870	933,148
Interest on funded debt			454,643	381,411
Balance			742,227	551,737
Other deductions			264,664	132,567
Balance			477,563	419,170
Divs. on cum. pref. stk.			199,611	175,000
Balance for reserves, retirements & divs.			277,952	244,170

Nevada-California Electric Corporation (And Subsidiary Companies)				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Gross operating expenses	759,683	753,566	5,373,439	5,059,761
Oper. & gen. exp. & tax.	352,110	366,471	2,325,503	2,273,908
Operating profits	407,572	387,095	3,047,935	2,785,853
Non-oper. earnings (net)	6,904	2,466	79,633	227,582
Total income	414,476	389,561	3,127,569	3,013,435
Interest	122,745	111,363	1,430,533	1,542,281
Balance	291,731	278,198	1,697,035	1,471,154
Depreciation	66,927	56,332	602,776	558,978
Balance	224,803	221,866	1,094,259	912,175
Discount and expense on securities sold	7,949	7,558	95,235	118,815
Miscell. additions and deductions (net cr.)	4,251	Dr. 1,772	6,452	35,291
Surplus avail. for red. of bonds, divs., &c.	221,105	212,534	1,005,475	828,651

New York Dock Co.				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	16 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Revenues	305,397	317,587	1,905,104	1,805,047
Expenses	147,994	144,639	986,809	832,723
Net revenues	157,402	172,948	918,294	972,324
Less taxes, int., &c.	99,512	102,364	590,634	600,565
Net income	57,889	70,583	327,659	371,758

Portland Electric Power Co.				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Gross earnings	1,015,115	1,005,072	12,303,415	12,059,283
Oper. exp. and taxes	606,543	599,886	7,281,307	7,307,253
Gross income	408,572	405,186	5,022,108	4,752,030
Interest, &c.	215,199	216,966	2,572,805	2,559,926
Net income	193,373	188,220	2,449,303	2,192,104
Dividends on Stock				
Prior preference			475,122	475,339
First preferred			711,742	625,968
Second preferred			310,000	300,000
Balance			952,439	790,797
Depreciation			769,405	738,486
Balance			183,034	52,311

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Gross earnings	10,324,253	9,091,048	120,453,868	110,427,255
Oper. exps., maint., taxes and depreciation	7,357,711	6,645,600	86,028,499	79,847,573
Net income from oper.	2,966,541	2,445,447	34,425,368	30,579,682
Other net income	283,547	209,473	1,491,235	1,014,690
Total	3,250,088	2,654,920	35,916,604	31,594,373
Income deductions	1,396,599	1,534,742	18,316,188	18,818,662
Bal. for divs. & surplus	1,853,489	1,120,178	17,600,416	12,775,710

South Carolina Power Co.				
	Month of June 1928.	June 1927.	12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.	June 30 1927.
Gross earnings from operations			157,263	1,912,683
Oper. expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance			95,582	1,098,745
Net earnings from operations			61,681	813,938
Other income			2,056	54,156
Total income			63,737	868,124
Interest on funded debt				283,833
Balance				584,291
Other deductions				50,108
Balance				534,183
Dividends on 6% cumulative preferred stock				74,892
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends				459,291

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Commercial Investment Trust Corporation.

(Financial Report—Six Months Ended June 30 1928.)

President Henry Ittleson July 21 says in substance:

The volume of bills and accounts purchased during the 6 months' period amounted to \$129,865,493.

The net profits available for dividends for the period were \$2,246,590. I am pleased to report that these profits are the largest for any 6 months' period in the company's history. They compare with net profits for the first half year of 1927 of \$1,288,353 and for the second half year of 1927 of \$1,715,039. The net profits are arrived at, as usual, after conservatively deferring for future operations discount collected in advance, charging off all known losses and bad debts and setting aside adequate reserves for future losses, taxes and contingencies. Net profits available for dividends on common stock amounted to \$1,839,472, or \$4.14 a share for the 6 months, while the dividends paid on the common stock during the 6 months' period amounted to \$798,300, or \$1.80 a share.

The figures above referred to do not include the profit on the sale of stock in the United Dominions Trust Ltd. of London, Eng. Approximately two years ago we purchased all of the capital stock of that company for the purpose, primarily, of extending service to our American manufacturers in the sale of their products in the British Isles. In April, 1928, we sold to a group headed by the same British interests from whom the stock had originally been purchased, a considerable part of the capital stock of United Dominions Trust Ltd., retaining, however, a substantial interest in the company. The management and organization of United Dominions Trust Ltd. will continue as heretofore, and in connection with the sale of our American clients both in the British Isles and in other parts of the world to which the United Dominions Trust Ltd., contemplates extending its operations. It was deemed best in the interests of all concerned to have the control of the British company in British hands and we believe that the consummation of this transaction will inure to the great benefit of your company and of its clients. The sale resulted in a substantial profit which has not been taken into the statement of earnings for the six months' period.

We have recently concluded an arrangement with a group of representative banking institutions of France under the leadership of Lazard Freres et Cie. of Paris, which will give us a substantial investment in a finance company having a paid in capital of fifty million francs, whose business it is to finance installment sales in France. We have made a long term contract with this company to service our American manufacturers.

The operations of the Canadian and German companies are proceeding most satisfactorily. We have also opened offices in Cuba and Porto Rico. The relations of your company with its banks and its clients are excellent and I am pleased to advise that during the past six months we have established some new connections which should prove of great and lasting value.

With the development of the company's business it was deemed advisable earlier in the year to avail ourselves of the then favorable market for long time funds. Accordingly we sold to Dillon Read & Co., bankers, an issue of \$15,000,000 of unsecured 20-year 6% debentures, dated March 1 1928 (convertible into 6 1/4% preferred stock at par).

On May 1 1928, \$2,000,000 of our 5% serial gold notes matured and were paid, the remainder of such serial notes outstanding being \$4,000,000. In June 1928, company retired \$405,000 of its 6 1/4% and 7% \$st pref. stock, (being 3% of the maximum amount at any time outstanding).

In February company passed its twentieth anniversary. The accumulated experience of these 20 years is showing itself in constantly improved operations. We look to the future with confidence and to a continually increasing usefulness of the company's operations in the interests of industry at large and to the benefit of its stockholders. In accordance with our program of decentralization, we have now more than 70 completely functioning local offices in the United States. The operations of these local offices are uniform and conducted at small expense under the supervision of our main offices.

Our financial position is in all respects satisfactory and we have available large amounts of unused bank credit lines.

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT 6 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30 (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARIES).

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Volume of bills and accounts purchased	\$129,865,493	\$90,019,434	\$111,049,753	\$69,800,104
Net inc. after taxes on and after all deductions for losses, credit res. and contingencies	2,262,758	1,288,866	1,906,422	1,402,557
Divs. received on stock purchase for resale to empl. and for redemp. Net inc. of United Dom. Trust, Ltd., from date of acquisition	18,832	34,487	10,617	6,484
Total	\$2,281,591	\$1,323,353	\$1,969,250	\$1,409,041
Divs. on pf. stk. of Merc. Accept. Co.	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Divs. paid on pf. stocks	407,118	420,731	441,150	203,700
Divs. paid on com. stock	798,300	797,400	795,600	437,500
Balance	\$1,041,172	\$70,222	\$697,500	\$732,841
Surplus Jan. 1	4,289,383	3,752,366	2,715,584	1,176,208
Paid in surplus	1,863,500	1,838,500	1,823,500	---
Surplus adjustments	613	Dr.36,066	42,318	16,910
Profit and loss surp.	\$7,194,668	\$5,625,023	\$5,278,902	\$1,925,959

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	12,410,205	12,883,052	7% 1st pref. stk.	5,100,000
Notes & acct's receivable	89,627,106	72,595,578	6 1/4% 1st pf. stk.	6,825,000
Misc. acct's rec.	465,206	273,972	Common stock	8,880,000
Due from off. & employees	134,567	224,023	Notes payable, incl. Fed. & State tax	48,925,922
Inv. in foreign companies	2,499,660	2,882,146	Dealers reserve	849,104
Deferred charges	1,200,835	708,063	Interest accrued	333,333
Furniture & fixt's	5	5	5% ser. g. notes	4,000,000
Stock purch. for sale to empl. & for retirement	338,680	456,333	6% cons. debts.	15,000,000
5% ser. gold notes purchased	544,818	108,512	Deferred income	4,044,079
			Reserves	2,118,048
			7% cum. pf. stk. of Merc. Accept. Co.	1,000,000
Tot. (ea. side)	107,221,082	90,131,683	Surplus	7,194,668
				5,625,023

x Represented by 444,000 shares of no par value—V. 127, p. 413.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

(Semi-Annual Statement—6 Mos. Ended June 30 1928.)

RESULTS FOR THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30.

	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Inc. from oper'n's, incl. co.'s equity in earnings of controlled cos. in Gen. Motors Corp.	\$6,190,684	\$4,448,117
Inc. from invest. in Gen. Motors Corp.	a4,992,798	a3,991,467
Inc. from misc. sec., &c.	434,554	ab199,677
Total income	\$11,618,036	\$8,808,000
Provision for Fed. taxes	414,112	410,160
Int. on funded debt	21,340	21,898
Net income	\$11,182,584	\$8,375,942
Divs. on deb. stock	1,361,946	1,198,579
Amt. earn. on com. stk.	\$9,820,638	\$7,177,363
Amt. earned per share on basis of 2,661,658 shs. no par value com. stk. outst'g June 30 1928.	\$3.69	\$2.70

SURPLUS ACCOUNT JUNE 30.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Surplus begin'g of year	\$97,785,244	\$66,417,566	\$62,669,541	\$55,881,491
Net income, 6 months	32,696,782	23,834,209	21,757,313	10,971,733
Surp. resulting from reval. of Gen. Motors investment (see note)	19,962,440	26,184,371	---	---
Surp. resulting from reval. of 70% int. in 1,875,000 shs. of Gen. Motors Corp. com. stk.	---	---	---	36,285,893
Approp. of surp. for 40% com. stk. div., paid in com. stk. Aug. 10 '25.	---	---	---	Dr38019,360
Surp. resulting fr. issue of 101,573 shs. add'l non-voting deb. stock.	1,218,900	---	---	---
Total	\$151,663,366	\$116,436,146	\$84,426,854	\$65,119,757
Divs. on deb. stock	2,571,657	2,397,567	2,441,929	2,052,591
Divs. on com. stock—				
First quarter	d16,634,718	c13,307,545	f9,979,645	2,376,185
Second quarter	ad7,984,725	a5,323,070	d3,326,682	2,367,203
Total dividends	\$27,191,100	\$21,028,182	\$15,748,256	\$6,804,979
Surplus June 30	124,472,266	95,407,964	68,678,598	58,314,778

Note.—The value of du Pont company's investment in General Motors Corp. common stock was adjusted on the books of the company in March 1927 to \$19,774,640 and in March 1928 to \$139,737,080, which closely corresponded to its net asset value as shown by the balance sheets of the General Motors Corp. at Dec. 31 1926 and Dec. 31 1927, respectively. On the basis of the 3,992,488 shares of \$25 par value now owned, the present figure represents a valuation of \$35 per share, compared with the previous valuation of \$30 per share.

a Amounts of \$7,984,976 and \$3,992,488, representing extra dividends receivable from General Motors investment on July 3 1928 and July 5 1927, respectively, are not reflected in the statements printed herewith; likewise, these same amounts, payable as extra dividends on the du Pont company's no par value common stock on July 5 1928 and July 6 1927, respectively, are not reflected herein. b Includes extra dividends received from the investment in General Motors Corp. for the first quarter of 1928 and 1927 in the amounts respectively of \$9,981,220 and \$7,984,976. c Includes approximately \$2,286,000 representing profit received from sale of 114,000 shares

of U. S. Steel Corp. common stock. d The following extra dividends paid on the common stock are included above: First quarter, 1928, \$9,981,220; 1927, \$7,984,976; second quarter, 1928, \$1,330,829.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Plant & props.	83,407,282	79,940,823	Bonds of sub. co.	1,653,800
Patents, goodwill, &c.	24,932,313	24,703,602	Deben. stock	90,796,435
Cash	17,366,391	17,351,133	Common stock	133,082,900
Notes & acct's receivable	17,055,457	15,623,130	Acct's payable, &c.	87,457,895
Marketable secs. & call loans	27,352,745	15,598,269	Deferred liab. & credit items	1,947,701
Inventories	19,793,466	21,196,708	Reserve for depreciation, &c.	32,806,252
Inv. securities	201,899,304	171,594,142	Surplus	124,472,266
Def. debit items	410,290	333,653		
Total	392,217,249	346,341,460	Total	392,217,249

a General Motors Corp. common stock (no par value), 3,992,488 shares, carried at \$35 per share (3,937,500 shares of which are represented by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.'s 70% interest in General Motors Securities Co.), \$139,737,080; securities of controlled companies, not consolidated herein, at cost, plus E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.'s equity in surplus accumulated since acquisition, \$42,872,639; miscellaneous securities, \$19,289,585. b Includes accounts payable, \$6,084,547; accrued interest on bonds of subsidiary companies, \$11,402; dividends payable on debenture stock, \$1,361,946.—(V. 126, p. 3304.)

Marland Oil Co. and Subsidiaries.

(Quarterly Statement—3 Months Ended June 30 1928.)

	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Gross earnings	\$14,378,356	\$12,829,953
Oper. & admin. expenses	11,099,188	10,354,740
Net earnings	\$3,279,168	\$2,475,213
Other income	433,902	523,242
Gross income	\$3,713,070	\$2,998,455
Interest and discount	449,429	185,652
Depr. & depletion reserve	1,633,537	1,564,155
Res. for intang. drill costs	1,071,263	3,006,111
Res. for abandoned lease	600,000	398,037
Dividends paid	---	---
Balance deficit	\$41,159	\$2,155,500
The profit and loss deficit, June 30 1928, amounted to \$3,503,661 against \$1,585,453, Dec. 31 1927.		

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Fixed assets	\$54,197,292	59,996,619	Capital stock & surplus	\$81,800,464
Invest. & advs.	14,485,006	13,740,423	5% serial notes	29,172,000
Deferred charges	3,016,606	3,620,732	Minority int.	18,682
U. S. Gov. sec.	11,256,374	---	Acct's payable	2,615,651
Cash	9,846,738	17,819,731	Res. for conting.	95,556
Bills & acct's rec.	7,169,762	7,538,373	Accrued items	282,927
Crude oil	4,982,857	9,834,541		
Refined products	4,920,999	5,728,135		
Mat'l & supplies	3,996,606	4,601,744		
Accrued items	113,040	53,746		
Total	113,985,280	122,934,044	Total	113,985,280

x Represented by \$2,317,233 no par shares. y After deducting \$49,909,207 depreciation, depletion and drilling costs.—V. 126, p. 2800.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Co.

(49th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

President Patrick E. Crowley reports in substance:

The Year's Business.—During the year the company moved 37,976,843 tons of revenue freight, a decrease compared with 1926 of 3,283,353 tons. There was an increase of 1,088,666 tons of bituminous coal handled due to heavy shipments during the early part of the year in anticipation of the miners' strike, which was declared on April 1, and to increased production by the largest shipper on the company's line. The increase in the movement of coal was more than offset by large decreases in tonnage of coke, ore, limestone, and manufactured iron and steel products brought about by changed conditions with respect to the movement of coke, the continued increase in the use of by-product, in lieu of beehive, coke for metallurgical purposes, and the general depression in the iron and steel industry that prevailed during the latter half of the year.

The company carried 5,327,989 passengers, a decrease of 190,290. Inter-line passengers decreased 26,387, local 127,521, and commutation 36,382. The depression in the iron and steel industry above-mentioned and labor conditions account to a large extent for the decrease in all classes of travel. Bus lines were established during the year between Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and between Youngstown and Pittsburgh, which handled a considerable volume of competitive traffic.

Railway Tax Accruals.—Railway tax accruals were \$2,004,955, a decrease of \$147,616, largely the result of a decrease in Federal income tax accruals due to the smaller amount of taxable income, the discontinuance of the Federal capital stock tax, and the adjustment of accruals affecting prior years for Pennsylvania capital stock taxes.

Property Investment Account.—Changes in the property investment account for the year were as follows: Road, increase \$3,136,072; equipment, increase, \$2,964,610; Miscellaneous physical property, decrease, \$45; net increase, \$6,100,682.

Capital Stock.—For the purpose of capitalizing a part of the corporate surplus of the company the board of directors on Oct. 26 1927, authorized the issue, as a stock dividend, of \$7,197,120 par value, of additional capital stock of the company, to be distributed among the stockholders of record at the close of business on Dec. 1 1927, on the basis of one share for each five shares held on that date. The issue was authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission by its order of Dec. 13 1927, and the distribution was made to the stockholders on Dec. 17.

The authorized capital stock of the company is \$50,000,000, of which \$43,182,720 is outstanding, including scrip certificates for fractional shares issued in connection with the stock dividend. The time for exchanging such scrip certificates for full share stock certificates will expire on Dec. 31 1928.

Changes in Funded Debt.—The funded debt on Dec. 31 1927 was \$7,276,850, a decrease of \$968,522.

Payment of \$4,000,000 Mortgage Bonds.—Provision was made for the payment out of current assets of \$2,000,000 first mortgage 6% bonds and \$2,000,000 2d mortgage 5% bonds of the company maturing Jan. 1 1928. These bonds constituted the entire mortgage debt of the company.

Valuation of the Company's Property by the I.-S. C. Commission.—During the year 1926 and the early part of the year 1927, representatives of the company were engaged in conferences with representatives of the Bureau of Valuation of the I.-S. C. Commission for the purpose of arriving, if possible, at agreements concerning the cost of reproduction new, depreciation and land values of the property of the company and its leased lines as of June 30 1916. These conferences were predicated upon the assumption of the correctness of the methods, rules and principles employed by the Commission with a reservation of the right of the company, at formal hearing, to contest the correctness of these methods, rules and principles. On this basis agreements were reached in many instances. The tentative valuation of the properties was served during the month of March 1927. A protest thereto was duly filed.

The case came on for formal hearing before the Commission in Aug. 1927, being consolidated with the case of the New York Central RR. and other system lines. Briefs were subsequently filed and oral argument submitted during the case was had on Nov. 30 1927. A decision may be expected during 1928.

Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR.—The company advanced to Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. for additions and betterments and equipment the sum of \$1,167,927, an equal amount for the same purposes having been advanced by New York Central RR. The total of such

advances by this company to Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. to Dec. 31 1927, was \$16,308,694.

Mahoning State Line RR.—The company advanced during the year to Mahoning State Line RR. for additions and betterments \$4,930, making the total advances to Dec. 31 1927, \$416,752.

Wages.—Requests from the locomotive engineers and locomotive firemen were handled jointly with other eastern railroads and a settlement was reached effective in the case of the engineers on Aug. 1 1927, and in the case of the firemen on Feb. 1 1927, under which they were granted the same percentage of increase, 7 1/2%, as was awarded conductors and trainmen in the 1926 arbitration. This settlement resulted in a pay roll increase of approximately \$134,000. Wages of clerical and station forces were increased 6% effective March 16 1927, resulting in a pay roll increase of approximately \$143,000 per annum. Requests from the train dispatchers were disposed of through the United States Board of Mediation effective April 16 1927, and resulted in a pay roll increase of approximately \$1,200 per annum. The wages of yard masters and station masters were adjusted effective March 1 1927, with a resulting increase in pay rolls of \$9,000 per annum. Increases for certain supervisory and technical forces were made effective on various dates and on an annual basis would increase the pay roll cost approximately \$15,000. The approximate total annual increase in the pay roll expenses enumerated is \$302,200.

Pensions.—During the year 16 employees were retired and pensioned: 8 at the age of seventy, 7 for disability, and 1 voluntarily on service pension. There were 100 pensioners at the close of the year. The total amount paid in pensions for the year was \$51,337.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Miles operated, Tons (revenue) freight, Company's freight, Revenue tons one mile, Company freight 1 mile, Bituminous coal, Coke, Iron ore, Stone, sand, &c., Passengers carried, Passengers one mile, Earns per ton per mile, Ton load (all), Gross earnings per mile.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Earnings— Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, &c., Total oper. revenue, Expenses— Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General & misc. expenses, Total expenses, Per cent exp. to earns., Net railway revenue, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway rev.

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Railway oper. income, Equip. rents, net credit, Joint fac rents, net debit, Net railway oper. inc., Other Income— Inc. from lease of road, Misc. rent income, Dividend income, Inc. from funded securities, Inc. fr. unfd. sec. & accts, Miscellaneous income, Total other income, Gross income, Deductions— Rents for leased roads, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Inc. transf. to other cos., Other misc. charges, Total deductions, Net income, Dividends (10%), Surplus for year, Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$50), Earn. per sh. on cap. stk.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1927, 1926) and rows for Assets— Road & equip., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Notes, Advances, Bonds, Other investm'ts, Misc. phys. prop., Cash, Loans & bills rec., Traffic bal. rec., Misc. accounts, Accrued interest, dividends, &c., Oth. curr. assets, Deferred assets, Unadj. debits, Special deposits, Accts. & condno., Mat'l & supplies, Total, Liabilities— Capital stock, Prem. on stock, Funded debt, Accts. & wages, Loans & bills pay, Traffic bal. pay, Int. accrued, &c., Divs. declared, Taxes accrued, Int. matured, Miscellaneous, Def. credit items, Deprec. (equip.), P. McK. & Y. R.R., Acct. dep. equip., Unadj. accts., Add'ns through income & surp., Profit and loss, Total.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Locomotives in Need of Repair.—Fewer locomotives were in need of repair on the Class 1 railroads of this country on July 1 than at any time since the compilation of these reports began, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. The number in need of repair on July 1 was 8,006 locomotives, or 13.4% of the number on line. This was a reduction of 251 locomotives compared with the best previous record established on Jan. 1 1928, at which time there were 8,257 locomotives awaiting repairs, or 13.6%. Locomotives in need of repair on July 1 this year also showed a reduction of 753 compared with the same date in 1927, when there were 8,759, or 14.3%. Reports also showed a reduction of 844 locomotives compared with the number in need of such repair on June 15, at which time there were 8,850, or 14.8%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on July 1 totaled 4,522, or 7.6%, a decrease of 398 compared with June 15, while 3,484, or 5.8%, were in need

of running repairs, a decrease of 446 compared with June 15. Class 1 railroads on July 1 had 7,117 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 7,093 on June 15.

Freight Car Repair.—Freight cars in need of repair on July 1 totaled 145,210, or 6.5% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 2,780 under the number reported on June 15, at which time there were 147,990, or 6.6%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on July 1 totaled 107,265, or 4.8%, a decrease of 183 compared with June 15, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 37,945, or 1.7%, a decrease of 2,597 compared with June 15.

Railroad Locomotive Fuel Costs During May 1928.—The average cost of coal used by Class 1 railroads in locomotives in transportation train and yard switching service, as compiled by the National Coal Association from the monthly reports of those roads for the month of May 1928 was as follows: Eastern Dist. Southern Dist. Western Dist. United States.

Per net ton \$2.57 \$2.10 \$2.92 \$2.57 The average cost of this coal, in addition to the invoice price at the mine, not only includes any freight charges paid, but also a charge for labor, material and supplies used in handling the coal.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 21.—(a) Big decrease in loading of railroad freight on account of Independence Holiday, p. 326.

(b) Inter-State Commerce Commission revises bituminous and steam anthracite charges in New York State, p. 343. (c) Railroad improvements financed largely from income: J. W. Stedman finds that in 10 1/2-year period 56% of cost came from income, p. 359. (d) Net railway operating income of United States railroads for May and since Jan. 1, p. 359.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast RR.—Annual Report.—

Table with 2 columns (1927, 1926) and rows for Calendar Years— Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net revenue from railway operations, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revenue, Railway operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct—Hire of equipment—Dr. balance, Other deductions, Balance carried to profit and loss.

*Figures for 1926 are adjusted for comparative purposes: General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1927.

[The following balance sheet, in the opinion of the company, correctly reflects investment in road and equipment. The figures used are recommended in a report made by Haskins & Seils, certified public accountants, New York. Investment in road and equipment as therein set forth, is predicated upon the amount of such investment found by the I.-S.-C. Commission in its formal valuation of company's property (which was then owned and used by the Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.) as of June 30 1914, properly adjusted for additions and betterments, less retirements made to Dec. 31 1927. It is set forth for the information of stockholders.]

Table with 2 columns (1927, 1926) and rows for Assets— Investment in road & equip., Miscellaneous physical prop., Invest. in affiliated co's., Cash, Traffic & car service bal. rec., Net bal. rec. from agts. & cond., Misc. accts. receivable, Material and supplies, Other current assets, Working fund advances, Insur. prem. paid in adv., Other unadjusted debits, Total, Liabilities— Com. stk. (no par) 150,000 shs., Pref. stk. (par \$100) 51,803 shs., Traffic & car service bal. pay., Audited accts. & wages pay., Miscell. accounts payable, Other current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Tax liability, Accrued deprec., road & eq., Unadjusted credits, Add'ns to prop. thr. inc. & sur., Profit & loss balance (debit), Total.

General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1927.

[This balance sheet is set up upon the figures representing investment in road and equipment described and required by the I.-S.-C. Commission. Company believes and asserts that said balance sheet does not fairly or truly reflect its said investment, and proposes to attempt to test the soundness of its contention before the courts. Company's contention as to a correct and true balance sheet is set forth above.]

Table with 2 columns (1927, 1926) and rows for Assets— Investment in road & equip., Miscell. physical property, Invest. in affiliated co's., Cash, Traffic & car service bal. rec., Net bal. rec. from agts. & cond., Miscell. accounts receivable, Material and supplies, Current assets, Working fund advances, Insurance prem. paid in adv., Unadjusted debits, Total, Liabilities— Com. stk. (no par) 150,000 shs., Pref. stk. (par \$100) 51,803 shs., Traffic & car service bal. pay., Audited accts. & wages pay., Miscell. accounts payable, Current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Tax liability, Accrued deprec., road & eq., Unadjusted credits, Add'ns to prop. thr. inc. & sur., Profit & loss balance (debit), Total.

Belgian National Railways.—Earnings.—

The New York agency of the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger has received by cable the following official information regarding the gross earnings (taxes deducted) of the Belgian National Rys. during the month of June 1928 Transportation of passengers and luggage—Francs 59,500,000 Freight—179,300,000 Other sources—4,900,000

Francs 243,700,000 These figures compared with total gross income (tax deducted) of 244,900,000 francs for the month of May 1928 and 240,800,000 francs for the month of April. The corresponding figures for June 1927 are 243,910,000 francs.—V. 126, p. 3111.

Indiana Harbor Belt RR.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Years End. Dec. 31— Miles operated, Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway rev, Railway oper. income, Equip. rents (net debit), Jt. fac. rents (net debit), Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions— Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Miscell. tax accruals, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Amortization of discount on funded debt, Miscell. income charges, Surplus for year.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Improvements Authorized.—

The directors have authorized the expenditure of \$21,144,724 in an improvement program throughout the system, involving additional shops and facilities.

President W. J. Harahan announced that the major portion of the expenditure will go to Huntington, W. Va., and vicinity, where the board contemplates an expenditure of \$9,635,000. The program includes \$3,500,000 for extension to the locomotive repair shops at Huntington, \$235,000 for an extension to the hospital and \$5,900,000 for additional mainline tracks. —V. 126, p. 3292.

Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$3 per share on the series A 6% pref. stock, payable July 31 to holders of record July 23.—V. 127, p. 105.

New York Central RR.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$42,158,300 additional capital stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$463,741,535. The additional stock is being offered to stockholders of record June 15 1928, for subscription to the extent of 10% of their respective holdings, payment for shares subscribed for to be made at par in 2 equal installments, the first installment of \$50 per share to be payable before the close of business on Aug. 29 1928, and the second installment of \$50 per share to be payable before the close of business on Dec. 14 1928, the shares so subscribed and paid for to be entitled to dividends payable on and after Feb. 1 1929; with the proviso, however, that the subscriber might, at his option, make payment of \$101.27 per share before the close of business on Aug. 29 1928, and receive a full paid certificate for stock, entitled to dividends payable after that date.

Income Account for 4 Months Ending April 30 1928.

Total operating revenues	\$118,284,434
Total operating expenses	93,247,626
Taxes	\$3,340,691
Uncollectible revenues	58,231
Hire of equipment	2,114,689
Joint facility rents—Credit	1,033,143
Net railway operating income	\$16,556,340
Miscellaneous operating income	9,257
Total non-operating income	11,698,569
Gross income	\$28,264,165
Total deductions from gross income	15,675,450
Net income	\$12,588,715
Dividends	8,426,018
Sinking and other reserve funds	57,430
Surplus for period	\$4,105,267

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Apr. 30 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.	Apr. 30 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.		
Invest. in road	570,217,405	563,972,119	Capital stock	421,304,235	421,285,435
Inv. in equip.	402,610,882	400,411,431	Prem. on cap. stk.	4,396,850	4,396,850
Imp. on leased railway prop.	130,302,185	136,897,924	Long term debt		
Depos. in lieu of mtgd. prop.			Equip. oblig.	67,005,071	69,080,939
Sold	52,054	100,284	Mtge. bonds	597,951,000	597,951,000
Misc. phys. prop.	24,074,528	19,637,552	Miscell. oblig.	17,597,200	17,597,200
Inv. in affil. cos.			Traff. & car-service bal. pay.	2,381,371	2,553,915
Stocks	157,634,847	157,634,847	Aud. accts. & wages payable	20,014,826	25,749,115
Bonds	11,017,490	12,267,490	Int. mat. pay.	3,339,896	3,120,579
Notes	43,829,220	42,805,667	Int. mat. unpd.	2,655,578	2,498,542
Advances	57,360,442	68,029,226	Divs. mat. unpd	8,617,289	195,703
Other investments			Unpaid	11,090	13,090
Stocks	42,358,998	42,658,998	Unmat. divs. decl		8,425,642
Bonds	1,550,822	1,550,822	Unmat. int. acer	5,581,898	5,866,987
Notes	975,404	2,495,906	Unmat. rts. acer	3,113,953	1,095,716
Advances	19,209,272	11,066,569	Oth. curr. liab.	15,427,085	15,060,628
Miscellaneous	10,705	12,445	Def. liabilities	18,517,912	18,413,999
Cash	26,354,899	20,631,587	Tax liability	15,369,772	11,894,537
Special deposits	444,488	438,041	Ins. & cas. res.	1,198,647	1,066,329
Loans and bills receivable	1,500	8,979	Oper. reserve	1,445,910	
Traffic & car-service bals. rec.	277,906	314,895	Road equipment	118,470,145	114,159,138
Net bal. rec. fr. agents & cond.	4,270,071	3,918,452	Misc. phys. prop.	1,265,704	1,143,953
Misc. accts. rec.	10,202,449	11,297,631	Oth. unad. cred.	25,972,600	25,830,588
Mat. & supplies	34,042,539	32,388,782	Add. to prop. through inc. & surplus	1,179,134	1,176,016
Int. & div. rec.	6,660,147	8,232,467	Misc. fund res.	1,476,505	1,421,809
Rents receivable	1,347,423	394,711	Prof. & loss—bal	221,379,849	217,926,915
Oth. curr. assets	721,103	548,049	Sec. acq. from lessor cos.	125,001	125,001
Wkg. fund adv.	189,202	184,202			
Ins. & oth. funds	3,763,639	3,626,224			
Other def. assets	1,161,360	847,491			
Rents & ins. paid in adv.	492,449	143,179			
Dlsc. on fd. debt	11,301,278	11,457,666			
Oth unad. debits	14,898,584	15,525,342			
Secur. acq. from lessor cos.	125,001	125,001			
Total	1,577,458,292	1,569,623,983	Total	1,577,458,292	1,569,623,983

Pennsylvania RR.—New Vice-President.

Effective Aug. 1, R. V. Massey, now Assistant Vice-President in charge of personnel, will be promoted to Vice-President, in the same capacity, and as such will be the directing head of personnel department of the Pennsylvania RR. This change will take place by virtue of the retirement, on July 31, of George L. Peck, now personnel Vice-President.—V. 127, p. 405.

Peoria & Eastern Ry.—Income Account.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Freight	\$2,962,631	\$2,984,753	\$3,402,695	\$3,598,814
Passenger	579,041	630,968	666,723	745,266
Mail and express	229,153	234,210	212,456	192,699
Other revenue	98,125	102,765	110,343	97,366
Incidental	24,801	45,107	20,127	25,914
Joint facility	8,995	11,468	12,489	11,653
Total ry. oper. rev.	\$3,902,748	\$4,009,273	\$4,424,832	\$4,671,714
Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	537,898	593,872	668,002	930,785
Maint. of equipment	724,665	828,627	877,762	1,062,264
Traffic	69,865	67,031	71,217	67,908
Transportation	1,606,152	1,568,380	1,665,276	1,786,608
Miscellaneous operations	674			
General	175,017	169,733	206,267	153,683
Transp. for invest.—Cr.	607	1,355	402	4,733
Total ry. oper. exp.	\$3,113,664	\$3,226,288	\$3,488,122	\$3,996,516
Net rev. from ry. oper.	789,084	782,985	936,711	675,198
Railway tax accruals	218,696	211,478	189,385	199,200
Uncollectible ry. revenue	641	2,323	496	202
Equipment rents (net)	136,255	173,904	313,675	481,333
Joint facilities rent (net)	53,668	46,587	62,474	58,607
Net ry. oper. income	\$379,824	\$348,693	\$370,681	def. \$64,144
Non-operating income	269,001	322,971	275,401	265,640
Gross income	\$648,825	\$671,664	\$646,082	\$201,496
Int. on fd. & unfd. debt	404,933	402,774	424,360	400,565
Other deductions	17,179	21,309	27,666	17,698
Net income	\$226,713	\$247,581	\$194,056	def. \$216,768
Sink. & other res. funds	5,437	5,431	5,432	5,432
Invest. in physical prop.	104,626	78,011	142,401	
Balance surplus	\$116,649	\$164,139	\$46,223	def. \$222,200

Southern Pacific Co.—Construction of New Lines.

Spending about \$70,000,000 for the construction of new lines since 1920, Southern Pacific has maintained its policy of building into new territories in preference to duplicating the facilities of other railroads, according to J. T. Saunders, freight traffic manager for the company. "This policy," Mr. Saunders said, "was carried out when the company, less than 2 years ago, completed a new 209 mile mainline through Arizona, and the new 270 mile Cascade line through southeastern Oregon. It is still being carried out in the building, now commencing, of the new 97 mile line from Klamath Falls to Alturas. Approximately \$82,000,000 will have been spent constructing these 3 lines through virgin territory by the time the Alturas line is completed.

"We are keeping pace with the growth of territories Southern Pacific now serves by spending annually many millions of dollars for extensions and betterments of facilities and equipment."

Mr. Saunders said that Southern Pacific's investment in road and equipment now amounts to \$1,432,300,000 and the company has 58,000 stockholders and 93,000 employees. He said that in 1927 the company spent \$228,727,000 for wages, materials and supplies and paid \$21,213,000 in taxes.

The extent to which the railroad has engaged in highway transportation, through its subsidiary, the Southern Pacific Motor Transport Co., was indicated when Mr. Saunders said that 55 busses are now in operation. These busses each day travel 6,244 miles in Oregon, 789 miles in California and 452 miles in interstate travel between Oregon, California and Nevada.—V. 126, p. 3446.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Alabama Water Service Co.—Earnings.

Year Ended May 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	1928.541	\$681,958
Operation expense	240,183	232,992
Maintenance	34,600	38,815
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	69,110	61,438
Net earnings from operation	\$377,647	\$348,712
Other income	1,318	
Total (gross corporate income)	\$378,965	\$348,712
Annual int. req. on total debt	192,500	

American Public Service Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Period Ended June 30 1928:	3 Mos.	12 Mos.
Gross operating revenue	\$1,758,907	\$6,591,924
Net after taxes	675,109	2,627,120

American States Public Service Co.—Acquisition.

The corporation has purchased the Inglewood Water Co., with 2,700 service connections at Lennox, Calif., for \$120,000.—V. 126, p. 3926.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 34,931 shares common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 1,451,046 shares.

Consolidated Income Account—Year Ended May 31.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$49,600,816	\$46,844,292
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes (incl. Federal taxes)	26,143,416	24,204,498
Interest and amortization of discount of subisd.	8,404,939	8,579,063
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries	4,921,658	4,389,634
Minority interests	43,845	55,241
Balance	\$10,086,957	\$9,615,856
Interest and amortization of discount of Am. Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.	1,265,483	1,161,754
Reserved for renewals, retirements and depletion.	3,906,287	3,434,873
Net income	\$4,915,187	\$5,019,229

Net income for the year ended May 31 1928, as above, is equivalent after deducting accrued first preferred dividends, to \$2.69 a share on the 1,395,436 shares of common stock outstanding at such date, and for the the 1,328,219 shares of common stock which would have been then outstanding on the basis of the present capitalization.—V. 126, p. 4080.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Year Book.

The Associated Gas & Electric system has just issued its year book, which contains a map and data indicating the location and extent of the Associated properties. It also gives five important phases of Associated progress, viz., Diversification; benefits of group management; management; the employees and customer-ownership.—V. 127, p. 258, 105.

Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corp.—Sales.

Net sales of power in the first 6 months totaled 2,185,738,948 k.w.h., against 2,090,926,937 k.w.h. in the first half of 1927, a gain of 4.53%. June sales totaling 350,790,334 k.w.h. showed an increase of 1.3% over June 1927. Sales in June, however, declined 4% from total of May. The district during June when flood conditions, created by excessive rainfalls, forced suspension of operations for short periods.—V. 127, p. 407.

California Water Service Co.—Earnings.

Year Ended May 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$1,926,083	\$1,841,995
Operation expense	816,730	748,199
Maintenance	121,718	134,519
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	128,639	109,756
Net earnings from operation	\$858,996	\$849,520
Other income	43,745	9,006
Total (gross corporate income)	\$902,741	\$858,526
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	312,700	

Central American Power Corp.—Acquisition.

W. B. Foshay, president of the W. B. Foshay Co., announces the purchase of a Central American utilities property, the first to be acquired outside of the North American Continent, and representing an investment of more than \$800,000.

Through the Central American Power Corporation, organized by the Foshay Co. for this purpose, the physical properties of the electric light, ice and water systems of Managua, capital of Nicaragua, were purchased on the basis of a net depreciated valuation of \$727,000, free of all encumbrance except a \$40,000 mortgage. Managua is a city of 60,000 population.

The transaction represents a cash consideration of more than \$700,000, have been taken over aside from the physical properties. The plants purchased were owned by M. Gutierrez Pena.

J. S. Dales will operate the new properties as general manager. The Foshay Co. owns 100% of the common stock of the holding and operating company, the Central American Power Corp., and will continue to hold it until fall. At this time, properties in Alaska for which we now are negotiating will be taken over and the two units handled through the Public Utilities Consolidated Corp. When the Alaskan properties are taken over, securities of the two will be offered to the public, it is stated.

Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.	1927—12 Mos.	1927
Gross operating revenue	\$3,313,175	\$3,120,389	\$13,594,884
Net income after charges for taxes, interest & provid. for retirem'ts	573,219	457,993	2,660,728
			2,350,239

Chester Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Year Ended May 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$512,470	\$503,467
Operation expense	143,989	156,365
Maintenance	30,530	24,827
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	17,709	18,257
Net earnings from operation	\$320,240	\$304,018
Other income	8,355	12,389
Total (gross corporate income)	\$328,595	\$316,407
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	135,000	

—V. 127, p. 407.

Consumers Power Co. (Me.)—Sales—Expenditures.—
 Since the first of the year sales of electricity showed an increase of 17% over 1927 and sales of gas, principally as fuel, showed an increase of approximately 15%. These gains in sales were accompanied by an increase of more than 12,800 customers, making a total number of customers as of July 1 of 408,454. Of this total, 270,973 were electric and 137,481 were gas customers.
 From Jan. 1 to July 1 more than \$6,000,000 was expended by the management for property additions, extensions and improvements to provide for the future growth of the business, and it is expected that at least another \$6,000,000 will be required for such purposes during the remainder of the year.—V. 127, p. 408.

Detroit Edison Co.—Bond Conversion Privilege.—
 Treasurer S. C. Mumford, July 24, in an advertisement stated: The company desires to call the attention of holders of the 10-year convertible debenture gold bond series due Feb. 1, 1929, of these bonds to the expiration, on July 31, 1928, of the privilege to exchange them for capital stock at par. The price of the bonds now is quoted at around the price of stock. The price will be considerably lower upon the expiration of the exchange privilege. The exchange may be made at the office of the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, or at the Detroit & Security Trust Co., 201 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich., on or before July 31, 1928.—V. 126, p. 713.

Detroit United Ry.—Sale Ordered.—
 An order for the foreclosure of mortgages and the sale at public auction of the properties of the company was signed July 25 by Judge Charles C. Simons in the Federal Court at Detroit on petition of the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, and the Central Union Trust Co. of New York City.
 The order instructs William C. Sayles, Jr., Standing Master in Chancery in the Federal Court, to conduct the sale on the steps of the County Building on Sept. 5.
 The Court directed that not less than \$2,575,000 be accepted for the properties.—V. 127, p. 106.

Duluth-Superior Traction Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927	1928—6 Mos.—1927
Gross revenues	\$457,315	\$1,014,644
Operating expenses	373,607	792,978
Fixed charges & taxes	80,774	168,419
Net income	\$2,933	\$53,246

—V. 126, p. 2643.

Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.—Earnings.—

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenue	\$4,634,129	\$4,843,414
Operating expenses	2,904,938	2,945,856
Taxes	178,224	182,804
Net operating income	\$1,550,967	\$1,714,754
Other income	111,828	127,843
Gross corporate income	\$1,662,795	\$1,842,597
Int. on fund debt, rents, &c.	590,556	613,958
Equalization and retirements	529,592	763,430
Net corp. balance carried to profit & loss	\$542,647	\$465,209

—V. 126, p. 3297.

Eastern Utilities Associates.—Common Div. No. 2.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 27. An initial quarterly dividend of like amount was paid on this issue on May 15 last.—V. 126, p. 2789.

Fifth Avenue Coach Co., N. Y.—Bonus to Employees.—
 The company announced that it would make on July 25 a second distribution of about \$51,000 to \$1,800 employees making a total of \$143,000 so distributed this year in accordance with its plan for additional compensation, which went into effect on Apr. 1, 1927. Employees who have been in the service more than 90 days participate in the net earnings to the extent of 10%. The first distribution, of \$92,000, was made on Feb. 1 for the 9 months from Apr. 1 to Dec. 31, 1927. The present distribution covers the period from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1928.—V. 125, p. 3059.

General Water Works Corp.—Registrar.—
 The Central Union Trust Co., of New York has been appointed registrar for 100,000 shares of pref. stock, no par value.—V. 127, p. 408.

Gulf States Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia, are offering at 100 and int., \$695,000 1st mtge. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated July 2, 1928; Due July 1, 1938; Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Trustee. Int. payable J. & J. at office of trustee. Callable as a whole, at any time, or in part, or for sinking fund, on any int. date, on 20 days' notice, at 102 and int. up to and incl. July 1, 1933, and thereafter, before maturity, at 101 and int.

Data from Letter of H. E. Westervelt, President of the Company.
 Company.—Recently incorporated in Delaware to construct a new steam power plant at Tuscaloosa, Ala. This plant will have an installed capacity of 6,000 k. w. and boiler capacity to take care of 20,000 k. w. Any excess steam will be used in the manufacture of paper. The property of the company has been leased to the Gulf States Paper Corp. for 10 years from July 1, 1928, at a net rental of 12% per annum of the total cost of the plant to the company. The lessee agrees to operate and maintain the plant, and pay all local taxes, assessments and insurance.

The lessee is building, adjacent to this plant, a modern sulphate pulp and kraft paper mill and paper bag factory, which is being financed in part by the sale of first mortgage bonds through the Canal Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans. The balance sheet of the lessee, as certified by Price Waterhouse & Co. as of Dec. 31, 1927, after giving effect to acquisition of new properties, etc., shows net tangible assets in excess of \$5,500,000. The lessee is the successor to a corporation formed in 1894 which has been in continuous and successful operation since that date.

Security.—These bonds are a direct obligation of the company and are secured by a closed first mortgage on all its real estate, buildings, machinery and equipment, and are additionally secured by assignment to the trustee of the lease to the Gulf States Paper Corp., dated July 2, 1928.

The power plant is being constructed by United Engineers & Constructors, Inc., who guarantee completion by Dec. 1, 1928, by furnishing their bond for completion in the amount of \$1,000,000. The lessee undertakes to supply any sums necessary, above the contracted sum, to complete the plant.

Earnings.—The annual rental due the company will be in excess of 2½ times the annual interest charges on this issue. This rental is an operating charge of the lessee, whose earnings after payment of power charges, which will be eliminated upon the completion of this power plant, have averaged for the 6 years ending Dec. 31, 1927, \$223,692, and for year ending Dec. 31, 1927, were \$248,016. With the completion of the new plant of the Paper Company and from the benefits to be derived from the lease of the service company, the earnings of the lessee should be materially increased.

Sinking Fund.—The sinking fund provides for a minimum payment of \$20,000 semi-annually beginning Dec. 1, 1928, for purchase of bonds, up to the prevailing call prices. If bonds are not available at or below such price they will be called by lot at the current call price. Any excess rental after interest and minimum sinking fund charges will be applied as an additional sinking fund. It is estimated that this fund will have extinguished the loan by maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be deposited with the trustee under the mortgage to be disbursed by it only upon proper certificates of United Engineers & Constructors, Inc., approved by the Gulf States Paper Corp., for the construction and equipment of the power plant now being erected at Tuscaloosa, Ala. None of this money will be so disbursed until at least 30% of the total cost of the plant to the company has been expended for the construction work and a certificate to that effect has been deposited with the trustee.

Havana Electric Railway Co.—Earnings.—

Period Ending June 30 1928—	3 Mos.	12 Mos.
Operating revenue	\$1,358,009	\$5,619,421
Operating expenses including taxes	1,110,326	4,643,689
Net operating revenue	\$247,681	\$975,732
Non-operating revenue	9,490	48,905
Gross corporate income	\$257,171	\$1,024,637
Interest & other charges	161,059	643,962
Surplus (before deducting depreciation)	\$96,112	\$380,675

—V. 126, p. 3588.

Illinois Northern Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927	1928—12 Mos.—1927
Gross oper. revenue	\$805,064	\$774,786
Net income—after chgs. for taxes int. & provid. for retirements	177,701	209,064

—V. 125, p. 515.

Illinois Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Year Ended May 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$547,817	\$514,447
Operation expense	243,573	229,455
Maintenance	27,039	32,690
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	42,413	45,064
Net earnings from operation	\$234,791	\$207,238
Other income	1,331	9,183
Total (gross corporate income)	\$236,122	\$216,421
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	125,000	

—V. 126, p. 4081.

Inland Gas Corp.—Permanent Bonds.—
 Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., announce that permanent 1st mtge. gold 6½s, due Feb. 1, 1938, will be ready for delivery about July 31 in exchange for temporary certificates at the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., 149 Broadway, N. Y. City. See offering in V. 126, p. 1194.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.—A statement issued by the company July 24 says:

The statement of earnings and expenses of the company for the 12 months ended June 30, 1928, shows, on the basis of the preferential deficits as computed by the company, a net balance after actual maintenance of \$3,021,582, a gain of \$1,550,695, over the previous fiscal year. This gain is chiefly accounted for by the absence of strike conditions as of July 1926—the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

The statement calls attention to the fact that the Transit Commission has raised objection to certain expenditures by the company in prior years, aggregating about \$7,000,000, which objects have not been adjudicated. Therefore the above stated results are approximate and tentative, and subject to such readjustment as may be necessary by the final settlement of the objections made by the Transit Commission. Such settlement may show a portion of the balance after actual maintenance payable to the City, thereby reducing the balance available to the Interborough System.

In any event whatever balance may finally accrue to the Interborough System must be reserved for or spent in payment of past due taxes, deferred payments on account of cars now in service, and to provide additional equipment for which no other funds are available. Therefore no part of the balance is available to the Interborough stockholder as return on the investment.

The detailed statement of earnings for the month and 12 months ended June 30 are given on a preceding page of this issue.

Tenders.—
 The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Aug. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Jan. 1, 1960, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$655,292, at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 127, p. 408.

Inter-Mountain Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—
 The Wythe County Mutual Telephone Co., operating exchanges at Wytheville, Max Meadows, Ivanhoe and Tazewell, Va., has been purchased by the Inter-Mountain Telephone Co. The latter company will assume direction on Aug. 1.—V. 122, p. 1310.

Interstate Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927	1928—12 Mos.—1927
Gross operating revenue	\$2,565,299	\$2,400,215
Net income after taxes, int. & retire. provision	455,814	377,503

—V. 127, p. 260.

Kentucky Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

Year Ended—	1927—Dec. 31—1926	1925—June 30—1924
Operating revenue	\$2,115,870	\$1,717,551
Operating expenses	1,003,151	933,398
Net operating revenue	\$1,112,718	\$784,153
Miscell. income	102,565	108,305
Gross income	\$1,215,283	\$892,458
Taxes, rentals, etc.	251,063	241,551
Net income	\$964,220	\$650,907
Interest on bonds	366,775	363,448

Net earnings before deprec., Fed. taxes & holding Co. exp.	\$597,445	\$252,980	\$491,784	\$448,455
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* Combined comparative statement of operations of the operating companies, viz: Lexington Utilities Co., Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co., Lexington Ice Co. & Kentucky Coach Co.—V. 125, p. 518.

Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley RR.—Definitive Bonds.
 The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to deliver definitive 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Aug. 1, 1951, in exchange for the temporary bonds of that issue. See V. 126, p. 1195.

Lake Ontario Power Corp.—Listing.—
 The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$375,000 additional first mortgage 5½% gold bonds.
 Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Fixed capital	Notes payable
Cash	Accounts payable
Notes receivable	Consumers' deposits
Accounts receivable	Accrued liabilities
Materials & supplies	Accts. pay.—Preston Power Corp.
Advance—Preston Pow. Corp.	Retirement reserve
Prepayments	Contributions for extensions
Miscellaneous assets	1st mtge. 5½s 1957
Unamort. debt dis. & exp.	6% gold notes 1928
	Surplus
Total	Total

a Applicable to 5,025 shares of common capital stock, no par.—V. 126, p. 3754.

Lehigh Telephone Co.—Tenders.
The Markle Banking & Trust Co., trustee, 8 West Broad St., Hazleton, Pa., will until Sept. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtg. bonds, dated July 1 1924, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$37,500 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 126, p. 251.

Mexican Light & Power Co., Ltd.—New Director.
Sir Thomas White has been elected a director to succeed the late Capt. A. Loewenstein.—V. 125, p. 3342.

Mexico Tramways Co.—New Director.
C. D. Magee has been elected a director to succeed the late Capt. A. Loewenstein.—V. 127, p. 429.

Michigan Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.
Period End. June 30 1928— 3 Mos. 12 Mos.
Gross operating revenue \$309,969 \$1,264,037
Net income after taxes, int. & retirement provision 58,860 221,047
—V. 126, p. 2645.

Montana Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.
Period End. June 30 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Earnings \$2,452,827 \$2,283,961 \$4,977,027 \$4,742,111
x Expenses and taxes 866,195 844,980 1,719,355 1,664,888
Net earnings \$1,586,631 \$1,438,981 \$3,257,642 \$3,077,223
y Int. & bond discount 617,590 471,626 1,238,151 930,246
Net income \$969,042 \$967,355 \$2,019,492 \$2,146,977
z Preferred dividends 342,461
Balance, surplus \$969,042 \$796,125 \$2,019,492 \$1,804,517
Shs. com. outs. (par \$100) 496,333 496,333 496,333 496,333
Earnings per sh. on com. \$1.95 \$1.60 \$4.07 \$3.63
x Includes oper. exp., taxes, incl. Federal income taxes. y During June 1927 \$12,500,000 5% gold debentures were sold. z The entire outstanding \$9,784,600 7% pref stock was redeemed July 1 1927.—V. 126, p. 3297.

New England Power Association.—Control.
See International Paper Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 126, p. 3929

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—Earnings.
Period End. June 30— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Operating revenue \$17,476,574 \$16,431,260 \$34,179,016 \$32,015,716
Operating expenses 11,946,031 11,143,840 23,538,001 21,835,323
Taxes 1,313,448 1,355,819 2,919,947 2,676,559
Uncollectibles 113,522 131,916 251,407
Total oper. income \$4,103,574 \$3,799,686 \$7,721,068 \$7,252,428
Net non-oper. revenue 82,805 96,030 164,097 227,016
Total gross income \$4,186,379 \$3,895,716 \$7,885,165 \$7,479,444
Int. on funded debt 1,033,263 1,033,263 2,066,526 2,066,526
Other interest 47,676 11,320 104,909 28,210
Debt, disc. & expense 41,577 41,576 83,154 83,151
Rent, &c. 142,220 146,704 310,647 285,913
Div. appropriation 2,212,948 2,212,934 4,425,896 4,425,866
Balance, surplus \$708,696 \$449,919 \$894,036 \$589,779
—V. 127, p. 260.

New York State Rys.—Earnings.
Period End. June 30— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Gross earnings \$2,425,386 \$2,415,435 \$5,069,678 \$5,203,851
Operat. exp. and taxes 1,905,061 1,854,687 3,942,888 3,968,254
Gross income \$520,325 \$560,748 \$1,126,790 \$1,235,596
Bond interest 322,550 322,736 644,585 645,805
Other int. and deductions 51,145 56,330 112,456 106,213
Sinking fund 7,360 7,653 14,720 15,533
Bal for divs., depr. & surplus \$139,269 \$174,029 \$355,028 \$468,045
—V. 126, p. 3756.

New York Water Service Corp.—Earnings.
Year Ended May 31— 1928. 1927.
Operating revenues \$2,277,012 \$2,071,987
Operation expense 711,279 735,619
Maintenance 85,040 88,394
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax) 202,116 192,327
Net earnings from operation \$1,278,578 \$1,045,647
Other income 12,401 18,740
Total (gross corporate income) \$1,290,979 \$1,064,387
Annual int. req. on total funded debt 594,200
—V. 126, p. 4082.

New York Westchester & Boston Ry.—New Vice-Pres.
Richard Sutro, of Sutro Bros. & Co., investment bankers, has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 126, p. 2149.

Niagara Falls Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.
Period End. June 30— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Total operating revenue \$3,038,315 \$2,994,758 \$6,104,126 \$5,981,687
Oper. exp., retire & tax 1,575,754 1,601,962 3,185,354 3,240,281
Net earnings \$1,462,561 \$1,392,797 \$2,918,772 \$2,741,406
Other income (net) 23,439 21,596 47,723 50,065
Total net income \$1,485,999 \$1,414,392 \$2,966,495 \$2,791,471
Interest, &c. 531,704 541,845 1,062,762 1,080,411
Surplus income \$954,295 \$872,547 \$1,903,733 \$1,711,060
Shs. com. stk. outst. (no par) 724,530 723,257 724,530 723,257
Earnings per share \$1.31 \$0.79 \$2.21 \$1.54
—V. 127, p. 261.

North American Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.
Consolidated Income Statement 12 Months Ended June 30.
1928. 1927. 1925.
Gross earnings \$128,136,507 \$119,638,392 \$107,320,302 \$82,941,903
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes 67,316,301 66,286,433 60,752,328 51,142,449
Net income from oper. \$60,820,206 \$53,351,959 \$46,567,973 \$31,799,454
Other net income 2,828,247 3,395,420 3,417,916 3,500,713
Total income \$63,648,454 \$56,747,379 \$49,985,889 \$35,300,167
Interest charges 617,922,498 16,977,616 15,452,740 10,720,439
Prof. divs. of subsidiaries 9,349,533 8,616,405 7,189,681 2,956,779
Minority interest 1,597,643 1,282,861 1,304,551 1,229,242
Reserves for deprec'n. 13,050,549 12,367,922 11,012,840 8,069,227
Bal. for divs. & sur. \$21,728,231 \$17,502,576 \$15,026,077 \$12,324,479
Divs. on No. American:
Preferred stock 1,820,027 1,820,012 1,801,241 1,644,958
Common stock 4,561,396 4,131,856 3,627,148 2,957,006
Bal. to sur. & res'ves \$15,346,808 \$11,550,707 \$9,597,688 \$7,722,515
Earnings per sh. on com. \$4.35 \$3.79 \$3.40 \$3.48
a Including profit on sale of property and other credits. b Including amortization of bond discount and expense.
See also Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.—V. 127, p. 409.

Treasurer Robert Sealy, July 25, says:
"Unless instructed by common stockholders to the contrary, certificates for shares of common stock, or scrip certificates representing fractions of shares, to which they will be entitled in payment of such dividend, will be mailed to them."

"Purchases of fractional scrip to complete full shares, or sales of dividend stock, or fractional scrip, based on the last sale price on the New York Stock Exchange on Sept. 13 1928, will be made in accordance with stockholders' instructions to the company."

North American Utility Securities Corp.—Third Installment of 25% Called on 1st Pref. Allotment Certificates.

The Boston Stock Exchange has been advised that the corporation has called for payment on Sept. 15 1928 the third installment of 25% of the allotment price of its 1st pref. stock allotment certificates, upon which one-half of the allotment price of \$100 per share has been paid. The amount due pref. stock and one share of common stock allotted.

Payment should be made in New York funds at the office of the corporation, 60 Broadway, New York City, and should be accompanied by the allotment certificate for endorsement of payment and countersignature by depositary. Holders desiring may anticipate on Sept. 15 1928 the balance of the allotment price of \$50, which sum includes this installment.

Holder who have paid 50% of the allotment price and who may so desire, may receive stock certificates for one-half the number of shares of full-paid and non-assessable 1st pref. stock and common stock allotted to them by the terms of such allotment certificates upon the surrender of their allotment certificates at the office of the company at any time on or before Aug. 31.—V. 125, p. 2264.

Northern New York Utilities, Inc.—Tenders.
The American Exchange Irving Trust Co., successor trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Aug. 10 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st and ref. mtg. 5% 50-year gold bonds, due July 1 1963, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$40,700.—V. 125, p. 519.

Ohio River Edison Co.—Capitalization Increased.
The company has increased its 7% cum. pref. stock from 60,000 to 120,000 shares of \$100 par value and its no-par common stock from 300,000 to 600,000 shares.—V. 122, p. 3341.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Construction Progresses.
Substantial progress has been made in the construction of the 30,000 kilowatt extension being made to the above company's Horseshoe Lake Station at Harrah, Okla., according to H. W. Fuller, Vice-President in charge of engineering and construction of Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp.

The original Horseshoe Lake Station consisted of one 15,000 kilowatt unit and one 20,000 kilowatt unit and with the completion of the extension now under construction this station will have a capacity of 65,000 kilowatts. The work now in progress calls for an addition of 2 boilers, the first of which is scheduled to be furnished by Sept. 1 1928, and the second on Oct. 15 1928. The extension also provides for 2 additional transmission lines running from the plant, 3 lines already having been in use and supplying power to adjacent cities and oil fields.—V. 127, p. 261.

Oregon-Washington Water Service Co.—Earnings.
Year Ended May 31— 1928. 1927.
Operating revenues \$552,585 \$543,869
Operation expense 203,268 186,776
Maintenance 30,726 29,649
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax) 67,768 57,025
Net earnings from operation \$250,823 \$270,419
Other income 2,434 4,047
Total (gross corporate income) \$253,256 \$274,466
Annual int. requirement on total funded debt 134,860
—V. 127, p. 409.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Contract.
The Peoples Hydro-Electric Vermont Corp., a subsidiary, has let the contract for a new dam and power plant to be built on the Winooski River between Burlington and Montpelier, Vermont. The dam will be of reinforced concrete construction, providing a head of 48 feet. The power plant will contain 2 vertical generators, directly connected to water wheels, having a total capacity of about 4,500 h. p. The new plant is now under construction and is expected to be ready for operation about Oct. 1. This development has been made necessary by the rapid growth of the company's business and the additional capacity will be required as soon as the project is completed.—V. 127, p. 409.

Philadelphia Suburban Water Co.—To Expand.
The company has applied to the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission for permission to acquire the property and franchises of the West Conshohocken Jenkintown, Abington and Wyncote water companies and the physical property of the Moreland Spring Water Co.

If the sale is approved the Suburban Co. would pay \$432,148 for the 5 companies and assume all outstanding obligations. Stocks of the smaller companies are now owned by the American Pipe & Construction Co. of N. J. Hearings on the applications will be held July 31.—V. 125, p. 2528.

Plainfield Union Water Co.—Rate Increase.
The New Jersey P. U. Commission has authorized an additional 10% to the surcharge of 5% which the company is permitted to make on all bills. The extra surcharge will appear on bills rendered for water consumed on and after April 15 last.

In applying to the Board the company contended that the return for 1926 and 1927 was below that to which it is entitled. It was conceded in the decision that the income for the 2 years was less than the amount computed by the State experts as reasonable, although it was disputed that the amount was as great as set forth by the company.—V. 122, p. 3211.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.—Earnings.
Period End. June 30— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—12 Mos.—1927.
Net income after interest depreciation & taxes \$1,322,089 \$1,099,951 \$5,832,823 \$4,601,699
—V. 126, p. 3756.

Public Service Coordinated Transport.—Expansion.
The New Jersey P. U. Commission has approved applications of the company for authority to operate 39 additional buses on routes in and around Newark, N. J., viz:

On the Lyons Ave. route between Newark and Irvington, N. J., 17 buses will be added. There were 7,476,460 passengers carried on this route last year, a gain of more than 1,000,000 over preceding years. Third St. and Heller Parkway and Lyons Ave. and Fabyan Place, Newark, N. J. This route carried 3,551,015 persons last year. The 9 other buses are to be added to the Maple Ave. service between Newark and Hillside, N. J. This route handled 5,149,986 passengers in 1927.—V. 127, p. 409.

Public Utilities Consolidated Corp.—Subs. Co. Acquisition.
W. B. Foshay Co. has purchased the Mountain Power Co. of California to operate as a subsidiary of its Public Utilities California Corp., which in turn is a subsidiary of Public Utilities Consolidated Corp. The Mountain Power Co. supplies water to Crescent City and vicinity, in the extreme northwestern county of California.—V. 126, p. 4082.

Radio Corp. of America.—Denies Monopoly.
The company in an answer filed with the Federal Trade Commission July 23 denies charges made by the Commission of violations of the anti-trust provisions of the Clayton Act and of the unfair practices provision of the law creating the Federal Trade Commission, challenges the jurisdiction of the Commission and asks that the complaint be dismissed.

The accusations of the Commission related to the licensing agreements entered into by the Radio Corp. and the General Electric Co. and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. with manufacturers of radio receiving sets, whereby the manufacturers were allowed to manufacture and sell vacuum tubes the patents on which are controlled by the three companies named.

The Commission had charged that the manufacturers included in these agreements represent approximately 95% of the production and sale of receiving sets in the United States and that a requirement that they use only the tubes made under the patents controlled by the three companies in the initial equipment of their receiving sets has resulted in barring other manufacturers of vacuum tubes from the field.

Answering this part of the complaint, the answer filed on behalf of the Radio Corp. declares that:
"The respondent admits that a vital and essential part of any radio receiving set manufactured under license agreements is a three-element vacuum tube. It alleges that prior to the cross-licensing referred to in said paragraph, no one in the United States could lawfully manufacture such a

tube, because such tubes were covered by a number of patents which were owned by different companies. These patents were supplemental to each other and had to be used together in order to manufacture tubes of commercial efficiency.

"By virtue of said cross-licensing, rights to manufacture such tubes under the patents were acquired by the General Electric Co., the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and their respective subsidiaries, whereby it became possible for the first time lawfully to make these tubes available to the general public.

The Radio Corp. denies a denial of the statement made in the Commission's complaint to the effect that it and its associated companies together with the manufacturers with whom they have licensing contracts represent 95% of the production and sale of receiving sets in the United States.

Taking up the charges made in paragraph 6 of the original complaint, dealing with the alleged effects of the licensing contracts with manufacturers, the answer filed by the Radio Corp. reads as follows:

"Respondent denies each and every other allegation in said paragraph, further amplifying such general denial:

"(a) Respondent denies that the effect of Section 9 of said license agreements is as stated in paragraph 6.

"(b) Respondent denies that the effect of Section 9 of said license agreements is to require the licensees to purchase from the respondent all vacuum tubes required for the initial operation of all receiving sets manufactured and sold by them. Respondent alleges that said Section 9 applies only to tubes required for the initial installation in such sets made by the licensees as may contain the licensed circuits.

"(c) Respondent denies that prior to said license agreements the other tube manufacturers had any lawful right or opportunity to compete in the sale of tubes for initial installation in such 'licensed circuits.'

"(d) Respondent denies that its own sales, together with those of the licensees under said license agreements, constitute approximately 95% of all the receiving sets produced in the United States.

"(e) Respondent denies that it has unlawfully monopolized the sale of vacuum tubes for initial installation in receiving sets either by force of Section 9 of said license agreements or otherwise. On the contrary, in so far as such tubes are supplied by it for initial installation either in its own sets or in sets sold by its licensees, respondent has a lawful and exclusive right to supply such tubes by virtue of its rights in the patents under which said sets are manufactured and assembled.

"(f) Respondent denies that, by reason of said Section 9, other producers and sellers of vacuum tubes are excluded from competition in supplying tubes for initial installation in said licensed circuits manufactured by said licensees. They never had any lawful right whatever to supply tubes for that purpose. In so far as they are excluded from that field, they are excluded now, and always have been so excluded, by the patent laws of the United States."

In conclusion, the answer filed by the Radio Corp. declares:

"Further answering said complainant, respondent alleges that said Section 9 is a bi-lateral executory agreement, and that no order can be entered canceling or modifying the same which will not take away or seriously affect valuable rights now enjoyed by the 25 licensees and also by the co-licensees of the respondent, namely, the General Electric Co., the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., under said license agreements.

"The Commission is without jurisdiction to take any action which will in effect, directly or indirectly, modify said Section 9 and the rights of the various parties thereunder, without joining said licensees and said co-licensees as parties to this proceeding and giving them their day in court.

"Wherefore the respondent, Radio Corporation of America, prays that the complaint in this proceeding be dismissed."—V. 127, p. 107.

St. Louis (Mo.) County Water Co.—Bonds Offered.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and Frances, Bro. & Co. are offering an additional issue of \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "B," at 99 and int., to yield about 5.08%.

Dated June 1 1928; due Dec. 1 1945. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee, or at the option of the holder at principal office of New York Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Reimbursement of the Penn., Calif., Conn. and Kansas taxes not to exceed 4 mills, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Dist. of Col. and Kentucky 5 mills tax, Mich. 5 mills exemption tax, Missouri 5½ mills tax, Virginia 5½ mills tax and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% to holders upon proper and timely application as provided in the mortgage. Redeemable, in part or as a whole, on any interest date upon 30 days' published notice at 105 and int. on or before Dec. 1 1935, and thereafter at 1½ of 1% less for each full year elapsed after May 30 1935.

Issuance.—Approved by the P. S. Commission of Missouri.

Data from Letter of W. H. Henby, President of the Company.

Business.—Company or its predecessors for a period of over 20 years has supplied water for domestic and industrial purposes for practically the entire county of St. Louis, Mo. This important suburban territory, adjacent to the City of St. Louis and including 23 communities, for many years has experienced continual growth in the building of substantial homes as a result of the unusual residential and transportation advantages afforded its inhabitants through its proximity to the City of St. Louis. The total population served within St. Louis County (outside of the City of St. Louis), based on the Census of 1920, is now estimated to be in excess of 158,000. The consumers which are served by the company are supplied through 528.72 miles of water mains. Company's property includes a complete water supply system embracing pumping stations, storage reservoirs, distributing mains, equipment, lands and buildings.

Capitalization.—

First mtge. gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1945	Authorized	Issued
Cumulative preferred stock (no par value)	25,000 shs.	14,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)	25,000 shs.	14,000 shs.

* Mortgage provides that additional bonds may be issued thereunder either in this or separate series and bearing interest at such rate as may be determined, for refunding purposes, for not in excess of 80% of the actual cost or fair value, whichever is lower, of additions, extensions and permanent improvements to the property of the company made after July 31 1925, and against each deposited with the trustee to the extent of the amount so deposited provided the net earnings of the company, as defined in the mortgage, for the 12 calendar months within 15 calendar months immediately prior to the issuance of the new bonds have been at least 1¼ times interest charges on all bonds which will be outstanding in the hands of the public under this mortgage, including interest on the proposed issue of bonds.

Earnings Years Ended March 31.

Gross income	1927	1928
Oper. exps., maint. and taxes (not incl. Fed. tax)	\$881,128	\$970,703
	439,498	488,342
Balance	\$441,630	\$482,361
Annual int. on the entire funded debt (incl. this issue)		\$274,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for advances and expenditures made in completing additions to the company's properties, to provide funds to make other proposed additions and improvements, and for other corporate purposes.—V. 122, p. 2043, 749.

Southern California Telephone Co.—Expenditures.—The company expended \$3,645,000 for new construction in the first 6 months of this year, and installed 6,095 new telephones.—V. 126, p. 3929.

Standard Public Service Corp.—Definitive Bonds.—Definitive 1st lien 20-year 6% gold bonds, series A, are now ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding interim receipts at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City. See V. 126, p. 1200.

United Rys. Co. of St. Louis.—Final Payment on Bonds.—Pursuant to an order entered on July 11 1928 William L. Igoe, special master on and after Aug. 1 1928, will make a final distribution of the proceeds of the sale of the property of United Railways Co. of St. Louis and Suburban Railway Co. and St. Louis & Meramec River RR. in accordance with the provisions of the final decree entered on April 1 1927. As provided in the order, holders of the St. Louis Transit Co. improv. 20-year 5% gold bonds, and the St. Louis & Suburban Railway 5% gen. mtge. gold bonds may present their bonds on and after Aug. 1 1928, at the office of St. Louis Public Service Co., 3869 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo. The total amount distributable in respect of each \$1,000 St. Louis Transit Co. improv. 20-year 5% gold bond and claims for interest thereon is \$515.01. The total amount distributable in respect of each \$1,000 St. Louis & Suburban Ry. 5% gen. mtge. gold bond and claims for interest thereon is \$553.21. Holders of the bonds who shall fail to present the same for payment as aforesaid

will not be entitled to any payment of interest thereon out of the proceeds of sale after Aug. 1 1928.—V. 126, p. 717, 579.

Unterelbe Power & Light Co. (Elektricitätswerk Unterelbe, Aktiengesellschaft), Germany.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding \$2,500,000 15-year 7% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds due Oct. 1 1941 have been called for payment Oct. 1 next at 103 and int. at the First Trust & Savings Bank, 38 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.—V. 126, p. 3300.

Utah Power & Light Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to deliver definitive 1st lien & gen. mtge. gold bonds, series of 4½s, due 1944, in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds of that issue. See offering in V. 126, p. 1663.

Walkerville (Mich.) Water Co.—Sale.—Purchase of the plant of this company at a price of \$606,132, to serve as a distribution system for upriver municipalities, was approved by the Essex utilities commission on July 17. The proposal will be submitted to councils of Walkerville, Ford, Riverside and Sandwich East, the municipalities among which the cost would be apportioned and a vote of the ratepayers will be taken. The proposal is to make the purchase take effect at the end of the year. (Detroit "Free Press.")

Webster & Southbridge (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Par Changed—Additional Stock Offered.—The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has authorized the company to change the par value of its capital stock from \$100 to \$25 and to offer an additional stock issue of \$400,000.—V. 125, p. 97.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—New Cable Service to Italy.—Both the Postal Telegraph-Commercial Cable System and the Western Union Telegraph Co. announced on July 24 the inauguration of cable-letter services with Italy, effective on Aug. 1. The rate from this city will be 9 cents a word, with a twenty-word minimum.—V. 127, p. 411.

West Penn. Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$19,842,239	\$17,764,445
Operating exp., maintenance and taxes	9,465,127	8,682,646
Gross income	\$10,377,112	\$9,081,799
Interest and amortization of discount	2,715,745	2,656,258
Dividends of subsidiaries	33,872	20,436
Reserved for renewals & retirements	1,868,854	1,557,863
Net income	\$5,758,641	\$4,847,242

—V. 126, p. 2793.

West Texas Utilities Co.—Earnings.

Income Account Quarter Ended June 30 1928.	
Gross operating revenue	\$1,635,554
Net inc. after taxes, int. & retirement provision	299,407

—V. 126, p. 3450.

West Virginia Gas Corp.—Earnings.—The corporation reports for the 12 months ended May 31 1928, representing the first full year since the sale of its first mortgage 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, gross revenues of \$766,129 and net of \$533,843 or more than 2.75 times maximum annual interest charges on these bonds. These figures compare with gross of \$644,860 and net of \$429,997, equivalent to 2.2 times such charges, for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, the last calendar year preceding the financing. The management points out that the new pipe lines, making possible the increased sales under the new contracts, were not completed and the initial bringing in of new wells, increasing productive capacity, was not effected until practically the end of 1927. The earnings for the fiscal year ended May 31 1928, therefore, reflect the increases due to these factors for only about five months.—V. 125, p. 1463.

West Virginia Water Service Co.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$766,166	\$715,988
Operation expense	306,136	312,155
Maintenance	54,227	59,175
Taxes (excl. Federal tax)	76,737	80,273
Net earnings from operation	\$329,066	\$264,386
Other income	3,188	2,201
Total (gross corporate income)	\$332,255	\$266,587
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	169,000	

—V. 126, p. 4083.

Wisconsin Hydro Electric Co.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Gross revenues	\$519,847	\$487,170
Operating exp. maint. & taxes not incl. Fed tax	238,034	216,421
Gross income	\$281,813	\$270,749

—V. 125, p. 3064.

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Earnings.

Period Ended June 30 1928—		3 Mos.	12 Mos.
Gross operating revenue	\$1,990,480	\$3,362,736	\$8,179,936
Net income after charges for taxes, interest & providing for retirements	409,901	1,707,461	

—V. 126, p. 1812.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On July 26 the following companies each reduced its price 20 pts. to 5.60c. per lb.: American, Arbuckle, Colonial, McCahan and National. The Federal Sugar Refining Co. reduced its price 15 pts. to 5.60c. per lb. On July 27 Revue Sugar Co. reduced its price 20 pts. to 5.60c. per lb. and Federal 5 pts. to 5.55c. per lb.

New Bedford (Mass.) Strike Situation.—Police announced that only one picket would be permitted at each mill, and that each line might consist of not more than 50 persons. Boston "News Bureau" July 24, p. 4.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 21.—(a) Paolino Gerli elected President of the National Raw Silk Exchange, Inc., p. 336. (b) The Silk Association of America, Inc., organizes a design registration bureau, p. 337. (c) Strike at Cluett, Peabody & Co., collar factory, Troy, N. Y., ended with restoration of old wage scale, p. 337. (d) Bituminous coal miners abandon Jacksonville scale, p. 342. (e) New York Stock Exchange computes ratios of brokers' loans to market value of listed stocks, p. 352.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Earnings.

	1928—3 Mos.	1927—6 Mos.	1927
Gross income	\$3,721,317	\$3,362,736	\$7,224,839
Operating expenses	2,361,582	2,204,264	4,647,216
			4,431,176
Operating income	\$1,359,734	\$1,158,472	\$2,577,622
Additions to reserve	485,440	459,279	974,387
			\$2,927,421
Net prof. bef. Fed. tax	\$874,294	\$699,193	\$1,603,233
Shs. cap. stk. outstand. (no par)	676,203	211,655	676,203
Earns. per share	\$1.29	\$3.30	\$2.37

—V. 126, p. 2648.

Aluminium Ltd.—Listing.—The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$20,000,000 5% sinking fund debenture gold bonds, dated July 1 1928 and due July 1 1948. Aluminium Ltd. was formed under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to acquire, in pursuance of a plan of reorganization, from Aluminium Co. of America all of the outstanding stock of Aluminium Co. of Canada, Ltd., and all of the stock owned by Aluminium Co. of America in various other companies carrying on operations in Canada and (or) other foreign countries,

The business to be conducted by the company with subsidiaries will consist of the mining of the ore of aluminum, smelting of aluminum therefrom, and its fabrication. The properties of the company are thoroughly integrated, and reserves of raw materials (bauxite) are sufficient to supply its requirements for many years. Smelting plants are located in Canada and Norway, and are so situated as to offer facilities for economical water transportation of both raw and finished materials.

The company owns no property except bonds and shares in other corporations. Its authorized capital stock consists of 1,000,000 shares, without par value, of which 570,875 shares are outstanding at the date of this application.

The companies which Aluminium Ltd. is interested in are:

Company	Authorized Cap. Stock	Issued Cap. Stock	Owned by Parent Co.
1. Aluminium Co. of Can., Ltd., Can. a	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
2. Demerara Bauxite Co., Ltd., Brit. Guiana	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
3. Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., Can. b	e210,000 shs	e210,000 shs	e112,000 shs
4. Northern Aluminium Co., Ltd., England	£1,000	£400	£400
5. La Cie Generale du Port de Chicoutimi, Can.	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
6. Roberval & Saguenay Ry., Canada	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
7. Sproston's, Ltd., British Guiana	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$429,000
8. Alcoa de France, France	fr1,000,000	fr1,000,000	fr1,000,000
9. L'Aluminium d'Amerique, (Pa.)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
10. Aluminium Co. of South America (Pa.)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
11. Societe des Bauxites Francaises, France	f200,000	f200,000	f200,000
12. Bauxites du Midi, France	fr1,000,000	fr1,000,000	fr1,000,000
13. Forces Motrices du Bearn, France	f20,000,000	f20,000,000	f20,000,000
14. Aktieselskapet Kinservik, Norway	kr5,000,000	kr5,000,000	kr5,000,000
15. Societa Anonima Mineraria Triestina, Italy	h3,000,000	h3,000,000	h3,000,000
16. Oriental Alcoa, Ltd., (Pa.)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
17. Primorski Bauxit, D.D., Jugoslavia	fr11,000,000	fr11,000,000	fr11,000,000
18. Societa Dell'Alumino Italiano, Italy	h30,000,000	h30,000,000	h15,000,000
19. Aluminium Die Casting Corp. of Germany (Del.) c	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$158,000
20. Asia Aluminium Co., Japan	¥100,000	¥100,000	¥60,000
21. Jadranski Bauxit, D.D., Jugoslavia	fr12,000,000	fr12,000,000	fr1,980,000
22. Det Norske A-S for Elektrokemisk Industri, Norway	kr6,390,000	kr6,390,000	kr3,510,000
23. Aktieselskapet Norsk Aluminium Co., Norway d	kr18,000,000	kr18,000,000	kr9,000,000

a Companies (2) to (7), inclusive, are subsidiaries of Aluminium Co. of Canada, Ltd. b Subsidiaries of Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., are: Alma & Jonquiere Ry. and Saguenay Transportation Co., Ltd. c Subsidiary of Aluminium Die Casting Corp. of Germany is Aluminium Spritzgusswerke G.m.b.H. d Subsidiaries of Aktieselskapet Norsk Aluminium Co. are: Aktieselskapet Nordisk Aluminiumindustri, Aktieselskapet Hoyanger Byggeselskap, Aktieselskapet Hoyanger Tomteselskap, Aktieselskapet Lokkeveien 9, Societe Anonyme des Bauxites & Alumines de Provence. e No par. f Francs. g Krone. h Lira. i Dinars. j Yen.

Statement of Income of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries Together with dividends on the Stocks of Other Companies.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1926.	1927.
Net income of cos. to be wholly owned by Aluminium Ltd., before deducting income taxes	\$2,340,470	\$1,791,504	\$2,692,904
Divs. received on the stocks (to be owned by Aluminium Ltd.) of other companies	82,256	78,086	10,380
Total	\$2,422,726	\$1,869,591	\$2,703,284
Income taxes	209,544	177,057	204,653
Net income	\$2,213,182	\$1,692,533	\$2,498,631

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1927 [After giving effect to the organization and present financing of Aluminium Ltd.]

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant & equip. (less depr.) \$18,701,623	Capital stk. (570,875 shs. no par) & Surplus \$24,963,420
Investments in subsidiaries not consol. herein 13,690,424	5% skg. fd. debentures 20,000,000
Investments in oth. cos. 3,032,605	Def. credits & accruals 32,315
Prepaid exp. & def. chgs. 1,138,620	Accounts payable 2,513,181
Inventories 8,263,124	Reserve for taxes 257,624
Bills & accts. receivable 1,628,732	
Cash 1,311,412	
Total \$47,766,541	Total \$47,766,541

American Basic-Business Shares Corp.—Earnings.—Pres. F. J. Lisman of the corporation reports earnings for the year ending June 30 1928 of \$1.24 per fixed trust share. Of this amount 71c was earned in the last six months as against 53c. in the previous six months. Income return to investors exceeded 7½%. During this year over \$6,000,000 was invested in fixed trust shares and national distribution was effected with representation in over 30 States.—V. 126, p. 2479.

American Ice Co.—Earnings.—
 Period End, June 30— 1928—Month—1927 1928—6 Mos.—1927
 Profit before Fed. taxes & depreciation. \$701,402 \$621,134 \$1,607,581 \$1,294,764
 —V. 126, p. 4084.

American Linseed Co.—Sale of Linseed Oil Plants.—The directors on July 20 approved the sale of its active linseed properties and its inventories, one-half to Spencer Kellogg & Sons, Inc., and one-half to Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. Each of these companies will operate the properties purchased for its own account from and after July 14 1928, and the American Linseed Co. as a corporation has definitely gone out of the linseed oil business as of the above mentioned date.

The officers and directors of the American Linseed Co. and the entire organization heretofore conducting the food business under the name of its subsidiary, the Best Foods, Inc., will continue to conduct this business as it has been conducted in the past without any change whatever
 See also Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. below.—V. 127, p. 108.

American Railway Express Co.—Report and Plan for Future Conduct of Express Business.—Reference was made in our issue of July 21 to the "Report and Plan for Future Conduct of Express Business," dated June 21 1928. The details of the plan are given below:

The report of legal committee addressed to W. B. Storey, Chairman, Uniform Express Contract Committee, follows:

The Legal Committee appointed on Mar. 5 1928 by your committee submits the following report:

The committee was instructed to draft an agreement to be submitted to the several railroad companies now parties to the Uniform Express Contract which will provide for the purchase of the stock of the American Railway Express Co. or the formation of a new express company in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted by the Uniform Express Contract Committee and approved by the Association of Railway Executives Nov. 16 1927.

Pursuant to such instruction the Committee has prepared and submits herewith a "Plan for Future Conduct of Express Business." Attached to such plan are the following exhibits:

A. Agreement to be made between each participating railroad and certain agents nominated by the Uniform Express Contract Committee, whereby such railroad assents to the plan and appoints such agents to act for it in the consummation of the same.

B. A proposed certificate of incorporation of a new express company.

C. By-laws of such company.

D. Operating agreement between each participating railroad and the new express company.

The object sought to be attained by the plan is to make the future express agency a railroad-owned joint facility engaging in express transportation in its own name, but nevertheless acting in fact only as the agent of its railroad principals and accounting to them under the terms of the operating agreement [Exhibit D] for all of its revenues after payment of expenses. This relationship will make the railroads transporters of express as they are of freight, with a consequent like status before commissions and courts.

To accomplish such object the plan provides for the organization by

the agents representing the participating railroads of a new express company to be owned by such railroads and for the acquisition by it of the properties used in express operations of the American Railway Express Co.

As an alternative it is provided that if it should prove practicable for the agents to acquire the entire outstanding capital stock of the American Railway Express Co. upon satisfactory terms they shall be authorized to do so and to amend its charter and by laws and readjust its capital structure to conform to that proposed for the new express company.

It is proposed that the railroads comprising substantially all of the membership of the Association of Railway Executives shall participate in the ownership of the express company, but with the privilege available to all other railroad companies now parties to the uniform express contract to become parties to the new operating agreement.

The shares of the express company are to be allotted to each railroad in the ratio that the express business handled on its lines, as measured in receipts, bears to the gross business so handled by all of the participating railroads. A table of participating percentages computed upon the average for the years 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926 of the distribution of business is attached to Exhibit A.

Since the capital stock of the express company will not constitute the basis for distributing earnings (which will be disbursed under and in accordance with the provisions of the operating agreement [Exhibit D]), it is proposed to limit its total to 1,000 common shares without par value to be paid for in cash at the price of \$100 per share and to be nontransferable except to the express company itself, or to a successor corporation by consolidation, merger or purchase.

The proposed by-laws of the express company, subject to change in this respect only by a vote of two-thirds of the total stock, provide that its directors shall be nominated in groups allocated to geographical districts, the railroads located in each such district to vote exclusively upon the group nominees for the same.

The properties required for express operations are to be acquired by the new express company by purchase, or by lease, or partly by purchase and partly by lease, as the agents of the railroads in their negotiations shall determine. The cost of the properties to be purchased will be financed through bonds, debentures or notes to be sold to the public, or to be taken by the respective participating railroads proportionately in accordance with the table of percentages above mentioned, or to be delivered as payment to the vendor.

The following table, showing the book values of the American Railway Express properties as of Dec. 31 1927, is included in this report as a matter of general information:

Land owned (cost)	\$4,641,262
Buildings and improvements not located on railroad right of way (cost less depreciation)	6,480,984
Buildings and improvements located on railroad right of way (cost less depreciation)	2,430,797
Equipment (cost less depreciation)	12,519,400
Materials and supplies (cost)	1,183,894
Total	\$27,256,337

Legal Committee: R. J. Cary, Chairman; M. L. Bell, J. P. Blair, H. W. Clark, C. B. Heiserman and F. C. Nicodemus, Jr.

Plan for Future Conduct of Express Business.

It is proposed that the railroad corporations named in the table [below], unite in conducting, through their own express agency, the future operations of the express business, acquiring for that purpose the operating equipment and properties, or, if practicable, the entire capital stock, of the American Railway Express Co. To accomplish that end the following plan is submitted:

1. The Railroads, severally, shall forthwith evidence their assent to this plan by the execution of agreements [in the form of Exhibit A attached to the plan] said agreements embodying the appointment of William B. Storey, Wallace A. Aterbury, Patrick E. Crowley and Carl R. Gray, as agents of the railroads and conferring on them the requisite power to carry this plan into effect. The railroads so assenting are hereinafter called the "participating railroads."

Note.—The participation in this plan is limited to the member road of the Association of Railway Executives, named in the table because of the impracticability of joining the very large number of other roads which perform in the aggregate only about 2% of the gross express business transacted under the Uniform Contracts with the American Railway Express Co. Any company named in the table may distribute its participation under this plan among affiliated companies by apportionment, according to its choice, of its allotment, hereinafter provided, of stock and of bonds, debentures or notes. The participation of any companies which have become affiliated may be combined, at their option.

2. This plan shall be effective when agreements [in the form of Exhibit A] shall have been duly executed and delivered to the agents on the part of Participating Railroads representing in the aggregate 75% of the gross express business according to the allocation in the table of percentages [below].

3. The participating railroads, severally, by their execution of the agreements [Exhibit A], will assign, transfer and set over to the agents all their right, title and interest, respectively, under substituted Article XX of the amended uniform contract for express operations over rail lines adopted by agreements between each of the participating railroads and the American Railway Express Co., on or about Feb. 1927, embodying the agreement of the American Railway Express Co., in the event that it does not continue express operations over the lines of the contracting railroad company after midnight on Feb. 28 1929, to sell to such railroad company, at cost less depreciation, all property of said express company, used in its express operations, located on the lines of such railroad company.

Note.—By these assignments the Agents will be invested with the right to acquire all the equipment and operating properties of the American Railway Express Co. located on the lines of the participating railroads, in the aggregate, and in a position, when in funds, to pay therefor a single sum price, thus avoiding any necessity of ascertaining the values separately of the express properties located on the several lines.

4. The agents shall notify the American Railway Express Co., as soon as this plan shall have become effective, that the participating railroads will not renew the existing amended uniform contract for express operations over rail lines upon its expiration on Feb. 28 1929, or enter into negotiations for any new contract with the American Railway Express Co. covering the operating of the express business after the expiration of said present contract.

5. The agents shall secure the organization under the laws of such State as they shall choose of a new corporation, under the name of Railway Express Agency, Inc., or such other name as shall be found available, with power to acquire all or any part of the equipment and other properties of the American Railway Express Co. and to conduct the future operation of all the express business heretofore conducted by said last named company.

6. The certificate of incorporation of the New Express Co. [substantially in the form of Exhibit B, hereto attached to the plan], shall provide for an authorized issue of only 1,000 shares of capital stock, without par value, and non-transferable except to the New Express Co. itself or to a successor corporation by consolidation, merger or purchase. Said stock shall be allotted to the participating railroads for subscription according to the table of allotment of shares [below] and the participating railroads by the execution of the agreements [in the form of Exhibit A] will subscribe, respectively, for the number of shares of said stock allotted to them according to said table, at the price of \$100 per share, payable in cash upon the call of the agents or of the New Express Co.

Note.—The scheme of stock ownership above indicated is predicated upon the conclusion that the property acquired by the new express company should be paid for with borrowed money and represented by bonds, debentures or notes, and that the capital stock should not represent any substantial equity in the property but merely the voting rights. The indicated distribution of the shares and therefore of the voting rights conforms as closely as practicable to the percentages of gross express business done by the railroads in the past. The distribution of the stock does not affect the distribution of earnings from the express business, which will be distributed under and in accordance with the operating contract, rather than as dividends.

7. It is an essential feature of the by-laws of the new express company [Exhibit C] (which cannot be changed except by vote of two-thirds of the outstanding capital stock) that the board of directors shall consist of 15 members, of whom six shall be nominated by the participating railroads of the eastern district, five by those of the western district and three by those of the southern district, and one shall be elected at large.

8. The agents, upon perfecting the organization of the new express company shall proceed to effect such qualification of the company as shall be necessary in the several States.

9. The agents shall proceed to negotiate for and agree upon the acquisition of the equipment and operating properties of the American Railway Express

Co., or as much thereof as they shall deem necessary for the operations of the new express company, or of properties in lieu thereof, and such acquisition may be upon any of the following bases:

(a) The purchase of all or any part of the property of the American Railway Express Co., which is subject to the obligations of the aforesaid substituted Article XX of the amended uniform Express contract, at its cost less the depreciation chargeable under Article V, Section 4 item (e) of said contract.

(b) The leasing of any real property owned by the American Railway Express Co. which is subject to the obligations of said substituted Article XX, including buildings erected upon land not owned by said company, at such rental as the agents shall deem satisfactory.

(c) The purchase or leasing, upon such terms as the agents shall deem satisfactory, of any or all equipment and property owned by the American Railway Express Co. and used in its express operations but not subject to the obligations of said substituted Article XX, if the agents shall conclude that there is any such property not subject thereto, and of any property so used by the American Railway Express Co. but not owned by it.

(d) In the event of disagreement as to whether certain items of property are subject to the obligations of said substituted Article XX (hereinafter called "property in controversy"): The purchase of any property in controversy upon any consideration, other than cost less depreciation as aforesaid, deemed by the agents substantially satisfactory from the standpoint of the railroads; or the leasing of any property in controversy upon such terms as the agents shall deem satisfactory; or the purchasing or leasing from other owners than the American Railway Express Co., upon such terms as the agents shall deem satisfactory, of other property in lieu of any property in controversy; or the arrangement for the temporary use, upon such terms as the agents shall deem satisfactory, of any or all property in controversy or of other properties in lieu thereof, pending the settlement of such controversy; and with full power to the agents to prosecute or defend any litigation or participate in any arbitration of the question whether particular properties are within the subject-matter of said substituted Article XX and to compromise such controversy as to any properties.

(e) The purchasing or leasing, from other owners than the American Railway Express Co., upon such terms as the agents shall deem satisfactory, of any equipment and other property deemed by the agents necessary for the operations of the new express company, whether in lieu of or in addition to equipment and other property of the American Railway Express Co.

Note.—It is deemed necessary that the foregoing broad authority to proceed upon alternative bases be conferred on the agents, to empower them to proceed as the interests of the participating railroads appear to be best served. Any limitation of their authority might result in their inability, through the interposition of some unforeseen obstacle or contingency, to consummate this plan. Further, the agents would be subjected to a distinct disadvantage in negotiating for the properties of the American Railway Express Co. if authority were not extended to them to acquire other properties.

10. The agents may agree to pay in cash the consideration for any or all properties to be purchased from the American Railway Express Co.; or they may agree to deliver to the American Railway Express Co. bonds, debentures or notes of the new express company to represent the purchase price of any or all of said properties.

Note.—The above authority to deliver securities does not include stock of the new express company. It is deemed essential that the express operating agency shall realize no net income for distribution as dividends and this precludes the issue of its stock to any other holders than the participating railroads.

11. The total cash requirement for the purchase of all properties to be acquired for the new express Co. for cash considerations, pursuant to arrangements and agreements of the agents, together with such an additional amount of cash as the agents shall determine to be necessary for organization expenses and working capital, over and above the amount of the subscriptions of the participating railroads for the capital stock of the new express company as provided in the foregoing paragraph 6, shall be contributed by the participating railroads by their purchase of bonds, debentures or notes of the new express company as hereinafter provided, or such cash requirement may be raised by the sale of such bonds, debentures or notes to the public. The agents shall ascertain and determine the amount of the total cash requirement aforesaid, and determine upon and arrange for an issue of bonds, debentures or notes of the new express company sufficient to provide the amount of such cash requirement. Said issue of bonds, debentures or notes, if not sold to the public, shall be allotted by the agents to the participating railroads on the basis of the table of percentages (attached to Exhibit A), each railroad sharing in the total issue of said bonds, debentures or notes in the proportion which the percentage assigned to it by said table bears to the aggregate of the percentages so assigned to all the participating railroads. Such adjustments shall be made in said allotment as may be necessary to avoid fractions of \$100. Calls shall be made upon the participating railroads for the payment of their allotment seasonably to render the money available before Feb. 28 1929, and the participating railroads shall pay their said allotments when and as called by the agents or the new express company.

12. The agents shall in their discretion determine the character of the securities to be issued by the new express company, whether bonds, debentures or notes, the maturity of such bonds, debentures or notes, the mortgage security, if any, to be given therefor, the rate of interest to be borne thereby and their form and terms in all other respects, and the form and terms of any mortgage securing the same and the price at which said securities shall be issued.

13. The determination as to the extent, if at all, to which the new express Co. shall take over and conduct, at least temporarily, for the future, the express operations of the American Railway Express Co. upon steamship or stage lines or lines of railroads not participating in this plan shall be vested in the agents.

14. The agents may enter into an agreement with the American Railway Express Co., or otherwise arrange, for the taking over on Feb. 28 1929, of the operating and office organizations and personnel of the American Railway Express Co., its records and offices, or such part thereof as the agents shall deem necessary or desirable for the operations of the new express company, and as a part of any such agreement or arrangement, the agents may arrange for the assumption by the new express company of the obligation of the employees pension system of the American Railway Express Co.

15. The agents may arrange for the assumption by the new express company of all or any operating liabilities of the American Railway Express Co. existing on Feb. 28 1929, whether ascertained or not, upon the payment over to the new express company of the amount of the reserve set up by the American Railway Express Co. for such liabilities, or upon such other consideration as the agents shall deem satisfactory.

16. Seasonably prior to Feb. 28 1929, the new express company will pay over or deliver to the American Railway Express Co. the consideration, whether in cash or securities, agreed upon for properties to be purchased from it, upon the American Railway Express Co. delivering to the new express company, effective at the close of business on Feb. 28 1919 (1) a bill of sale of all personal property; (2) a contract for the sale of such parcels of real estate as are to be conveyed by it, with the right to the immediate possession and use thereof pending the subsequent delivery of deeds, unless such deeds can be prepared seasonably for delivery at the time of closing; (3) leases of any properties agreed upon; and (4) any contract which shall have been arranged regarding the turning over of the organization, records and offices or pertaining to other matters.

17. The new express company will file prior to Feb. 28 1929, with the I.-S. C. Commission and with each State Commission, or elsewhere as shall be required, its adoption of the then existing tariffs of the American Railway Express Co. as its tariffs effective Mar. 1 1929.

18. The new express company will execute and exchange with the participating railroads, severally, a new uniform operating contract to become effective Mar. 1 1929 (in the form of Exhibit D attached to the plan).

Note.—The new operating agreement is drafted with the object of making the several railroads, parties to it, common carriers of express shipments and principals in this respect, operating in the name of their common agent, the new express company. The express company will be in effect a joint facility agency, which, after deductions required for expenses and other charges, will distribute all revenues received by it among its principals. This will accomplish the change in the relationship of the railroads to the express business which has long been advocated by members of the I.-S. C. Commission. In other respects the operating agreement follows generally the plan of the present uniform express contract. Any company named in the table below, may at its option, have any or all of its affiliated companies enter into separate operating agreements with the new express company.

19. The new express company will thereupon take over the operation of the express business on Mar. 1 1929.

20. If it should prove practicable for the agents to acquire the entire outstanding capital stock of the American Railway Express Co. upon terms deemed by them satisfactory, they are authorized to do so, as an alternative to the organization of a new express company, and thereupon to disregard any provisions of this plan incidental to the latter procedure. The agents may purchase such stock at such price as they shall deem satisfactory and pay therefor in cash or, under a readjustment of the capital structure of the American Railway Express Co. as hereinafter mentioned, by the issue of bonds, debentures or notes of the American Railway Express Co., in lieu of the existing stock, representing such purchase price. In the event of payment in cash, the cash required shall be contributed by the participating railroads by the purchase of bonds, debentures or notes of the American Railway Express Co., to be issued in lieu of the existing capital stock under said readjustment of the capital structure, proportionately as provided in the foregoing Paragraph 11, or the cash required may be secured by the sale of bonds, debentures or notes to the public. The agents shall have the same authority in respect of the securities to be issued by the American Railway Express Co. under this alternative plan as that conferred on them by the foregoing paragraph 12 in the case of securities of the new express company.

But in the event of the acquisition of the capital stock of the American Railway Express Co. the agents shall proceed forthwith to amend its certificate of incorporation and by-laws to conform substantially to by-laws of proposed new company [Exhibit B and C], and shall allot its new non-par-value stock of the aggregate of 1,000 shares to the participating railroads as provided in the foregoing paragraph 6, and shall thereupon surrender and have cancelled the old capital stock so acquired by them. In the event of this alternative plan being adopted, the American Railway Express Co., then under the control of the participating railroads, will enter into new operating contracts with the several participating railroads, effective Mar. 1 1929 [in the form of Exhibit D].

Note.—It is essential to procedure under this alternative provision that there shall be no minority of old stockholders of American Railway Express Co. outstanding after the participating railroads acquire control.

21. Any railroad which does not become a party to this plan, including the numerous short roads to which full participation is not extended, will still be under the obligation of substituted Article XX of the amended uniform contract to buy the express properties located on its lines. Presumably, although not parties to this plan, such roads will deem it desirable to assign their rights under substituted Article XX to the agents. The agents are authorized to accept such assignments upon receiving the undertakings of such non-participating railroads to pay over to the agents the amount necessary to pay the cost less depreciation of the properties local to their lines, or under such other arrangement as they shall deem satisfactory. If, pursuant to their arrangement with the agents, such non-participating railroads shall contribute to the payment for the properties local to their lines, they shall be reimbursed by the agents, or the vesting in them of the ownership of such properties or by bonds, notes or debentures of the new express company. The agents may require, as a condition of accepting such assignments that such non-participating railroads agree upon the form of operating contract, [Exhibit D], with the new express company to cover future operations or some other form which will be satisfactory to the participating railroads.

22. It is understood that the consummation of the plan shall be subject in such respect as shall be required by law, to the approval of appropriate public authority.

Uniform Express Contract and Pullman Surcharge Committee.—W. B. Storey, Chairman; W. W. Atterbury, P. E. Crowley, Charles Donnelly, L. A. Downs, Carl R. Gray, E. J. Pearson and Bird M. Robinson.

Table of (1) Percentages (2) Allotment of Shares.

	Per- cent- ages.	Shs. of Stk.	Per- cent- ages.	Shs. of Stk.
New York Central RR.....	14.426	144		
Pennsylvania RR.....	12.608	126		
Aetchison Top. & Santa Fe Ry	4.608	46		
Southern Pacific Co.....	4.469	45		
Baltimore & Harford RR.....	4.402	44		
N. Y. & Ohio RR.....	3.869	39		
Chicago & No. Western Ry.....	3.288	33		
Illinois Central RR.....	2.864	29		
Chic. Burlington & Quincy.....	2.670	27		
Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pac.....	2.647	26		
Erie RR.....	2.549	25		
Union Pacific RR.....	2.532	25		
Boston & Maine RR.....	2.290	23		
Chic. Rock Island & Pacific.....	2.230	22		
Louisville & Nashville RR.....	2.021	20		
Missouri Pacific RR.....	1.989	20		
Atlantic Coast Line RR.....	1.956	20		
Seaboard Air Line Ry.....	1.586	16		
Great Northern Ry.....	1.468	15		
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.....	1.404	14		
Del. Lackawanna & Western.....	1.369	14		
Reading Co.....	1.246	12		
Wabash Ry.....	1.229	12		
Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.....	1.173	12		
Northern Pacific Ry.....	1.172	12		
Central RR. Co. of N. J.....	1.070	11		
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....	1.016	10		
Lehigh Valley RR.....	.995	10		
Norfolk & Western Ry.....	.853	9		
Pere Marquette Ry.....	.709	7		
Rich. Fred'burg & Potomac.....	.668	7		
Texas & Pacific Ry.....	.655	7		
Canadian National Ry.....	.647	6		
Central of Georgia Ry.....	.621	6		
Minn. St. P. & S. Ste. Marie.....	.605	6		
Florida East Coast Ry.....	.598	6		
Chicago & Alton RR.....	.573	6		
Denver & Rio Grande West.....	.545	5		
Chicago & Eastern Illinois.....	.545	5		
Delaware & Hudson Co.....	.488	5		
Maize Central RR.....	.474	5		
N. Y. Chic. & St. Louis RR.....	.417	4		
Nashville, Chatt. & St. Louis.....	.414	4		
St. Louis Southwestern Ry.....	.371	4		
Total.....			100.000	999

—V. 127, p. 412.

American Surety Co.—Earnings.—

	1928.	1927.
6 Mos. End. June 30—		
Total income.....	\$6,102,303	\$6,029,486
Expenses, taxes, losses &c.....	4,546,088	4,430,931
Res. for overdue prem., unearned prem., refunds, exp., taxes & deprec. of securities & buildings.....	483,925	538,696
Profit on securities sold (net).....		Cr93,497
Net profit.....	\$1,072,290	\$1,153,356
Dividends.....	500,000	500,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$572,290	\$653,356

Balance Sheet June 30.

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate.....	8,639,225	8,739,225	Capital stock.....	5,000,000
Stocks.....	2,968,004	1,576,400	Sur. & undiv. prof. 5,572,886	4,445,329
U. S. bonds.....	3,460,858	3,981,473	Reserve for—	
All other bonds.....	4,177,097	4,487,038	Unearned prem. 6,832,547	6,804,489
Cash.....	1,441,457	903,944	Outsd'g prem. 600,000	606,335
Premiums in course of collection.....	2,301,243	2,294,301	Conting. claims. 3,807,731	4,099,090
Acer. int. & rents.....	100,675	109,545	Expenses & taxes 1,141,382	1,062,156
Reinsur. and other acct. receivable.....	140,979	111,476	Dep're'n Amer. Surety Bldg.....	50,000
Total.....	23,229,538	22,203,402	Reinsur. anc other acct. payable.....	224,991
			Total.....	23,229,538

—V. 126, p. 417.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—Earnings.—

	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Period End. June 30—		
Net profit before depletion and depreciation.....	\$229,038	\$409,322
	\$12,703	\$109,195

—V. 126, p. 2794.

American Republics Corp.—Earnings.—

Period Ended June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927—3 Mos.—	1928—6 Mos.—	1927—6 Mos.—
Sales	\$9,705,973	\$6,295,882	\$15,832,644	\$13,952,884
Cost of sales	8,680,946	5,617,449	14,137,138	12,317,608
Expenses	637,763	526,834	1,258,037	1,041,797
Net profit	\$387,264	\$151,599	\$437,469	\$593,480
Other charges (net)	223,895	312,800	525,829	343,203
Sur. aft. res. for Fed. tax	163,369	202,339	def. 88,361	536,795

—V. 127, p. 108.

American Wholesale Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Real est., pl'ts, &c.	2,565,361	2,498,878	2,498,878
Inventories	5,111,760	6,110,010	5,922,700
Notes & accts. rec.	5,815,043	5,042,583	4,282,369
Short term loan	1,000,000	—	1,207,520
Investments	20,065	287,967	58,616
Cash	2,435,380	1,948,909	50,748
Sundry loans	—	1,058,344	102,361
Inv. in affil. cos.	405,452	385,262	182,856
Deferred charges	127,400	132,977	1,290,500
			Surplus
Total	17,880,461	17,464,930	17,880,461

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a After depreciation. b Represented by 96,704 shares of no par value.
The income for the first six months of 1928 was given in V. 127, p. 412.

American Writing Paper Co., Inc.—Earnings.—
Sidney L. Willson, President of the company, announces that the profits of the company for the first 6 months of the year 1928 totalled \$197,810. Commenting on this, Mr. Willson made the following statement:
"The American Writing Paper Co., Inc., statement as of June 30 1928, is an indication of the progress being made by the company. The net earnings above the interest on the first mortgage bonds and serial notes for the first six months exceeded by 30% the total earnings for the entire year of 1927. They were 300% over the net earnings for the first six months of that year. This improvement is the result of economies in operation rather than increased sales. The total sales for the six months period was \$814,910 less than for the corresponding six months of 1927."
"The slogan—'Better Business rather than Bigger Business' has been practically applied by the elimination of the less profitable lines and by the greater sales efforts made on those grades which show reasonable profits for the company."

Balance Sheet June 30 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Plants & equip. (net)	\$10,626,259	\$10,546,106	\$8,926,800
Choral Prop., Inc., &c.	407,598	550,000	3,318,522
Cash	1,415,707	1,070,607	488,694
Notes & accept. (net)	82,727	50,453	126,557
Accts. rec. (net)	1,355,503	1,362,774	17,613
Inventories	2,477,321	2,796,714	5,466,000
Investments	2	2	740,500
Prepaid expenses	55,593	61,161	347,642
Deferred taxes	2,472	2,439	—
Other def. assets	9,146	52,456	—
Trade-marks, &c.	1	1	—
			Totale a. side.
			\$16,432,330

x Represented by 152,620 shares of no par value.—V. 126, p. 2967.

Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.—To Acquire Linseed Oil Properties.—
The company on July 20 announced that contracts had been entered into by it and by Spencer Kellogg & Sons, Inc., of Buffalo, with the American Linseed Co. for the purchase of all the linseed oil plants and equipment of the latter company. The purchase price was not made public but it is known that the American Linseed Co. carried its linseed oil plants on its books at \$4,695,453.
The plants are located at Staten Island, N. Y., Buffalo, Boston, Chicago, St. Paul, Portland, Ore., and Richmond, Va., and crush approximately 5,000,000 bushels of seed annually. While there was no announcement of the allocation of those plants between the 2 purchasing companies, it is understood that each will get approximately one-half of the total properties passing under the sale.
The American Linseed Co. will retire from the linseed oil business and devote its entire efforts to the development of its food products business.
To Increase Common Stock.—
The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange of a proposed increase in the authorized common stock (no par value) from 225,000 shares to 350,000 shares.—V. 127, p. 263.

Arnold Constable Corp.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 116,111 additional shares of stock (no par value); as to 111,111 shares thereof on official notice of issuance and payment in full on subscription at \$35. per share; and as to 5,000 shares thereof on official notice of issuance to underwriters; making the total applied for 338,333 shares.
The 111,111 shares were offered to stockholders of record July 5, for subscription on or before July 25, at \$35 per share, on the basis of one new share for each two shares held. The offering to stockholders has been underwritten.
The corporation announces that stockholders had subscribed to 109,906 no par shares at \$35 per share at expiration of the time limited July 25. The 5,000 shares will be issued to underwriters, in part payment for services rendered to the corporation in underwriting the above mentioned offering to stockholders and in advising the corporation and its officers and directors regarding the conduct of the corporation's financial affairs, the readjustment of its capitalization and the plan for extension and enlargement of the business of the corporation and of its subsidiaries.
Consolidated Income Account 3 Months Ended Apr. 30 1928.

Net sales	\$2,809,571
Cost of goods sold, selling, operating and gen. admin. exp.	2,764,600
Depreciation on buildings, fixtures and delivery equipment	15,612
Gross profit	\$29,359
Miscellaneous earnings, incl. int. earned, &c.	19,126
Total	\$48,484
Proportion of net profit of Arnold Constable & Co., Inc. allocated to stock of Arnold Constable & Co., Inc. not acquired	461
Net profit applicable to stock of Arnold Constable Corp.	\$48,023
Previous surplus	\$263,751
Total	\$312,236
Miscellaneous adjustments	14,062
Proportion of net profit and miscellaneous surplus adjustments of Arnold Constable & Co., Inc. allocated to stock of Arnold Constable & Co., Inc., not acquired, transf'd to spec'l surplus	141
Earned surplus balance end of period	\$298,032

—V. 127, p. 109.

Art Metal Works, Inc.—Initial Common Div.—Earnings.—
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 37½ cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. Dividends were continuously paid on the preferred and common stocks of the predecessor company since 1917.
Preliminary income account as of June 30 1928 shows net earnings for the 6 months after depreciation and Federal taxes of \$399,199, applicable to dividends on the preferred stock, or \$9.97 per share. This is equivalent after preferred dividends to \$3.30 per share earned on the 110,000 shares of common stock. The preliminary balance sheet shows current assets of \$1,130,343, of which \$464,111 is cash, against liabilities and tax reserves of \$216,436; a net quick asset ratio of over 5 to 1. See also V. 127, p. 263.

Associated Motor Terminals Co.—Land Trust Certificates Offered.—Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn., are offering land trust certificates representing 650 equal undivided

shares of ownership in fee simple title to four parcels of land in the downtown district of St. Louis, Mo., to be occupied by four modern garages operated by the company. Price of each certificate \$1,000 and accrued rental, to yield \$55 per annum.

The St. Louis Union Trust Co. as trustee holds the legal title to the land for the benefit of the certificate holders. The four parcels of land have been leased in their entirety for 99 years to the Associated Motor Terminals Co. for a fixed annual rental of \$35,750 net, all taxes being paid by the lessee. Certificates of the St. Louis Union Trust Co. will be issued dated May 1 1928 and rental will be payable by check to the registered holders on the first days of May and Nov. in the annual amount of \$55 for each certificate. These land trust certificates, in the opinion of counsel, represent interest in real estate located in Missouri and are not required to be listed for personal property taxes in the States of Missouri, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and other States.

Land and Building Values.—The property that will be conveyed in fee simple to the trustee for the benefit of the holders of these certificates consists of four parcels of land located in the central business district of St. Louis, Mo. Each certificate will represent 1-650th undivided share in the equitable ownership in 66,374.78 square feet of land. The four parcels of land, based upon actual original cost, are valued at \$673,887. The buildings and equipment, based upon actual original cost of the two completed units and contract cost of the two units now under construction, are valued at \$80,809, making the total valuation of land and buildings \$1,474,696. The four parcels of land have been leased in their entirety to Associated Motor Terminals Co. for a period of 99 years from May 1 1928. The lessee agrees to pay all taxes, assessments and charges, including trustee's fees, and an annual net rental of \$35,750, which is at the rate of \$55 per annum for each land trust certificate. Such net rental is to be distributed semi-annually by check of the trustee to the registered holders of each certificate. The lessee further agrees to refund to certificate holders the Missouri State income tax up to 1% on income received from these certificates.

Income.—Net earnings of the 2 garages now in operation for 7 mos.' period end. Feb. 29 1928, available for int. charges, depreciation, amortization and income taxes, were \$42,700, or at rate of \$72,000 per ann., which is over twice net rental requirements. Annual net earnings of properties after taxes and applicable to the payment of rental, based on the present actual earnings of the two garages now in operation and conservative estimates of the other two garages now under construction, have been estimated by Associated Motor Terminals Co. at \$194,800 per year, or over 5.4 times the net rental requirements of the lease.

Guaranty Fund.—To guarantee payment of all rents and performance of the covenants and conditions of the lease the lessee is required to pay to the trustee for the benefit of the certificate holders, beginning May 1 1933, the sum of \$5,000 per year for 20 years, or a total of \$100,000. This fund shall be held by the trustee and invested in obligations of the United States of America, or in these land trust certificates.

Purchase Options.—Under the terms of the lease the lessee will have the option to purchase the entire property at any time for the sum of \$682,500, against which shall be credited the amount held by the depository as guarantee and depreciation funds. The separate parcels also may be purchased on any rental payment date at the following prices: Parcel No. 1—\$187,950; parcel No. 2—\$223,650; parcel No. 3—\$289,800; parcel No. 4—\$166,950.

In each case there must be paid in addition to the purchase price the amount of accumulated rental and all further amounts due under the terms of the lease.

Atlas Stores Corp.—Earnings for 1st Half 1928.—
Net income after interest, deprec. & estim. income taxes \$249,693
Earnings per share on outst. 100,000 shs. of cap. stk. (no par value) \$2.49
—V. 126, p. 3931.

Baer, Sternberg & Cohen, Inc., St. Louis.—Omits Div.
The directors recently decided to omit the dividend ordinarily due June 1 1928 on the preferential class A common stock. Semi-annual dividends of \$1 per share were paid on this issue on June 1 and Dec. 1 1927. This stock in May 1927 was offered in exchange for the 14,700 shares of common stock originally sold to the public in Oct. 1925. See V. 121, p. 2276, 1911.

Baldwin Rubber Co.—Earnings.—
Net earnings of the company for the first six months of 1928, after allowance for Federal taxes amounted to \$128,074. This is equal to \$2.58 per share on the Class A stock or more than 3.4 times the dividend requirements. These earnings are at an annual rate, after deducting Class A dividends, of \$1.81 per share on the Class B stock.
Sales for the half year of 1928, it is stated, set a new record in the history of the company. The outlook for the remainder of the year, as reported by the management, is for a continuance of record breaking production.

Condensed Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	June 30 '28	Dec. 31 '27	Liabilities—	June 30 '28	Dec. 31 '27
Land, plant & equipment	\$305,606	\$266,351	Accts. payable	\$66,552	\$65,045
Cash	68,063	73,110	Notes payable	—	15,000
Marketable sec.	415	86,640	Res. for taxes	8,970	35,878
Accts. receivable	174,825	82,480	Accrued	30	9,438
Inventories	77,803	71,197	Other current	—	53,597
Goodwill	1	1	Res. income tax	18,633	—
Deferred charges	2,732	5,686	Capital stock	x535,260	406,507
Total	\$629,445	\$585,465	Total	\$629,445	\$585,465

x Represented by 50,000 shares class A stock, and 100,000 shares class B stock.—V. 127, p. 110.

Bancitaly Corporation.—Financial Statement.—The financial statement of the company and its real estate investment company is given in the advertising pages of to-day's issue. The investment holdings of the company are also noted in a preceding page of this issue.

Bankers Bond & Mtge. Co., Phila.—Recapitalization.
The stockholders on July 20 approved the proposed recapitalization plan preparatory to merging with the United States Mortgage Title & Guaranty Co. of Newark, N. J., and other companies.

The plan provides for an increase in the capital stock to 140,000 shares of common, no par (present outstanding issue is 40,000 shares par \$1), which will provide for conversion of the preferred stock and a 40% stock allotment. The present preferred stock, amounting to \$2,000,000 or 20,000 shares, par \$100, has been called for redemption on Aug. 1 at \$105, but holders are given the option of converting each share of preferred into 3 shares of no par common stock. This will increase the outstanding common stock to 100,000 shares and subsequently each holder of 5 shares of common will be given the option to buy 2 new shares at \$50 a share, being a 40% stock allotment, thus increasing the capital stock to 140,000 shares of common stock. The 40,000 shares of new stock have been underwritten.—V. 126, p. 3301.

Bates Valve Bag Corp.—Definitive Debentures Ready.
Definitive 6% debentures, due 1942, are ready at the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., trustee, Chicago, Ill. (See offering in V. 125, p. 1464.)—V. 125, p. 1584.

(Ludwig) Baumann & Co., N. Y.—Initial Pref. Div.
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the conv. 7% cum. 1st pref. stock, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1. See also offering in V. 126, p. 2968.

Beech Nut Packing Co.—Earnings.—

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net profits (without provision for Fed. tax)	x\$1,510,484	\$1,175,917	\$1,348,376	\$1,352,190
Earned surplus Jan. 1	4,945,916	3,954,503	3,198,538	2,347,371
Adjustment of Fed. tax	Dr. 8,994	Cr. 642	Cr. 10,670	—
Total surplus	\$6,447,407	\$5,131,061	\$4,557,585	\$3,699,561
Dividends paid	510,157	485,000	485,000	487,086

Profit and loss surplus June 30 \$5,937,249 \$4,646,061 \$4,072,585 \$3,212,475
x Deducting estimated Fed. income tax and providing for pref. dividends on 45 shares class A stock outst'g, leaves \$1,334,496 applicable to the com.

Balance Sheet as of June 25 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Lease of hotel site based on an ann. rental of \$18,000 (being 6% of value).....	\$300,000	Capital stock outstanding and to be issued.....	\$546,000
Construction hotel & cost of furnishings.....	1,650,365	First mtge. bonds.....	750,000
Cash.....	64,991	Income debenture bonds.....	350,000
Accts. receivable (stock subscription).....	20,000	Interest accrued.....	24,375
Rentals accrued.....	10,952	Bills payable.....	21,000
		Accts. pay. construction.....	43,981
		Surplus.....	310,952
Total.....	\$2,046,308	Total.....	\$2,046,308

—V. 126, p. 2153.

Chemical & Dye Corp.—Preferred Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. An initial distribution of this amount was made on May 1 last.—V. 126, p. 2653.

Chicago Mill & Lumber Co.—Larger and Extra Dividends Declared.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$5 per share and a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding \$6,000,000 common stock, par \$100, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 7. From Aug. 1925 to May 1928, incl., quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid on this issue (compare V. 121, p. 590).—V. 126, p. 2318.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Earnings.—

Period End, June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
x Profits.....	\$252,875	\$225,500	\$441,859	\$449,654
Other income.....	22,360	11,924	46,490	25,283
Total income.....	\$275,235	\$237,424	\$488,349	\$474,937
Interest.....	59,680	17,150	116,864	44,385
Net profit.....	\$215,555	\$220,274	\$371,485	\$430,552
Shs. stk. outst'g (par \$100)	94,860	95,064	94,860	95,064
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.	\$2.27	\$2.31	\$3.91	\$4.53
x After expenses and provision for depreciation and Federal taxes.—				
V. 126, p. 2653.				

Chicago Yellow Cab Co.—Earnings.—

Period End, June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Total profits after depreciation, Fed. tax, &c.....	\$452,060	\$524,258	\$957,843	\$1,126,198
Dividends.....	300,000	400,000	700,000	800,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$152,060	\$124,258	\$257,843	\$326,198
Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par).....	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Earns. per share.....	\$1.13	\$1.31	\$2.39	\$2.81
—V. 126, p. 3125.				

Chickasha Cotton Oil Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$525,000 additional capital stock (par \$10) on official notice of issuance in connection with acquisition of assets and business of Anadarko Cotton Oil Co., Mangum Cotton Oil Mill Co. and Hollis Cotton Oil Co. making the total listing applied for 255,000 shares.

Stockholders on July 18, approved a merger and consolidation of Chickasha Cotton Oil Co. with Anadarko Cotton Oil Co., by which Chickasha through the issuance of 52,500 additional shares of its stock will acquire the assets and businesses and good will (subject to the liabilities) of Anadarko Cotton Oil Co., Mangum Cotton Oil Mill Co., and Hollis Cotton Oil Co. These 3 companies own valuable properties in the State of Oklahoma. The book value of these properties as of June 30 1927 was \$2,474,239.—V. 127, p. 413, 265.

Childs Co.—Earnings.—

Period End, June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Gross income.....	\$6,787,618	\$7,566,228	\$14,052,524	\$15,356,034
Expenses and taxes.....	6,564,897	6,951,760	13,417,163	13,880,759
Operating income.....	\$222,721	\$614,468	\$635,361	\$1,475,275
Other income.....	x1,129,941	57,260	x1,168,974	104,499
Total income.....	\$1,352,662	\$671,728	\$1,804,335	\$1,579,774
Depreciation, &c.....	426,597	372,144	821,789	735,257
Net income.....	\$926,065	\$299,584	\$982,546	\$844,517
Shs. com. outst'g (no par)	361,770	347,532	361,770	347,532
Earns. per sh. on com. stk.	\$2.31	\$0.61	\$2.23	\$1.92
x Includes profits from sale of Savoy Plaza holdings.—				
V. 127, p. 265.				

Chile Copper Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—Chairman John D. Ryan says:

During the first three months there were treated 1,932,111 tons of ore, averaging 1.623% copper. The production for the first three months was 31,926,094 lbs., a monthly average of 17,975,365 lbs. Production was 3,164,032 lbs. more than sales for the period.

The Chile Copper Co. and Chile Exploration Co. had available at May 31 1928, \$5,632,300, cash and call loans, as against \$2,367,615 in cash and marketable securities on Dec. 31 1927.

Consolidated Income Account for Quarter Ended March 31.

Chile Copper Co. and Chile Exploration Co.		1928.		1927.	
Total sales (pounds).....	50,762,062	67,583,554	55,024,112		
Gross receipts.....	\$7,317,585	\$8,962,180	\$7,902,333		
x Net profits.....	3,172,766	2,825,852	3,137,445		
Shs. of cap. stk. outstanding (par \$25)	4,415,498	4,415,489	4,391,329		
Earnings per share on capital stock.....	\$0.71	\$0.64	\$0.71		
x After deducting all expenses and charges, including depreciation, amortization discount on 6% convertible bonds, accrued Federal taxes and accrued bond interest.—					
V. 126, p. 2956.					

Chrysler Corp.—Consol. Balance Sheet June 30—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Land, bldgs., &c.....	26,534,234	22,892,833	xCapital stock.....	56,500,540
Good-will.....	25,000,000	25,000,000	5 1/2% gold bonds.....	1,131,000
Cash.....	4,513,484	4,659,712	Accounts payable.....	9,789,690
Car shipm'ts ag't.....			Prof. divs. payable.....	277,552
bank loan draft.....	3,501,890	5,510,316	Accr. int. tax, &c.....	253,682
Custom, notes rec.....	4,726,098	1,961,894	Disc. & dealrs dep.....	447,632
Cust'rs & dealers' accounts.....	1,269,399	929,419	Prov. Fed. taxes.....	1,640,242
Due fr. Can. Govt.....	331,769	645,302	Res. conting., &c.....	5,216,070
Inventories.....	19,849,453	14,539,345	Deposits.....	283,730
Marketable sec's.....	24,105,293	19,374,179	Surplus.....	35,554,632
Special cash.....	179,867	860,556		
Prof. stk. rent fund.....	2,651	292	Total (each side).....	111,094,682
Other assets.....	802,868	464,375		
Deferred charges.....	277,766	264,359		

x Represented by 215,834 shares of \$8 pref. A stock, 2,704,356 share of no par common stock and 27 shares of pref. and 12,720 shares of common deliverable under Maxwell Corp. plan.

y Of which \$696,788 has been appropriated on account of repurchase of capital stock, \$1,661,493 appropriated on account of operation of pref. stock sinking fund and \$2,651 appropriated on account of payments to sinking fund.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 127, p. 413.

Citizens Necessities Co., Toledo.—Control Sought.—

A group of New York capitalists are understood to be seeking control of the above company. It is reported that they have until Sept. 10 to exercise their option.—V. 118, p. 1273.

Colgate & Co.—Merger with Palmolive-Peet Co.—

See Palmolive-Peet Co. below.—V. 126, p. 3933.

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co.—Merger.—

See Palmolive-Peet Co. below.

Coca-Cola International Corporation.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Dividends received on Coca-Cola stock.....	\$689,994	598,638	\$437,445
Contributions by stockholders.....	72	688	5,900
Total income.....	\$690,066	\$598,638	\$443,345
Expenses.....	1,834	1,799	2,854
Dividends paid.....	689,994	598,638	437,446
Balance.....	def\$1,761	def\$1,799	sur\$3,045

Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Stock of Coca-Cola.....	1928.	1927.	1928.
Co.....	\$6,899,940	\$7,183,650	x\$6,899,940
Expense.....		3,002	4,594
Profit and loss.....	1,624	1,592	1,624
Total.....	\$6,901,564	\$7,188,244	\$6,901,564

x 229,998 shares of no par value.—V. 126, p. 3455.

Columbia Investing Corp.—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared the second quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the 6% pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. An initial quarterly dividend of like amount was paid on May 1 last.—V. 126, p. 2153.

Commercial Credit Co., Inc., of New Orleans, La.—Listing.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,000,000 (40,000 shares, par \$25 each) preferred stock.

Company was incorp. Jan. 7 1920, in Louisiana, for the purpose of commercial banking and is affiliated with the Commercial Credit Co. of Baltimore. Capital consists of \$1,500,000 common stock, of which \$1,000,000 is outstanding, all owned by the Commercial Credit Co. of Baltimore, and \$1,500,000 of preferred stock, of which \$1,000,000 is outstanding.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Net earnings from oper.....	\$1,253,143	\$1,781,788
Net income applicable to capital stock.....	185,357	234,502

Balance Sheet as of May 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash and due from banks.....			\$1,626,648
Notes, acceptances and instalment lien obligations.....			458,895
Motor lien retail time sales notes.....			5,631,972
Sundry accounts receivable.....			36,837
Repossessed cars: Company's possession—depreciated value.....			11,120
Deferred charges: Interest and discount prepaid, &c.....			54,720
Furniture and fixture (cost \$59,558).....			1
Total.....			\$7,820,194
Liabilities—		Assets—	
Collateral trust notes payable.....			\$4,098,500
Sundry accounts payable.....			43,105
Accrued Federal and other taxes.....			1,492
Reserve for Federal income tax (due 1929).....			40,111
Dividend reserve preferred stock.....			13,333
Contingent reserve (margin due customers only when receivables collected).....			30,976
Dealers' participating loss reserve.....			156,027
Reserve for possible losses.....			85,440
Deferred interest and charges (unearned income).....			250,770
8% preferred stock.....			1,000,000
Common stock.....			1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits.....			1,000,436
Total.....			\$7,820,194

—V. 118, p. 314.

Container Corp. of America.—Earnings.—

Period Ended June 30: 1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net profit after int. and depreciation but before Federal taxes.....	\$386,436	\$460,072	\$814,345
			\$752,470
—V. 127, p. 113.			

Continental Insurance Co.—Balance Sheet July 1.—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Bonds & stocks.....	75,932,041	67,013,963	Unearned prems.....	27,385,436
Real estate.....	1,755,621	1,735,654	Losses in process of adjustment.....	2,921,279
Loans on bond and mortgage.....	12,500	12,500	All other claims.....	1,624,185
Prems. in course of collection.....	3,947,122	3,787,684	Res. for contingencies & divs.....	2,500,000
Int., divs. & rents accrued.....	668,329	657,265	Res. for mkt. fluctuation in secur.....	5,000,000
Cash on deposit & in office.....	1,745,912	1,195,108	Cash capital.....	15,000,000
			Net surplus.....	29,630,625
Total.....	\$4,061,525	74,402,174	Total.....	\$4,061,525

* Market value June 30 1928.—V. 126, p. 583.

Continental Mills, Boston.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 25. On Feb. 1 of this year a dividend of \$2 per share was paid.—V. 126, p. 876.

Converse Rubber Shoe Co.—May Refinance.—

The following is taken from the "Boston News Bureau": The stockholders' committee has prepared an agreement calling for the deposit of stock with the New England Trust Co., Boston, Mass., and giving the committee, as trustees, voting power legally to authorize any action that appears necessary for the refinancing of the company.

The committee, appointed at the annual meeting May 2, finds the principal difficulty of the company is lack of working capital, due largely to its venture into the tire business, wherein losses of \$1,700,000 were sustained in (now out of the tire business.

Failure to secure additional working capital at this time would in all probability mean liquidation.

A letter to the stockholders states the company has on hand unfilled orders amounting to \$1,100,000. While sales are off from last year, this condition obtains throughout the entire rubber footwear industry. Sales for the fiscal year ended Mar. 31 1928 amounted to \$4,855,049, according to Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants.

The committee is satisfied that the company can be restored to a paying basis if sufficient working capital is forthcoming.—V. 126, p. 3933.

Coventry Co., Providence, R. I.—New Control.—

According to Providence advices, interests affiliated with and controlling the Valley Falls Co., cotton manufacturers, with a plant at Albion, R. I., have purchased the mills of the Coventry Co. Frank P. Wooley, for 23 years an executive of the latter company has tendered his resignation as agent.—V. 115, p. 2798.

Cresson Consol. Gold Mining & Milling Co.—Earnings.—

Quar. End, June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings after deductions, expenses, & transport'n chgs.....	xloss\$27,350	\$76,136	\$67,881	\$101,762
x June figures estimated.—				
V. 126, p. 420.				

Crosse & Blackwell, Inc.—Sales Increase.—

Pres. J. T. Menzies announces an increase of over 28% in sales in this country for the first six months of this year over sales for the same period in 1927.

The peak was reached in June, when sales amounted to nearly 50% over those of June last year.

Four new directors have been announced as follows: Perry D. Saylor, President of the Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.; J. Mitchell Hoyt and George von Seebach, both of Prince & Whitley, and Gerold M. Lauck, New York, resident partner of N. W. Ayer & Son.—V. 126, p. 3933.

Crown Cork & Seal Co., Ltd.—Common Stock Listed.—

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 200,000 shares capital stock. Compare also V. 127, p. 414.

Cuyamel Fruit Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net after expenses-----	\$914,913	\$1,233,300
Depreciation-----	243,244	230,899
Interest-----	73,541	132,155
Profit-----	\$598,128	\$870,246
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. (no par) cap. stk.—	\$1.99	\$2.90
—V. 126, p. 2972.		

Davison Chemical Co.—Rights, &c.—

Sale of 80,000 shares of Silica Gel Corp. stock to banking interests at \$25 per share has been authorized by the directors of the Davison Chemical Co. according to an announcement made by C. Wilbur Miller, President of the Davison Chemical Co. The sale represents a portion of 184,650 shares of Silica Gel stock held in the Davison treasury, and is to be made to the banking group, less an underwriting commission of \$1 a share, thus giving the Davison company a net return of \$24 a share. The same group also has purchased for approximately \$2,500,000 a 49% interest in the European Silica Gel Co. The remaining 51% will be held by the Silica Gel Corp.

The sale of 80,000 shares of Silica Gel stock is subject to subscription rights offered stockholders of the Davison Chemical Co. to buy, at \$25 a share one share of Silica Gel stock for each 5 shares of Davison stock owned. The rights expire Aug. 23.

In a letter to stockholders of the Davison company, Mr. Miller said that the policy recently adopted by the board of directors of carrying the activities of the company into the finished fertilizer field has proved a wise one. Opportunities in this direction, it was added, have made it very desirable for the company to extend its activities further, and this led to the decision to sell a portion of its Silica Gel holdings.

The agreement with the bankers requires them to purchase all stock not subscribed for by stockholders, and none of the stock acquired by the bankers will be offered to the public.

(See 7-page article entitled "Makers of Sulphuric Acid, Superphosphate and Complete Fertilizer," together with numerous illustrations, in the "Manufacturers Record" of July 5, pages 71 to 77 inclusive.)—V. 127, p. 414.

Diamond Shoe Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

Quaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent of 21,000 shares of 6½% cum. pref. stock par \$100, 110,000 shares of 2nd pref. stock of \$10 par value, and 221,000 shares of common stock no par value, also as transfer agent for common stock subscription payments.—V. 127, p. 414.

Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Time for Deposits Extended.—The following letter is being sent to all stockholders of Dodge Brothers, Inc., by the committee under the plan and agreement dated June 1 1928 for consolidating Dodge Brothers with the Chrysler Corporation:

The committee is advised that deposits under the plan dated June 1 1928, up to and including the close of business July 23 1928, amounted to 721,629 shares of preference stock (being 86.1% of the outstanding amount), 1,457,204 shares of class "A" stock (being 79.6% of the outstanding amount), 484,500 shares of class "B" stock (being 96.9% of the outstanding amount).

The committee regrets that these deposits do not constitute sufficient amounts of preference stock or class "A" stock to insure the carrying out of the plan. In order to afford every possible opportunity to any additional stockholders who have not been able to deposit their stock and in a final effort to bring deposits to the desired amounts, the committee has extended the time for deposit of stock to and including July 28 1928.

Stockholders who do not deposit their stock by July 28 1928, are jeopardizing the plan.

The committee, therefore, strongly urges all stockholders who have not yet deposited their stock to make such deposit immediately with one of the depositories which will thereupon issue transferable certificates of deposit. The certificates of deposit are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Notice to Non-Depositing Stockholders.—The committee July 27 issued the following notice to non-depositing stockholders:

The Chrysler Corp. has notified the committee under the Chrysler-Dodge plan that it will not proceed with the plan on the basis of deposits now in hand. The entire plan must therefore fail unless there are substantial additional deposits.

The responsibility for the success or failure of the plan rests with the holders of undeposited common stock "A" and with the holders of undeposited preference stock.

Stock may be deposited up to and including July 28 1928. The New York City depository is the National City Bank of New York.—V. 127, p. 415, 266.

Donner Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Operating profit after expenses, taxes, &c.-----	\$682,155	\$471,077
Interest-----	111,056	104,265
Provision for depreciation-----	263,754	205,340
Net income-----	\$307,345	\$161,472
—V. 126, p. 2482.		

Drug, Inc.—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock (no par value), payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. An initial quarterly distribution of \$1 per share was paid on June 1 last.—V. 126, p. 3762.

Duplan Silk Corp.—50c. Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1. See also V. 126, p. 3762, 3599.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,395,000 additional non-voting debenture stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full; making the total amount applied for \$91,073,700.

The issue of this additional non-voting debenture stock was authorized by the directors June 18 1928, for the purpose of acquiring the minority interest of the du Pont Visceloid Co.—V. 126, p. 3304.

Durham Hosiery Mills.—Change in Officers.—

C. M. Carr, Durham, N. C., has resigned as President, and D. P. Carey, of New York and Chicago, was elected to succeed him. Mr. Carr was elected Vice-President in charge of sales and will have his headquarters in New York City.—V. 126, p. 3304.

Eaton Axle & Spring Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 20,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value), on official notice of issuance in exchange for property making the total amount applied for 270,000 shares of common stock.

The common stock applied for is to be issued for the purpose of enabling the company to carry out an agreement made by it on June 15 1928, with The Easy-On Cap Co., under the terms of which The Eaton Co. purchased all of the machinery, equipment, tools, patterns, inventory, patents, patent applications, good-will and trade marks of The Easy-On Cap Co., and all the other property pertaining to the business of The Easy-On Cap Co., said machinery, equipment, tools, patterns, inventory, patents, patent applications, good-will and trade marks being appraised at \$700,000 on account of which The Eaton Co. is obligated under its agreement to issue and deliver 20,000 shares of its common stock (no par value).

The Easy-On Cap Co., Cleveland, O., was incorp. in Ohio in 1920. Company manufactures a patented threadless gas tank filler cap and fitting neck for automobiles. Its product is also adaptable for use as a radiator cap, oil breather cap and starting crank cap, and for use in every place where a removable cap is necessary on an automobile. It is the intention of The Eaton Co. to equip the factory of The Easy-On Cap Co. for the manufacture of hub caps.—V. 127, p. 266.

Edgecomb Manor, Chicago.—To Retire Bonds.—

The Greenbaum Sons Securities Corp. announce that all outstanding bonds secured by Edgecomb Manor, Chicago, have been called for payment as of Aug. 15 1928 at 103 and int.

Electric Shovel Coal Corp.—Initial Pref. Div.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the 62,500 outstanding shares of \$4 cum. partic. pref. stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to stockholders of record July 25. (See offering in V. 126, p. 2973, 3126).

Endicott Johnson Corp.—Semi-Annual Report.—

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales-----	\$32,594,678	\$31,699,776	\$32,491,355	\$32,652,325
aMfg. costs & other exp.-----	30,542,480	29,603,716	30,425,728	29,698,969
Net operating income-----	\$2,052,198	\$2,096,060	\$2,065,627	\$2,953,356
Federal taxes, &c.-----	374,914	387,838	390,343	469,558
Profit sharing plan-----				513,786
Net income-----	\$1,677,284	\$1,708,221	\$1,675,284	\$1,970,012
Preferred dividends-----	393,620	411,112	427,122	442,827
Common dividends-----	1,013,400	1,013,400	1,013,400	1,013,400
Balance, surplus-----	\$270,264	\$283,709	\$234,762	\$513,785
Shs. com. outst. (par \$50)-----	405,360	405,360	405,360	405,360
Earns. per share on com.-----	\$3.16	\$3.20	\$3.08	\$3.77
a Includes interest charges, less miscellaneous income.				

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., mach. &c. (less dep'n)-----	11,819,964	12,666,056	Preferred stock-----	11,400,000
Good-will-----	7,000,000	7,000,000	Common stock-----	20,268,000
Inventories-----	21,696,840	20,131,155	Notes payable-----	7,226,711
Accts. & notes rec.-----	11,495,696	11,145,057	Accounts payable-----	836,606
Sundry debtors-----	344,963	509,342	Sundry cred., incl. accrued wages-----	826,628
Cash-----	2,381,231	2,536,885	Fed. taxes not due-----	366,438
Investment in and advs. to sub. co.-----	309,261	307,521	Federal taxes and other reserves-----	951,329
Pref. stk. acquired-----	242,600	171,700	Initial surplus-----	2,653,156
Balance received on contract-----	1,929,845	1,865,411	Appropriated surplus under certif. of incorporation-----	3,600,000
Deferred charges-----	4	4	Current surplus-----	9,091,536
Total-----	57,220,404	56,333,130	Total-----	57,220,404
			x After deducting \$419,637 reserve for doubtful accounts.—	56,333,130

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Evans Auto Loading Co., Inc.—100% Stock Dividend.—

The stockholders will vote Aug. 1 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 consisting of 200,000 shares of the par value of \$5 each. The purpose of this increase is to permit the declaration by the directors of a 100% stock dividend.

All of the class A stock has been called for conversion into class B stock so that the company has now outstanding only one class of stock, to wit: class B, consisting of 100,000 shares.

President E. S. Evans says: "The question of changing from par value to no par value stock was also considered by the directors and by counsel for the company. Our counsel advises us that by retaining par value stock our taxes will be somewhat less, and in accordance with his opinion and after thorough consideration of this matter by the board, it was considered advisable to retain the present par value of the shares." See also V. 127, p. 416.

Farmers Trust Building Site, Anderson, Ind.—Land Trust Certificates Offered.—

The Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis, is offering land trust certificates representing 600 equal undivided parts of the equitable ownership in the fee simple title to the land, 144 ft. by 134 ft. at the southeast corner of Meridian and 11th St., Anderson, Ind., occupied by the 6-story and basement store and office building, held under 99-year lease to the Farmers Trust Co., Anderson. Price: \$500 plus accrued rental for 1-600 part, to yield 5½%.

Certificates issued by Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis, trustee holding legal title to the land. Certificates will be dated as of July 1 1928. Rental under the lease is payable to the trustee quarterly and as received by the trustee, is payable quarterly by check to the registered holders of certificates on the first days of Jan., April, July and Oct. in the annual amount of \$27.50 for each share. Certificates may be obtained for as many shares as desired, each share representing a 1-600 interest in the property or the equivalent of \$500 at their purchase price. These certificates represent interests in real property located in Indiana, the taxes on which are to be paid by the lessee, and are, therefore not required to be listed in Indian for personal property taxes.

The property, conveyed in fee simple to the Meyer-Kiser Bank as trustee consists of a parcel of ground located at the southeast corner of Meridian and Eleventh Streets, Anderson, Ind.; 144 ft. on Meridian St. and 134 ft. on Eleventh St. The land is improved by a 6-story and basement, modern, fireproof store and office building erected approximately 25 years ago. The building is thoroughly modern and up-to-date, being completely equipped with duplicate sets of machinery for furnishing heat, water, power and light, while, at the same time, connections are made with the local public utilities to furnish such service when needed. Practically all of the lower floor of the building is occupied by the Fair Store, one of Anderson's leading department stores, while the upper floors are occupied entirely by offices.

The property has been appraised by Forest Larmore, Sec. of the Anderson Loan Association, and Ross W. Eshelman, prominent realtor of Anderson, both appraising the land at \$300,000 and appraising the building at \$400,000 and \$475,000 respectively, or an average of \$437,500, making a total of \$737,500.

The property is leased to the Farmers Trust Co. of Anderson at a rental of \$16,700 per year for 99 years from July 1 1928 payable quarterly in advance.

As additional security for the holders of the land trust certificates, the Farmers Trust Co. agrees to pay each year, beginning July 1 1929, for a period of 25 years, the sum of \$6,000 to be held by the trustee in a depreciation fund which shall be available to the lessees for reimbursement for expenditures in the nature of improvements, betterments, replacements or renewals to the building and any funds not so repaid shall be held by the trustee and invested either in these land trust certificates, if available for purchase, or in bonds non-taxable in the State of Indiana. Any money or securities so held by the trustee shall be held for the protection of the holders of the land trust certificates, subject to the right of the lessee to use the same for the above purposes. It is estimated that the expenditure of this \$6,000 per year will be more than enough to take care of any possible depreciation and maintain the building in first class condition.

Under the terms of the 99-year lease, the lessee shall have an option at any rental payment date upon three months written notice, to purchase the entire property by the payment to the Meyer-Kiser Bank, trustee, of an amount sufficient to distribute to the certificate holders in respect to each share, the sum of \$550 if the option is exercised prior to July 1 1948; the sum of \$600 if exercised thereafter prior to July 1 1958, and if exercised thereafter, \$650. This is equivalent to 110%, 120% and 130% respectively on the original purchase price of these shares.

Federal Motor Truck Co.—2½% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a stock dividend of 2½% on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, payable Oct. 5 and the regular quarterly cash dividend of 20c. per share, payable Oct. 1, both to holders of record Sept. 15. Like amounts were paid quarterly since October 1926 incl.—V. 126, p. 3935.

First Federal Foreign Investment Trust.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$3.50 per share on the capital stock, payable \$1.75 per share Aug. 15 1928 to holders of record Aug. 1 and \$1.75 per share Nov. 15, to holders of record Nov. 1. Like amounts have been paid regularly since Feb. 15 1927, incl.—V. 126, p. 3935.

Fleischmann Co.—Earnings.—
Period End. June 30— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
 Sales.....\$16,233,066 \$15,668,366 \$31,743,978 \$31,798,527
 Costs and expenses..... 10,891,229 11,190,839 21,437,301 21,534,024
 Gross profits.....\$5,341,837 \$5,477,527 \$10,306,677 \$10,264,503
 Other income..... 285,709 264,595 555,779 485,858
 Gross income.....\$5,627,546 \$5,742,122 \$10,862,456 \$10,750,361
 Income charges..... 74,292 36,005 108,017 67,822
 Federal & Canad. taxes..... 557,192 731,261 1,225,384 1,367,187
 Balance.....\$4,996,062 \$4,974,856 \$9,529,055 \$9,315,352
 P. & L. credits..... 234 234 8,049
 Total income.....\$4,996,296 \$4,974,856 \$9,529,289 \$9,323,401
 Profit & loss charges..... 93,599 101,832 150,878 143,739
 Net income.....\$4,902,697 \$4,873,024 \$9,378,411 \$9,179,662
 Preferred dividends..... 18,330 18,330 36,660 36,663
 Common dividends..... 3,375,000 3,375,000 6,750,000 6,750,000
 Surplus.....\$1,509,367 \$1,479,694 \$2,591,751 \$2,392,999
 Shares of common out-
 standing (no par)..... 4,500,000 4,500,000 4,500,000 4,500,000
 Earns. per share on com.
 —V. 126, p. 2656. \$1.11 \$1.10 \$2.11 \$2.06

Foot-Burt Co.—Earnings.—
 The company reports for the 6 months ended June 30 1928, net income of \$320,631 after all charges.—V. 126, p. 1987.

Founders Investment Trust, Ltd.—Stocks Offered.—
 K. F. MacLaren & Co., Ltd., Toronto, recently offered 20,000 shares preferred stock and 20,000 shares common stock in units of 1 share each at \$72 per unit, plus dividend on preferred stock.

The preferred stock is preferred as to assets and dividends over the class A and Class B common stocks. Dividends payable Q-J. Red. on any div. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and divs. Class A shares are entitled to non-cumulative annual dividends up to \$2.50 per share before any dividend is paid on class B; thereafter additional dividends shall be paid, one-half to class A shares and one-half to class B shares. Class A and class B shares carry equal voting rights. Registrar, Capital Trust Co., Ottawa. Transfer Agent, Toronto General Trusts Corp., Ottawa.

Capitalization—
 6% cumulative preferred stock (par \$50).....1,000,000 shs. 20,000 shs.
 Class A common stock (no par value).....2,500,000 shs. 20,000 shs.
 Class B common stock (no par value).....2,000,000 shs. 20,000 shs.
Listing—Application will be made to list the above shares on the Toronto, Montreal and London Stock Exchanges.

Organization—Incorporated under the Companies Act in 1927, to conduct the business of an investment trust.

Investment Regulations—The letters patent incorporating the trust provide the following restrictive investment regulations:

1. The investment trust may invest any part of its resources in securities of investment trusts or investment organizations having the same restrictive investment regulations.
2. The investment trust shall, within 6 months after its resources aggregate \$1,000,000, and thereafter at all times own at least 100 different marketable securities. The investment trust shall, within 6 months after its resources aggregate \$5,000,000, and thereafter at all times own at least 400 different marketable securities.
3. Not more than 50% of the total resources of the investment trust may be invested in securities originating in the United States.
4. Not more than 35% of the total resources of the investment trust may be invested in securities originating in any other country, except the Dominion of Canada and the United States.
5. Not more than 3% of the total resources of the investment trust may be invested in any one security, except Government, State or Municipal obligations, or securities of investment trust organizations.
6. Not more than 25% of the resources of the investment trust may be invested in securities of any of the following classes: (1) banking institutions; (2) insurance companies; (3) railroad companies; (4) public utility companies.

Not more than 12½% of the resources of the investment trust may be invested in securities of any other distinct class of business or industry.

7. At least 80% of the investments of the investment trust in securities issued by railroad, public utility and industrial companies, shall at time of purchase have the following book value compared with purchase price: (a) bonds, 150% or more; (b) preferred shares, 125% or more; (c) common shares, 100% or more.

8. Securities owned, when ascertained to be no longer eligible, shall be sold within one year from such date.

9. The investment trust may underwrite issues of securities eligible for purchase, to an amount not greater than twice the amount of such securities which could be purchased for investment, but in no case to an amount in excess of 6% of total resources. The total liabilities incurred in underwriting shall not at any time exceed 20% of the resources of the investment trust.

Assets and Earnings—The assets of the trust consist of cash and readily marketable investment securities. Income is derived from interest, dividends, bonuses, rights, etc., on its investments together with such profits as may accrue from disposal, from time to time, of the securities it may own. The earnings of the trust, during the first two and a half months of operation, were equal to three and two-third times the preferred dividend requirement. After preferred dividend requirements, the earnings available for class A dividend were at the rate of \$7.98 a share per annum. The board of directors declared the first quarterly dividend on the 6% preferred stock to shareholders of record on April 1 1928.

Head Office of the Trust is located at 300 Ottawa Electric Building, Sparks Street, Ottawa, Can.

Freeport Texas Co.—Dividend Policy.—

The company has issued the following statement: "There seems to be some confusion in respect to cash distribution in excess of earnings made by the company.

"The books show that the company uniformly shows reserve for depletion. Additions to reserve for depletion during the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1927 were \$2,250,772. It has been the policy of the company to distribute to stockholders not only some earnings, as shown on the statements of the company, but also from depletion reserve.

"The company shows an increase at present of over \$3,300,000 in cash, Government bonds, accounts and notes receivable and inventories, which consists of sulphur above ground at contract prices as compared with the same time last year, after having paid during that period \$6,505,262 for dividends and contingent royalties. These assets at this date are in excess of \$14,000,000."

Period End. May 31— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
 Gross sales.....\$3,481,174 \$3,202,429 \$5,894,851 \$5,988,231
 Cost of sales..... 2,291,871 2,057,680 4,044,919 3,880,464
 General exp., &c..... 179,253 184,748 399,190 384,470
 Net profit.....\$1,010,050 \$960,001 \$1,450,742 \$1,723,297
 Other income..... 31,599 33,225 65,398 67,271
 Total income.....\$1,041,649 \$993,226 \$1,516,140 \$1,790,568
 Depreciation..... 53,045 50,905 94,376 101,811
 Tax reserve..... 122,333 61,585 150,333 89,168
 Net income.....\$866,271 \$880,737 \$1,271,431 \$1,599,589
 Dividends..... 1,277,227 729,844 2,554,454 1,094,766
 Amount per share..... (\$1.75) (\$1) (\$3 ½) (\$1 ½)
 Balance, surplus.....def\$110,956 \$150,893def\$1,283,023 \$504,823
 Earned per share.....\$1.19 \$1.21 \$1.74 \$2.19

During the quarter ended May 31 1928, the division of profits from the operation of Hoskins Mound, was on the basis of 70% to Texas Co., and 30% to the Freeport Texas Co.—V. 126, p. 3600.

Fox Theatres Corp.—Acquisition.—

The Poll chain of motion picture theatres in New England has been purchased by the Fox Theatres Corp. The chain comprises the following

theatres: In Hartford, the Capitol and Palace; in New Haven, the Hyperion, Bijou and Palace; in Meriden, the East Main Street and West Main Street; in Waterbury, the Strand and Palace; in Bridgeport, the Palace, Poli, Majestic and Lyric; in Norwich, the Broadway Street; in Springfield, the Palace; in Worcester, the Plaza, Poli and Palace.
 The Fox Theatres Corp. has set aside a budget of \$1,000,000 to renovate and modernize the entire Poll chain, particularly with regard to installation of Movietone projection apparatus. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 125, p. 1717.

Gabriel Snubber Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—
Period End. June 30— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
 Net income aft. deprec.,
 Federal taxes, &c.....\$184,194 \$505,118 \$275,210 \$839,070
 Shares of class A and B
 outstanding (no par)..... 200,000 200,000 200,000 200,000
 Earnings per share on
 class A & B stock.....\$0.92 \$2.53 \$1.33 \$4.20

The balance sheet of the company as of June 30 1928, shows current assets of \$2,197,302, including \$1,426,538 of liberty bonds, and current liabilities of \$288,383.

George H. Ralls, President of the company, stated that rapid progress is being made on important changes in the plant, which are necessary in order to take advantage of new developments growing out of research and experimental work which has been in progress for some time. No announcement of the nature of these developments have been made by the Gabriel company.—V. 126, p. 3127.

Galesburg Coulter-Disc Co.—Sales, &c.—

The company reports sales of \$420,088 for June 1928, compared to \$271,598 for June of the previous year, an increase of 55%. This gain shows a great increase in company activity during a period when its business normally is at a low period. The plants at Galesburg, Ill., and Newcastle, Ind., are continuing on a two 8-hour shift basis during July.

The annual meeting has been postponed to Sept. 1, when complete audit and statement of the past year's business is expected to be completed. Net earnings for the year ended June 30 1928 are expected to reach \$7.50 per share on the 100,000 shares of stock outstanding. Earnings for 1927 were \$4.86 per share on an equal amount of stock outstanding. Earnings for the first half of the past year were at the rate of \$3 per share for that period.—V. 127, p. 416, 114.

Gamble-Robinson Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis, are offering at \$50 per share and div. \$1,500,000 \$3.50 cum. 1st pref. stock (with common stock purchase warrants.)

Preferred as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$3.50 per annum, and upon dissolution, as to assets up to \$55 per share and divs. Dividends payable Q-J. (cumulative from date of issue). Red. all or part on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at \$55 per share and divs. Annual sinking fund commencing April 1 1930. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent and registrar, First Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Data from Letter of David F. Gamble, Pres. of the Company.

Company—Has been formed in Delaware to acquire the business and assets of a Minnesota corporation of the same name and its subsidiaries. Company is one of the largest in the country engaged in the wholesale distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables, produce, and groceries through a chain system of branch houses. The business of the predecessor company was founded as a co-partnership in 1891 in Minneapolis, and was incorp. in 1903. Company adopted the policy of establishing branch houses in 1904, and the number has grown steadily until, at present, houses are operated in 65 cities in the states of Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming, and in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Can.

Earnings—The business has earned a profit in every year since its inception in 1891. Consolidated sales and net earnings of the business, after deducting all charges, including depreciation and Federal and Canadian taxes, and after adjustment for non-recurring items, as certified by Peat, Marck, Mitchell & Co., for the five years ended Dec. 31 1927, were as follows:

Cal. Years—	Sales	Net Appl. to Dividends
1923.....	\$16,002,328	\$251,668
1924.....	17,123,955	259,105
1925.....	20,468,065	277,489
1926.....	20,581,835	338,577
1927.....	22,253,627	422,383

Net earnings applicable to dividends in the 5-year period ended Dec. 31 1927, averaged \$335,844 per annum, or over 3-1 times annual dividend requirements of this issue of first preferred stock, and in the year ended Dec. 31 1927, were the largest in the history of the business, amounting to over 3 times such dividend requirements.

Company reports that during the first 6 months of 1928, net earnings of the business were approximately the same as during the same period in 1927.

Capitalization—
 \$3.50 cum. 1st pref. stock (par \$50).....\$2,500,000 \$1,500,000
 \$4 cum. 2nd pref. stock (no par)..... 30,000 shs. 28,000 shs.
 Common stock (no par value).....150,000 shs. 100,000 shs.
 * 15,000 shares reserved for exercise of common stock purchase warrants.

Purpose—Proceeds will be used to provide in part for the acquisition by Gamble-Robinson Co. of the business of the predecessor company of the same name and its subsidiaries.

Warrants—Each share of first preferred stock upon original issuance will be accompanied by a warrant entitling the holder to purchase one-half share of common stock at \$8.75 per half share on or before June 30 1931. The warrants are non-detachable except that in case the first preferred stock is redeemed before the warrant is exercised or expires, a similar detached warrant will be issued to the holder. The warrant rights are protected in the event of the issue of additional com. stk. as stock dividends, or in a division of shares, or in connection with the issue of stock subscription rights.

Based on the present capitalization, consolidated net earnings applicable to the common stock now to be outstanding, after deducting preferred dividends, averaged \$1.18 per share per annum during the five years ended December 31 1927, and amounted to \$2.05 per share in the year ended Dec. 31 1927.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet February 29 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash.....\$136,095	Notes payable.....\$413,904
Notes receivable..... 27,607	Accounts payable..... 286,827
Accounts receivable..... 1,087,685	Office's & empl.—deposit accts 393,781
Misc. accts. receivable..... 67,465	Accrued taxes & expenses... 70,203
Merchandise..... 1,222,016	Mortgages payable..... 2,660
Miscellaneous investments..... 50,719	First preferred stock..... 1,500,000
Land, buildings, &c..... 1,010,931	\$4 cum. 2nd pref. stock & common stock..... 960,144
Trade-marks, Goodwill, &c..... 1	
Organization expenses..... 25,000	
Total.....\$3,627,519	Total.....\$3,627,519

Gannett Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.—A new issue of \$5,000,000 15-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures, series A, was offered July 24 through Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Chemical National Co., Inc., Eastman, Dillon & Co., and S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., at 99¾ and int. to yield over 6%.

Dated Aug. 1 1928; due Aug. 1 1943. Interest payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. as a whole or in part at any time or from time to time prior to maturity, on not less than 30 days' notice, at 105% to and incl. Aug. 1 1933, with successive reductions in the redemption price of ½% during each 12 months' period thereafter to maturity, in each case with accrued int. to the date of redemption. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company will agree as to be provided in the indenture to refund upon timely and proper application the Penn. 4-mills tax, the Conn. personal property or exemption tax not in excess of 4 mills per annum, and the Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% per annum on the interest. Chemical National Bank of New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Frank E. Gannett, President of the Company.
 Company.—Incorp. in New York Dec. 19 1923. Owns or controls through stock ownership 10 newspapers (of which 6 are daily, one is Sunday and

are daily and Sunday), distributed in seven cities located in New York State, New Jersey and Connecticut. The Gannett newspapers constitute the third largest group of newspapers in the United States and include the following:

- Rochester Times-Union, Inc., owning and publishing the Rochester "Times-Union," Rochester, N. Y.
- The Rochester Printing Co., owning and publishing the "Democrat and Chronicle," Rochester, N. Y.
- The Hartford Times, Inc., owning and publishing the Hartford "Times," Hartford, Conn.
- Utica Observer-Dispatch, Inc., owning and publishing the Utica "Observer-Dispatch," Utica, N. Y.
- Elmira Star-Gazette, Inc., owning and publishing the Elmira "Star-Gazette," the Elmira "Advertiser" and the "Sunday Telegram," Elmira, N. Y.
- The Newburgh News Printing & Publishing Co., owning and publishing the Newburgh "News," Newburgh, N. Y.
- Plainfield Courier-News Co., owning and publishing the Plainfield "Courier-News," Plainfield, N. J.
- Beacon News Co., Inc., owning and publishing the Beacon "News," Beacon, N. Y.

The company is under the management of Frank E. Gannett, who for over 25 years has been active in the operation of newspapers in the State of New York. Gannett Co., Inc., carries over \$550,000 insurance on the life of Mr. Gannett, payable to the company.

Earnings.—The following tabulation shows for the 3 years and 4 months ended April 30 1928 (excepting Beacon News Co., Inc., the accounts of which have been examined from date of acquisition in 1927): (1) The combined net income and profits of the company and its wholly owned subsidiaries after depreciation but before interest and income taxes, together with the proportion of the balance of net profits of its controlled companies after interest and preferred dividend requirements of their present capital structures applicable to the stock holdings of Gannett Co., Inc.; (2) the net deductions from such income on account of adjustments to the present basis in respect of executive salaries and net interest charges (excepting interest on these series A debentures); and (3) the balance before interest on these series A debentures and income taxes; all as certified to by Price, Waterhouse & Co.:

Calendar Years—	1925.	1926.	1927.	1st 4 Months 1928.
Net income as above	\$965,509	\$1,202,742	\$1,038,334	\$424,652
Net deductions as above	43,240	43,100	33,015	21,807
Bal. before int. on debts. and inc. taxes as above	922,269	1,159,642	1,005,320	402,845
Times int. on debentures	3.07	3.86	3.35	4.03

The foregoing figures are after giving effect to deductions of interest at the rate of \$47,250 per annum on obligations recently incurred by Rochester Times-Union, Inc., in connection with the construction of a new building and the acquisition of a new press, the benefits from which are not reflected in said figures, and also after deducting interest at the rate of \$8,250 per annum on an obligation secured upon the land and building recently vacated by that company, negotiations for the sale or lease of which are now pending. Furthermore, the foregoing figures do not give effect to additional economies which the management expects to realize from the consolidation of certain operations, nor do they include certain extraordinary profits which in 1927 aggregated more than \$139,000.

Capitalization.—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Debentures	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Capital stock (no par)	7,500 shs.	5,827 shs.

Sinking Fund.—The indenture will provide for a minimum sinking fund applicable to the retirement of series A debentures of \$120,000 per annum in monthly installments of \$10,000, the first payment to be made Jan. 1 1929, and subsequent payments to be made on or before the first day of each month thereafter until maturity. Indenture will also provide for additional sinking fund payments applicable to the retirement of series A debentures on the first day of April in each year, beginning April 1 1930, to be made in the amounts respectively which shall be the difference between \$120,000 and the percentages of the consolidated net earnings (as to be defined therein) for the calendar year preceding each such first day of April as follows: 25% of all net earnings up to and including \$1,000,000; and 20% of all net earnings in excess of \$1,000,000 and up to and including \$1,500,000; and 15% of all net earnings in excess of \$1,500,000 and up to and including \$2,000,000; and 10% of all net earnings in excess of \$2,000,000.

Moneys in the above sinking fund shall be used for the purpose of purchasing series A debentures in the open market, or at public or private sale, at prices not exceeding the then current redemption price, or, if such debentures are not so obtainable, for their redemption by lot at the then current redemption price. The company may make payments to the sinking fund in cash or in series A debentures at the cost thereof to the company at not exceeding the redemption price exclusive of accrued interest. All debentures acquired by the sinking fund are to be canceled.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for the cost of the recently acquired Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle," for the redemption of all of the preferred stock of the Rochester "Times-Union, Inc., for the retirement of certain indebtedness, for additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at April 30 1928 (After This Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$378,737	Accounts payable	\$366,450
Value of life insurance	21,939	Accrued liabilities	44,985
Notes & acc ts rec., less res.	637,755	Provision for Federal taxes	28,700
Inventory	80,110	15-year 6% debentures	5,000,000
Long term notes, advs. to controlled cos., &c.	435,211	Non-int-bear notes, payable \$20,000 semi-ann., from July 1 1928	280,000
Inv. in common stocks of controlled companies	5,280,687	Equipment contract, payable \$2,500 monthly	100,000
Land, bldgs., mech., &c., less depreciation	2,433,343	Mortgages payable	950,000
Associated Press membership, circulation good-will, franchises & advertising patronage	6,000,000	Prepaid subscriptions	71,906
Deferred charges	327,282	Capital stock (5,827 shares)	1,165,240
		Capital surp. arising through revaluations	5,639,239
		Earned surplus	1,948,543
Total	\$15,595,063	Total	\$15,595,063

—V. 127, p. 416.

General Baking Corp.—Earnings.

27 Weeks End. July 7—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net inc. aft. deprec., Fed. taxes, &c.	\$3,418,375	\$3,871,971	\$2,863,359

—V. 126, p. 2321.

General Cable Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 12,300 shares of class A stock (no par value) and not exceeding 17,500 shares of common stock (no par value), on official notice of issuance in exchange for property of Detroit Insulated Wire Co., or on official notice of issuance and payment in full; with authority to add to the list 24,600 shares of common stock on conversion of class A stock on the basis of two shares of common stock in exchange for one share of class A stock, making the total amount applied for 562,300 shares of class A stock and 1,582,100 shares of common stock.

Directors at meeting June 6 1928 authorized the issue of up to \$800,000 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, series B, 12,300 shares of class A stock and 17,500 shares of common stock in connection with the purchase of the assets, subject to liabilities, of Detroit Insulated Wire Co. Directors also authorized the purchase for cash of the business and assets, subject to liabilities, of the Great Lakes Thread & Yarn Co.—V. 126, p. 2974.

General Motors Corp.—Resignation.

The resignation of John J. Raskob, who recently became Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Motors Corp., as a member of that committee and as a member of the executive committee, was announced on July 24 by President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.

Mr. Raskob retained his posts as a Vice-President and a director of the corporation, and at present, it was said, has no intention of resigning these places.—V. 127, p. 267.

General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc.—Violation of Anti-Trust Laws Charged Against Company and Several Associate Concerns.

Alleging that an illegal monopoly was created in 1925 in the organization of General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc., the Attorney-General of the United States has filed suit in Federal Court at New York against that com-

pany and several associated companies charging violation of the anti-trust laws. The complaint asks that General Outdoor Advertising be dissolved or, as an alternative, that it be restrained from violating the anti-trust laws by injunction.

Other defendants named in the action include the National Outdoor Advertising Bureau, Inc., the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc., Foster & Kleiser Co., Foster & Kleiser Investment Co., Kerwin H. Fulton, George Johnson and George Armsby, of New York, and George W. Kleiser of San Francisco, Calif. According to the complaint, Foster & Kleiser Co. conducts its operations on the Pacific Coast without competition from General Outdoor Advertising.

Kerwin H. Fulton, President of General Outdoor Advertising Co., made the following statement:

"The filing by the Department of Justice of a petition against this company and others follows an extended negotiation with the Department concerning the possibility of a consent decree in equity. In the latter stages of this negotiation, the Department took the position that the company should be restricted as to certain activities necessary in the judgment of the company to the proper servicing of contracts for outdoor advertising made by the company with its advertiser clients. This company, realizing that the restrictions proposed by the Department would render impracticable the delivery of satisfactory service to users of the medium and would seriously impair if not destroy the company's ability to sell the medium in volume sufficient to support the industry, has been unable to meet the terms which the Department has sought to impose.

"Therefore, the question with respect to which this difference has arisen, together with the other issues involved in the case, will be submitted to the Court of judicial consideration.

"General Outdoor Advertising Co. was formed to aid the distribution of goods to manufacturers and merchants. We believe that with the formation of this company, a new and better order of things was created in a division of the advertising industry. The company has endeavored consistently to follow practices which should be constructive and helpful to all engaged in outdoor advertising, as well as to users of the medium.

"The allegations contained in the petition which has been filed by the Department are such as are usually found in similar pleadings. We are confident that upon the trial, any charges that the actions of the company have been unfair to others engaged in the same business will be found to be without foundation in fact, and that at the conclusion of the trial it will be apparent that the actions of the company have been fair and in every respect lawful.

"The course followed by the company is that recommended by our counsel after general discussion with Charles E. Hughes, who has been consulted in the matter."

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Operating revenues	\$8,266,205	\$7,989,946
Oper. exp., incl. deprec.	6,389,513	6,227,579

	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Earns. from operations	\$1,876,692	\$2,753,798
Miscellaneous income	111,352	197,912

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$1,988,044	\$1,864,243	\$2,951,710
Amortization	634,262	590,012	1,225,830
Interest	18,836	20,731	32,460
Provision for Fed. taxes	154,809	169,222	203,268

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net profit	\$1,180,137	\$1,084,278	\$1,490,152
Shs. com. out. (no par)	642,383	642,383	642,383
Earns. per share on com.	\$1.57	\$1.42	\$1.79

—V. 126, p. 2798.

General Railway Signal Co.—Semi-Annual Report.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross income	\$1,459,116	\$2,793,802	\$2,931,411	\$1,338,092
Expenses, &c.	579,509	536,088	520,825	377,199
Interest & misc. charges		93,543	73,749	120,754
Est. Fed. & State taxes	133,266	375,000	380,000	6,000

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net income	\$746,341	\$1,789,172	\$1,956,846	\$780,139
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)	357,500	325,000	325,000	325,000
Earnings per share	\$1.85	\$5.26	\$5.78	\$2.14

The net income for the second quarter ended June 30 1928 was \$531,612 after interest, Federal taxes, &c., equivalent after allowing for dividend requirements on the 6% pref. stock to \$1.36 a share earned on 357,500 no par shares common stock. This compares with \$214,729, or 48 cents a share for the quarter ended March 31 1928.—V. 126, p. 2656.

Germanic Fire Insurance Co.—Charter Approved.

This company will complete its organization about Oct. 1, according to an announcement following notification received this week of the approval of its charter by the New York State authorities. A committee of the incorporators has been formed and will meet regularly to perfect plans for organization management and personnel. Subscription books on the company's stock will be opened late in September or early in October, following the return of Harold G. Aron from Europe.

The home office of the company, which will be the third in the Germanic group, will, according to present plans, be at 26 Broadway, N. Y. City, where offices of the International Germanic Trust Co. and International Germanic Co., Ltd., are likewise located. The board of directors of the new company will be announced at time of the launching of the company.

(Adolf) Gobel, Inc.—To Increase Capital and Split Stock 3 for 1—Acquires Two Boston Meat Concerns.

The stockholders will vote Aug. 22, on a proposal to increase the authorized capital stock to 600,000 no par shares, from 100,000, and to provide for splitting the stock on a 3-for-1 basis.

The stockholders will also be asked to take action on the exchange of new split-up shares for outstanding minority stock in companies in which Adolf Gobel, Inc. previously acquired a majority interest. These companies include George Kern, Inc., Kean-Loffler Co., B. Meier & Son and Merkel Bros., Inc.

The basis of exchange will be as follows: 3 shares new Gobel for each 2 shares of Kern common and 5 new Gobel shares for each 2 shares of Kern preferred, 1 share of new Gobel for each 2 shares of Kean-Loffler stock, 5 shares of new Gobel for each 2 shares of Meier preferred and 3 shares of new Gobel for each share of Merkel preferred. The consummation of these exchanges will give the Gobel company an outstanding capital of 375,000 no par shares.

The directors have approved the purchase of the plant and business of the United Sausage Co., and of the plant and leasehold of the Pearl Sausage Co., both of Boston. Their purchase will be for cash and will involve no new financing.

Net income of Adolf Gobel, Inc. for the first 6 months of 1928 equalled \$157,025, after all charges, including depreciation and Federal taxes. This is equivalent to \$1.57 a share on 100,000 no par common shares outstanding and compares with \$171,849, after charges, in the same period of 1927, equal to \$3.37 a share on 51,000 no par shares then issued and after allowing for pref. dividends. The pref. stock was retired on Feb. 1, this year. The reduction in income in 1928 is attributed to the difference in prices between hogs and finished products, a complete reversal of the situation prevailing in June, 1927 when hog prices were low and finished prices high. This condition has been corrected and the outlook is for improvement in the second half of the year. The first 5 months operations, however, were ahead of last year but June profits of about \$23,000 compared with \$90,000 in June, 1927. These earnings give no effect to any income received from subsidiaries. They are from operations of Adolf Gobel, Inc. only.—V. 126, p. 3936.

(B. F.) Goodrich Co.—Earnings, &c.—The directors on July 25 issued the following statement:

The operations of the company during the first 6 months of 1928 resulted in a loss of \$1,574,889. This was caused by the drastic decline in the price of crude rubber brought about mainly through the decision to remove the British rubber export restrictions. All raw materials including crude rubber on hand and under commitment has been taken into the accounts at the lower of cost or market.

Net sales for the first 6 months of 1928 amounted to \$70,624,878. Net sales for the same period in 1927 amounted to \$69,274,347. The increase in volume of sales was relatively greater than the dollar sales would indicate as prices were substantially lower during the first 6 months of 1928 than during the corresponding period of 1927.

The reserve of \$1,000,000 for contingencies set aside Dec. 31 1927 remains intact.

Vacancies in the executive committee were filled by the appointment of V. I. Montenyohl, Treasurer, and T. B. Tomkinson, Comptroller.

The regular dividend of \$1.75 per share was declared on the preferred stock payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10.

A dividend of \$1 per share was declared on the common stock without par value payable on Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 10.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$70,624,878	\$69,274,347	\$67,690,286	\$60,604,755
Net income	(loss) 1,574,889	5,813,501	1,358,616	7,106,616

—V. 126, p. 4090.

Gosnold Mills of New Bedford.—Reorganization Planned.

The preferred stockholders' protective committee, formed to protect the interests of the preferred shareholders, announces through its spokesman, C. S. Kelley, that deposit of the required two-thirds of the outstanding preferred stock has now been assured, and the committee has extended the time for a few days to allow all who wish to co-operate in saving the preferred stockholders' equity in the corporation to send in their stock certificates, thus adding to the committee's backing.

The committee plans to formulate a re-organization plan under which the preferred stockholders and those who supply further capital for the Gosnold Mills activities will have voting control of the property rather than the common stockholders who now hold voting control through a voting trust, despite the fact that their equity in the corporation has been virtually wiped out. It is expected the formulation of the plan may take some time, and that it will involve the payment of additional capital. It is said that Charles L. Harding, the majority owner of the common stock, has signified a willingness to co-operate with the re-organization movement. —V. 124, p. 1367.

Guardian Fire Assurance Co. of N. Y.—Directors.

George E. Roosevelt (of Roosevelt & Son, a director of the National Bank of Commerce in New York and a number of other corporations) and Walter W. Head (President of the Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Neb., and a director of the New York Life Insurance Co., the Chicago & North Western Ry. Co., the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Baltimore and other corporations) have been elected directors. —V. 126 p. 586.

Hajoca Corp., Philadelphia.—Acquires Site.

The corporation has acquired the former foundry of the Hazleton Iron Works, Hazleton, Pa., and will use the site for a new factory branch and distributing plant. The existing building will be razed and a 2-story structure, 50x190 ft., erected. ("Iron Age"). —V. 124, p. 2917.

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Operating profits	\$992,392	\$704,035
Interest	160,500	99,000
Deprec. & depletion	250,614	277,870
Federal taxes	22,853	2,039

Net income	\$558,425	\$325,126	\$446,659	\$358,875
Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par)	542,929	291,844	542,929	291,844
Earns. per share	\$0.55	\$0.23	Nil	Nil

—V. 126, p. 2975.

Hercules Powder Co., Inc.—Earnings.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross receipts	\$14,620,378	\$13,745,055	\$12,959,738	\$11,631,975
Net earnings (all sources)	1,789,649	1,507,413	1,471,844	1,461,666
Prof. dividend (3 1/2%)	399,843	398,024	372,166	364,970

Available for impts. or for common divs.	\$1,389,806	\$1,109,388	\$1,099,677	\$1,096,697
Shares of common outstanding (par \$100)	147,000	147,000	143,000	143,000
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$9.45	\$7.55	\$7.62	\$7.67

—V. 126, p. 2799.

(A) Hollander & Sons, Inc.—Earnings.

6 Months End. June 30—	1928.	1927.
Gross income	\$505,790	\$882,193
Deductions	134,809	231,633
Interest	34,382	44,014
Depreciation	69,500	52,000
Federal taxes	32,052	74,863
Subsidiary preferred dividends	17,500	17,500

Net income	\$217,547	\$462,183
Earns. per sh. on 200,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par)	\$1.09	\$2.31

—V. 126, p. 1820.

(Joseph) Horne Co., Pittsburgh.—Initial Pref. Div.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the pref. stock, par \$100, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 25. —V. 126, p. 3129, 3937.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas.—Earnings.

(Including Houston Pipe Line Co.)				
Period—	Quar. End.	Quar. End.	6 Mos. End.	6 Mos. End.
	Mar. 31 '28.	June 30 '28.	June 30 '28.	June 30 '28.
Gross earnings	\$2,185,035	\$2,259,161	\$4,444,196	\$4,444,196
Oper. & gen. exp. and taxes	1,061,709	1,098,194	2,159,903	2,159,903

Income from operations \$1,123,326; Other income credits 45,051; Total income \$1,168,377; Abandoned leases and retirements 132,522; Interest, amortization & Fed. taxes 167,502; Depreciation and depletion 530,490; Net income \$337,862; The net profit for the quarter ended June 30 1928, of \$388,980, is equivalent, after allowing for dividend requirements on \$8,947,600 6% pref. stock, to \$1.02 a share earned on 249,686 shares of common stock. This compares with \$337,862, or 81 cents a share on common in preceding quarter, and \$726,843, or \$1.83 a share on common, for the first six months of 1928, against \$1,338,019, or \$4.28 a share, in first half of 1927.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas, excluding Houston Pipe Line Co., reports for the quarter ended June 30 1928 net loss of \$19,278 after all charges and Federal taxes, comparing with a profit of \$14,570 in preceding quarter, making a net loss of \$4,708 in the first six months of 1928. Houston Pipe Line Co. reports for the quarter ended June 30 a net income of \$408,259 after all charges and Federal taxes, comparing with \$323,292 in preceding quarter, or a total net income of \$731,551 for the first six months of this year. —V. 127, p. 115.

Howe Sound Co.—Quarterly Statement.

	Gold.	Silver	Copper	Lead	Zinc
	Ounces.	Ounces.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Production—					
Second quarter	4,580	845,042	11,703,480	18,973,044	14,941,531
First quarter	3,050	882,151	9,438,600	19,560,036	14,260,462

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	
Value of metals produced	\$3,949,541	\$3,340,125	\$7,544,509
Operating costs	3,159,523	2,616,697	6,069,949
Operating income	\$790,018	\$723,428	\$1,474,560
Miscellaneous income	106,063	85,060	199,346
Total income	\$896,081	\$808,488	\$1,673,906
Depreciation	228,916	203,320	447,546
Net income	\$667,165	\$605,168	\$1,226,360
Earns. per sh. on 496,038 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$1.35	\$1.22	\$2.47

—V. 126, p. 2657.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.	
Net inc. after depr., Fed. taxes and all charges	\$5,008,948	\$5,791,048	\$9,216,321
Shs. cap. outst. (no par)	1,596,660	1,596,660	1,596,660
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.	\$3.14	\$3.62	\$5.77

—V. 126, p. 3604.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—New Officer.

J. Munroe Holland, President of Chesapeake Bank of Baltimore, has been made a Vice-President of the Hudson Night Line and member of the Executive Committee, succeeding the late J. H. Fleming, former State Comptroller and Mayor of Troy. —V. 127, p. 417.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain & Ireland, Ltd.—Interim Dividend of 7 1/2%.

The company has declared an interim dividend of 7 1/2%, tax free, on the ordinary stock. A similar dividend was declared a year ago, while in Jan. 1928 the company declared a final dividend of 10% and an extra dividend of 7 1/2% on the ordinary shares. —V. 126, p. 1072.

Independence Fire Insurance Co.—Stock Offered.

W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co. and Townsend, Whelen & Co., recently offered at \$22 per share, 50,000 shares capital stock (par \$10).

Capitalization.—Authorized and to be presently outstanding 100,000 shares. Free of Pennsylvania personal property tax. Dividends payable June and December.

Data from Letter of Charles H. Holland, Pres. of the Company.

Company is engaged in writing a general fire insurance business in the United States. It is authorized to write fire insurance in 25 states of the Union, the District of Columbia, and will secure licenses in other states as and when it desires to extend the scope of its business.

Company was incorp. in 1910 in Pennsylvania, to engage in a general fire insurance business. Towards the end of 1924 the then outstanding capital stock (par \$200,000) was purchased by interests affiliated with Independence Indemnity Co. at 2 1/2 times par value, or \$500,000. Independence Indemnity Co. owns 21,000 shares and expects to subscribe to a substantial further amount of the new issue, thus ensuring a continuance of the valuable joint working arrangements of the 2 companies. As of Dec. 31 1924, the entire business in force was reinsured which enabled the present management to start with a clean slate Jan. 1 1925. The new stockholders authorized an increase in the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$500,000; and in 1925 the stockholders of Independence Indemnity Co. and agents of both companies were offered and subscribed for 11,000 new shares at \$25 each; of the new money thus subscribed, \$10 per share went to capital account and \$15 per share to surplus account. In the spring of 1927, there was sold 19,000 shares of the capital stock of the Independence Fire Insurance Co. at \$20 per share; \$10 per share of which went to capital account and \$10 per share to surplus account.

Earnings.—While the interest return from the company's present investments is in excess of 1 1/2 times the amount required to pay the present dividend (at the rate of 6% per annum) on the stock hitherto outstanding, and the interest return from the investment of the proceeds of this new issue will considerably exceed the amount required for the payment of a similar dividend on the new stock, it is anticipated that for the immediate future the directors will continue to strengthen the company by building up its resources from such excess interest earnings rather than make an early increase in the dividend rate.

The company's premium income has increased from \$153,220 in 1925 to \$554,906 in 1927.

Asset Values.—The assets of the company consist almost entirely of cash and high-grade bonds, and carefully selected mortgage loans on real estate. As of Apr. 30 1928, prior to the issue of new stock, allowing an estimated value in the premium reserve accruing to the stockholders of 50%, but without taking into consideration the company's material equipment and its valuable agency organization and good will, the liquidating value of the stock exceeded \$21.50 per share.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Gross earnings	\$3,503,205	\$2,748,077
Exp., taxes, dry holes, &c.	2,075,182	1,650,202

Operating profit	\$1,428,023	\$1,097,874	\$2,636,358	\$2,481,390
Int., amortization, &c.	161,161	129,189	326,177	222,933
Res. depr. & depletion	1,154,345	644,080	2,617,067	1,269,321
Federal income tax				30,000

Net income	\$112,517	\$324,604	loss \$306,881	\$959,134
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)	650,000	500,000	650,000	500,000
Earnings per share	\$0.17	\$0.65	Nil	\$1.92

Stock Increase—Acquisition.

The stockholders on July 20 approved resolutions to increase the authorized capital stock to 2,000,000 shares, from 1,000,000 shares, and to acquire the Manhattan Oil Co. See details in V. 127, p. 115.

Industrial Bankers of America, Inc.—Stock Offered.

Clarence Hodson & Co. announce the offering to holders of Hodson investments of 12,500 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100 per share) and 12,500 (no par) shares of common stock. These preferred and common stocks, in units of one share each, are offered at \$140 a unit, to yield 7.14% on a preference dividend basis. (Compare also V. 126, p. 2657.) —V. 127, p. 267, 417.

Insurance Investment Corp., St. Louis.—Acquisition.

A controlling interest in the Farmers National Life Insurance Co. of Chicago, Ill., an old line company with \$42,000,000 of insurance in force, has been acquired by the Insurance Investment Corp. This deal, it is said, will give the purchasing company total assets of \$12,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 over present assets. Three other companies are under the control or joint control of the Insurance Investment Corp., including the Agricultural Life Insurance Co. of Michigan, the Federal Reserve Life Insurance Co. of Kansas City, Kan., and the Security Mortgage Corp. of Detroit, Mich. Total insurance in force by these 3 companies amounts to \$90,000,000. ("Manufacturers Record.")

International Business Machines Corp.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net earnings x	\$1,181,748	\$1,048,466
Est. Federal taxes	153,627	136,229

Net after taxes	\$1,028,121	\$912,237	\$2,037,182	\$1,855,637
Earns. per sh. on 578,643 shs. no par stock	\$1.78	\$1.57	\$3.52	\$3.20

x After deducting bond interest, reserves, depreciation, &c., but providing for Federal taxes. —V. 126, p. 2976.

International Cement Corp.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Gross sales	\$8,743,633	\$7,868,402
Less pkgs., disc. & allow.	1,715,971	1,527,427

Net sales	\$7,027,662	\$6,340,975	\$12,473,535	\$11,197,443
Manufacturing costs	3,626,636	3,383,237	6,359,619	5,910,656
Depreciation	592,051	470,942	992,099	794,404
Shipping, selling & administrative expenses	1,277,619	1,040,756	2,291,378	1,945,023

Net profit	\$1,531,356	\$1,446,041	\$2,830,439	\$2,547,362
Int. chgs. & financial exp.	153,058	4,172	170,002	1,300
Reserve for Fed. income taxes & contingencies	249,768	299,615	463,978	497,516

Net to surplus	\$1,128,530	\$1,142,254	\$2,196,459	\$2,048,546
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	618,826	562,500	618,826	562,500
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$1.78	\$1.74	\$3.14	\$3.04

—V. 126, p. 2976.

International Germanic Co. Ltd.—Elects.

L. M. Adams (President of the J. J. Little & Ives Co.) has been elected a director, H. E. Eckhoff Treasurer, and M. J. McGrath Assistant Treasurer. —V. 126, p. 3766.

International Paper Co.—Becoming a Large Utility as Well as a Papermaking Organization.—An official statement says: The International Paper & Power Co., the new company which is to be formed as a holding company for the properties now owned and controlled by the International Paper Company, is expected to acquire between 40% and 50% of the common stock of the New England Power Association in addition to that now held by the International Paper Co. The acquisition of this stock will give the International Paper & Power Co. over 90% of the total common stock of New England Power Association. The statement continues:

While the power and utility assets of the new company will be approximately 55% of the total, the paper and pulp operations of the company will naturally have much larger gross earnings than the utility end of the business since the turnover in the utility field bears a much smaller ratio of capital invested than in almost any other industry.

On the basis of the available 1927 figures, however, net earnings from power properties, before depreciation and interest, were about equal to those from paper and pulp. Net earnings after depreciation, available for interest and dividends, were larger from power and utility properties than from paper and pulp.

The International Paper Co. is becoming a utility as well as a paper-making organization, and the power properties of the International Paper & Power Co. will give the new company rank among the leading power companies on the North American Continent.

Construction Commenced on Kraft Paper Mill at Mobile, Ala.

The International Paper Co. has commenced construction on a kraft pulp and paper mill at Mobile, Ala., which is located on Mobile Bay, an arm of the Gulf of Mexico. The new mill will have a daily capacity of about 70 tons of kraft paper and will be the first pulp and paper mill in the State of Alabama. The site of the new mill is 35 miles northeast of Moss Point, Miss., where the company recently acquired a modern kraft paper mill of daily capacity of 100 tons of kraft paper.

With the completion of the Mobile mill, the company will have 5 modern kraft paper mills in southern United States of a capacity of about 700 tons of kraft paper a day.—V. 127, p. 418.

International Paper & Power Co.—To Acquire Additional New England Power Association Common Stock.

See International Paper Co. above.—V. 126, p. 4092.

International Salt Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net after expenses	\$187,175	\$348,387	\$318,737	\$439,092
Fixed charges and sinking fund	184,066	187,767	170,127	190,044
Profit bef. Fed. taxes	\$3,109	\$160,620	\$148,610	\$249,048
Shares of cap. stk. outstdg. (par \$100)	60,771	60,771	60,771	60,771
Earns. per share on cap. stock	\$0.05	\$2.64	\$2.44	\$4.10

—V. 126, p. 3308.

Intertype Corp.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Gross profit	\$414,339	\$469,274
Head and branch office selling corp	207,912	204,031
Depreciation	47,827	42,104
Reserve for taxes	24,500	40,500
Net to surplus	\$134,099	\$182,639
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	199,771	199,763
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$0.56	\$0.80

—V. 126, p. 2486.

Investors Syndicate.—Sales Increase.

The company reports for the first 6 months of 1928 sales of investment certificates aggregating over \$36,000,000 representing an increase of 88.7% over the same period of 1927. As of June 30 1928, the Syndicate reports resources amounting to \$21,574,403. In the 12 months ended June 30, loans made numbered 2,377, amounting to \$7,579,000. These loans averaged \$3,188 each.—V. 126, p. 2800, 1990.

Investors Trustee Foundation of United States, Inc.

Dividend on Class A Shares.

The corporation has declared a semi-annual dividend on Investors Trustee shares, series A, of \$519.62 per unit of 1,000 shares, or at the rate of 51c. per share, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 15. The total of three semi-annual dividends amounts to \$1,715.62 per each 1,000 shares outstanding.—V. 126, p. 587.

Ipswich (Mass.) Mills.—To Liquidate Circular Knit Business.

The stockholders on July 25 authorized the directors to liquidate that part of the business which has consisted of the manufacture of circular knit hosiery and to sell, lease or exchange land, buildings and machinery, etc., owned by the company at Ipswich and Lowell. A committee of three stockholders was appointed to act with the directors in the matter. See also V. 127, p. 268.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Earnings.

Six Mos. End. June 30.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Production (tons)	2,397,528	3,752,616	2,989,694	277,565
Earnings from coal and other income	\$1,975,470	\$2,712,135	\$1,884,327	\$1,604,750
Admin. & general exps.	134,990	118,640	131,009	119,600
Depletion, depr. & taxes	617,576	876,822	654,534	548,108
Extraord. profit sale capital assets			Cr.318,713	
Net income	\$1,222,904	\$1,716,671	\$1,417,497	\$937,041
Preferred dividends	124,398	136,045	149,598	149,598
Common dividends	1,187,729	1,188,011	950,384	712,806
Balance, surplus	def\$89,223	\$392,615	\$317,515	\$74,637
Shs. com. stk. outstdg. (par \$1)	593,865	594,005	118,801	118,801
Earns. per share	\$1.85	\$2.66	\$10.67	\$6.63

—V. 127, p. 268.

Isle Royal Copper Co.—Dividend of 75 Cents.

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the outstanding \$3,750,000 capital stock, par \$25, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 31. On Mar. 15 last, a dividend of 50 cents per share was paid.—V. 126, p. 2156.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net after Federal taxes	\$5,795,347	\$4,926,854
Depreciation & depletion	1,393,363	1,159,435
Interest	160,893	191,340
Net income	\$4,241,091	\$3,576,079
Preferred dividends	1,028,027	1,022,906
Common dividends	720,400	716,650
Surplus	\$2,492,664	\$1,836,523
Shs. com. out. (par \$100)	573,320	573,320
Earns. per share on com.	\$5.60	\$4.45

—V. 126, p. 3605.

(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons, Inc.—Recapitalization.

The stockholders on July 24 voted (1) to increase the number of shares of capital stock from 250,000 shares (par \$100) to 600,000 shares (no par value); (2) to issue and deliver 5 shares of new capital stock without par

value in substitution and exchange for each share of the par value of \$100 issued and outstanding; (3) to authorize the issuance and sale of the remainder of the new shares without par value not so to be substituted for such consideration as from time to time may be fixed by the board of directors.

It is expected that dividends will be paid on this new stock at the rate of \$1.60 per annum a share, which is somewhat in excess of the dividends now being paid.

To Acquire Linseed Oil Properties.

See Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. above.—V. 127, p. 268.

Kelvinator Corp.—Earnings.—Resignation.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927	1928—9 Mos.—1927
Operating profit	Not Available	\$601,297
Net after interest & oth. charges	\$57,056	\$333,792 def\$406,626 def\$657,410

A. H. Goss has resigned as Chairman.—V. 126, p. 3460.

(George) Kern, Inc., N. Y. City.—Exchange of Stock.

See Adolph Gobel, Inc. above.—V. 126, p. 114; V. 125, p. 398; V. 121, p. 2281.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—June Sales.

President E. H. Krom, on July 23 authorized the following: "During June 1928, 731,814 pairs of Kinney shoes were sold compared to 489,337 pairs during June 1927. For the 6 months ending June 1928, 3,038,672 pairs compared to the 6 months ending June 1927 of 2,741,660 pairs.—V. 127, p. 418,269.

Lackawanna Securities Co.—\$3 Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$3 per share, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. A dividend of \$1 per share was paid on April 2 last, while on Oct. 1 1927 a distribution of \$3 per share was made.—V. 126, p. 1673.

Lambert Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Consol. net profits	\$1,383,183	Not avail.
x Net profits of Lambert Co.	929,242	y\$769,405
Earns. per sh. on 481,250 no par com. shs. outst.	\$1.93	\$1.59
x After deducting the amount applicable to minority interests.		\$4.38
y Figured on the present basis of ownership of stock of subsidiaries.		\$3.36

—V. 126, p. 3605.

Laura Secord Candy Shops, Ltd., Toronto.—Sales.

Period End. June 30—	1928—Month—1927.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.
Sales	\$168,062	\$149,628
		\$1,614,397
		\$1,470,126

—V. 127, p. 116.

(F. & R.) Lazarus Co., Columbus, Ohio.—Land Trust Certificates Offered.

The Tillotson & Wolcott Co. are offering land trust certificates representing 3,500 shares of equitable ownership in the F. & R. Lazarus & Co. store building site, Columbus, Ohio. Price: \$1,010 for each 3,500th plus accrued rental to yield 4.95%.

Certificates are issued by the Huntington National Bank of Columbus, O. trustee, holding title to the property subject to 99-year renewable lease.

Certificates will be dated as of June 1 1928 and rental as received by the trustee will be payable to registered holders of certificates on first days of March, June, Sept. and Dec. In the annual amounts of \$50 for each share. These certificates represent interests in real property located in Ohio, the taxes on which are to be paid by the lessee, and therefore are not required to be listed in any State for personal property tax.

Property.—Each share represents an undivided 1-3500th interest in the equitable ownership of two parcels of land in Columbus, O., one piece fronting 187½ feet on the west side of High St. with full depth to the west of 187½ feet throughout with the south side facing Town St. directly across from the Ohio National Bank, and the other piece facing Front St. 187½ feet with full depth to the east running back along Town St. 187½ feet to total joint with the other parcel by a bridge across a dividing alley. The area of the two parcels is 70,312 sq. ft. These parcels are owned by the trustee in fee, with the exception of two small pieces of land aggregating approximately 12,000 sq. ft., which are held by the trustee under two 99-year renewable leases, both of which contain options to purchase the fee simple titles at future dates. Provision has been made whereby certificates representing 250 of the 3,500 shares of equitable ownership have been reserved and may be issued for the purpose of exercising such options.

Valuation.—The entire land has been appraised by Fred Vercoe, C. L. Converse and D. W. Beggs of Columbus at \$3,703,125, and the buildings, exclusive of furniture and fixtures and after depreciation at \$3,056,427. After deducting \$250,000 the purchase privileges of the two above-mentioned 99-year leases a total valuation is indicated of \$6,509,552.

Income.—The F. & R. Lazarus & Co. is one of the most successfully operated stores in the Middle West. In the past 5 years, according to Ernst & Ernst, their earnings after all charges except Federal income taxes have averaged over 4½ times the combined rental and depreciation charges under this issue, 1927 earnings having been over 5½ times such charges. This period only represents 17 months of operation in the new store, which has more than twice the floor space area of the old. Each of the last 5 years has shown an increase in gross sales over the year before and net has increased in every year except the year of construction.

Lease.—The legal title to the property is to be held by the trustee, subject to a lease dated June 1 1928 for a period of 99 years, renewable forever to the F. & R. Lazarus & Co. Under the terms of the lease the lessee will agree to pay in addition to the trustee's charges, taxes, charges and assessments against the premises a net rental of \$162,500 per annum for distribution to the registered certificate holders until 250 shares now reserved are issued, at which time the rental available for distribution will be increased to \$175,000 per annum.

Purchase Option—Depreciation Fund.—The lease will provide for an additional payment of not less than \$16,250 per annum in equal quarterly installments beginning Sept. 1 1928, which shall accumulate as provided in the lease as a reserve against the depreciation of the property until the total accumulation shall equal \$2,600,000. These sums shall be invested by the trustee in obligations of the United States of America or, at the request of the lessee, in the acquisition of certificates either through purchase in the open market, if available at or below the call purchase price then prevailing under the terms of the declaration of trust, or by call by lot at that price. Upon the issuance of the additional certificates reserved by the trustee these payments shall be increased by \$1,250 per annum.

Beginning June 1 1933 the lessee shall have the privilege to purchase the leased property at figures that will yield the following sums per share plus accrued rental: June 1 1933 to March 31 1938, \$1,030; June 1 1938 to March 31 1948, \$1,020; thereafter, \$1,010.

Leighton Industries, Inc.—Listing.

The San Francisco Stock Exchange announces the listing for trading on a regular basis of 58,000 shares of class A capital stock, series 1, of no par value, and 117,000 shares voting trust certificates, class B capital stock of no par value.

The company was incorporated May 15 1923 in Delaware. It operates a total of 35 separate units, including cafeterias, dairy lunches, coffee shops, bakeries, a laundry and a tailor shop in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oakland.

The company has paid a total of \$1,551,022 in dividends during the 4½ years ended Dec. 31 1927. The class A stock is entitled to an annual dividend of \$1.50 per share, payable Q.-F. 15. The company intends to inaugurate dividends of \$1 per share per annum on the class B stock, the first quarterly dividend at this rate to be paid Aug. 15 1928.

After giving effect to reduction and reclassification of capital stock, creation of capital surplus, elimination of discarded physical assets, revaluation of notes and accounts receivable and provision for additional depreciation, total assets as of Dec. 31 1927 are shown as \$1,298,527, with current assets at \$333,055 and current liabilities at \$224,740, according to a tentative balance sheet, recently prepared, taking into consideration changes in the financial structure.

The class B stock will be held under a voting trust for a period of 10 years from June 14 1928 for the purpose of continuity of control. Compare V. 126, p. 3938.

Lima Locomotive Works, Inc.—Omits Common Div.—The directors on July 25 voted to omit payment of the dividend on the common stock, which would under ordinary conditions be declared at this time. From Dec. 1 1922 to June 1 1928 incl., the company paid quarterly dividends of \$1 per share on the outstanding 211,057 shares of common stock, no par value. Chairman J. S. Coffin says:

It is a matter of common knowledge that the railway equipment industry for a long time has been receiving orders only sufficient to keep their manufacturing plants occupied to a small percentage of their capacity. This company has always been favored with its proportion of the locomotive orders placed, but the business now on the books and in prospect is insufficient to enable it to earn the amount required for continuing the payment of regular dividends. The board has adopted the policy of paying such dividends, if earned, but not otherwise.

During the first 6 months of 1928, two dividends of \$1 each, amounting to \$422,114 were declared and paid. The earnings during this period were sufficient to cover these dividends, with a small margin. In view of the unsatisfactory prospects for additional locomotive business in the near future, the directors consider that the best interests of the stockholders will be conserved by omitting the payment of additional dividends until orders are received in sufficient quantity to insure earnings to meet the dividend requirements.

The financial condition of the company is excellent, with net current assets greater than at the end of 1927. Current assets on June 30 1928 were \$7,972,968 and current liabilities \$723,868, leaving net current assets \$7,249,100, compared with \$7,073,464 on Dec. 31 1927. The surplus as of June 30 1928 was \$2,961,726 compared with \$2,914,772 on Dec. 31 1927.—V. 126, p. 2487.

Ludlow Manufacturing Associates.—Probable Financing—New Trustees.—

The stockholders have approved the plan for amending the declaration of trust under which they have operated since 1914, so as to give the trustees broader powers in carrying on the increased and more diversified business of the association and permit them to issue at their discretion 110,000 shares in addition to the 140,000 shares now outstanding.

The new declaration provides that "the number of trustees not to be less than 9 and not more than 15." Stockholders voted to increase number from 11 to 13, by the election of 2 new trustees. Charles S. Colby, of the Boston office, and Leslie Langill, of the Old Colony Trust Co. were elected to serve until the time fixed for the annual meeting in 1931.—V. 126, p. 3461.

McCord Radiator & Mfg. Co.—Definitive Bonds.—The Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, are now prepared to make the exchange of 15-year sinking fund 6% gold bonds from temporary to definitive form. See offering in V. 126, p. 881.—V. 126, p. 3461.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.

Quarter Ended June 30—	1928	1927	1926
Gross recovery	\$1,002,879	\$894,167	\$963,800
Non-operating revenue	24,184	24,086	25,990
Gross income	\$1,027,063	\$918,253	\$989,790
Costs, including development expense	570,560	522,641	519,979
Tax provision	22,020	16,352	20,257
Profit before depreciation	\$434,483	\$379,260	\$449,554

—V. 126, p. 3606.

Madison Square Garden Corp.—Comparative Bal. Sheet.

Assets—	June 30'28.	Dec. 31'27.	Liabilities—	June 30'28.	Dec. 31'27.
Land, bldg. & eq.	\$5,195,603	\$5,221,902	Capital stock	\$3,380,596	\$3,380,596
Leasehold	75,955	75,955	Real est. mtges.	1,817,500	1,854,250
Cash	288,942	684,368	Acc'ts payable	179,721	251,332
Notes & accts. rec.	54,923	172,270	Tax reserve	403,646	121,825
Inventories	2,519	7,560	Deferred income	27,572	40,876
Marketable sec.	684,327	228,890	Res. for contingencies, etc.	125,004	30,717
Interest receivable	13,394	73,711	Surplus	1,251,183	1,394,086
Special deposits	202,664	73,711			
Inv. in subs.	112,001	100,506			
Deferred charges	451,128	688,241			
Total	\$7,005,501	\$7,253,403	Total	\$7,005,501	\$7,253,403

—V. 127, p. 419.

Magma Copper Co.—Earnings.—Period End. June 30—1928—3 Mos.—1927 1928—6 Mos.—1927

Net earnings before depreciation & Fed. tax. \$528,917 \$369,372 \$969,887 \$758,587

During the three months ended June 30 1928 the company produced 9,138,167 lbs. of copper. Operating cost of producing copper before Federal taxes, but after all other fixed charges including depreciation and expenses and with gold and silver credited to copper, was 8.66 cents a lb. Average price obtained for copper was 14.35 cents a lb.—V. 126, p. 2978.

Manhattan Oil Co. (Del.).—Merger.—See Independent Oil & Gas Co. above.—V. 127, p. 116.

Marine Share Corp., Buffalo, N. Y.—Rights.—The stockholders of record July 20 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Aug. 31 for 50,000 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) at \$30 per share. Subscriptions are payable at the office of the corporation.

The stockholders on July 20 increased the authorized capital stock from 200,000 shares all outstanding to 250,000 shares.

A dividend of 25 cents per share was paid on July 15 last.

Officers are: Elliott C. McDougal, chairman; George F. Rand, president; Joseph G. Fischer and Seymour H. Knox, vice-presidents; Edward H. Letchworth, vice-pres. and secretary; Thomas Keator, treasurer.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—Sales Increase.—On the basis of total unfilled orders received since July 15, the company is more than 30 days ahead of manufacturing schedule. President G. M. Williams reports: "Production of 500 cars weekly until Sept. 1 is insured, with indication of increased schedule in view of unusually low dealer stocks in all parts of the country. Retail sales holding even with record business in June and sales reported up to July 23 were 60% ahead of entire month of July last year.—V. 127, p. 419.

Martin-Parry Corp.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. May 31 '28	Quar. End. Feb. 29 '28	Quar. End. Nov. 30 '27	9 Mos. End. May 31 '28
Net sales	\$954,164	\$415,495	\$725,610	\$2,095,269
Cost goods sold	966,810	584,264	775,643	2,326,117
Net operating loss	\$12,645	\$168,769	\$50,033	\$231,447
Net earnings of subs.	48,857	35,943	54,615	139,415
Other income	6,926	3,750	2,662	13,338
Gross income	\$43,138	loss\$129,076	\$7,242	loss\$78,694
Interest & other chgs.	16,433	69,322	50,646	136,403
Consolidated net inc.	\$26,705	loss\$198,398	loss\$43,404	loss\$215,097
Profit from sale of Oakes Co.	452,571			452,571
Total income	\$479,276	loss\$198,398	loss\$43,404	\$237,474
Bal. of refrig. develop. exp. written off.	284,587			284,587
Net income	\$194,688	loss\$198,398	loss\$43,404	loss\$47,114

—V. 126, p. 2488.

Mergenthaler Linotype Co.—Extra Div. of 25 Cents.—The directors have declared an extra div. of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly div. of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding 256,000 shares of no par value capital stock, both payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 5. Divs. of like amount have been paid each quarter since June 30 1926.—V. 126, p. 3133.

Meteor Motor Car Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for the 6 months ended June 30 1928, net income of \$59,582 after all charges.—V. 126, p. 728.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Exchange of Stock.—Under circular dated July 4, notice is given that in pursuance of the resolution passed at the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held on Feb. 28, holders of 8% partic. preference and ordinary shares must present their bearer share warrants to Midland Bank Ltd., 7 Threadneedle St., E.C.2, London, or Clydesdale Bank, Ltd., Glasgow, or Belfast Banking Co., Ltd., Belfast, or Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Dublin, or North & Scotland Bank, Ltd., Aberdeen, or any of the branches of the said banks. On presentation to the above-mentioned banks such warrants will be retained for 7 days for the purpose of overprinting thereon a note of the reduction of the nominal value of the shares represented thereby from 10 pesos to 4 pesos, and a corresponding number of partic. preference share and (or) ordinary shares of Canadian Eagle Oil Co. of no par value will be issued in respect of such reduction.

Any shareholder desiring to exercise his right of exchanging reduced 8% partic. preference shares of 4 pesos or ordinary shares of 4 pesos of the Mexican Eagle company for partic. preference or ordinary shares of the Canadian Eagle company on the basis of 3 reduced shares of the Mexican company for 2 shares of the Canadian company of no par value class for class, can do so at any time before Feb. 15 1929, when the right expires. Bearer share warrants representing the reduced 8% partic. preference shares or ordinary shares of the Mexican company surrendered in connection with the exchange rights must have coupons numbered 28-50 or 21-50 respectively attached and in accordance with the terms of the Mexican Alien Law of Dec. 1925, must be provided with the stamp of the Mexican Consul. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 126, p. 2659, 1933.

Michigan Steel Corp.—Offering of Stock.—Nicol-Ford & Co., New York and Detroit, have purchased for later public offering 50,000 common shares of the corporation, the directors of which have declared their intention of placing the present capital stock on a \$2.50 annual dividend basis. There are 220,000 shares outstanding of this stock, in addition to \$239,500 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund bonds.

The corporation was formed in 1922 in New Jersey by George R. Fink and associates, to erect a steel plant for the manufacture of high-grade sheets in Detroit area. Company is producing at present about 10% of the high-grade sheets used by automobile manufacturers. The product is also used by stove manufacturers, metal furniture manufacturers, refrigerator and railway-car manufacturers. From an initial capacity of 3,000 tons a month, the company has expanded to a capacity of 12,000 tons a month. Under normal conditions, 1,000 men are employed.—V. 116, p. 2265.

Miller & Hart, Inc., Chicago.—Debentures Offered.—Continental National Co. and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc. are offering at 100 and int. \$1,700,000 6% gold debentures (closed issue).

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1943. Interest payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice to and incl. July 1 1931 at 105 and int. this premium of 5% of the principal decreasing at the rate of 1/4 of 1% of the principal on each Jan. 1 thereafter to maturity. Principal and int. payable at the office of Continental Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, trustees, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Company will refund any taxes paid on the income from or on the ownership of these debentures under the laws of any State or Possession of the United States, not in excess of 5 mills per annum on each dollar in principal amount, to holders resident in such State or Possession.

Listed.—Debentures are listed on the Chicago stock exchange.

Data from Letter of Col. John Roberts, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Organized in Delaware. Has acquired the business and assets of Miller & Hart (Illinois). The business was established as a partnership in 1884 and was incorp. in Illinois Jan. 1 1899. Miller and Hart, Inc., is engaged primarily in the packing and distribution of pork products. Its plant in the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, is of the most modern type. Company's products are sold under the well known "Berkshire," "Miller and Hart" and "LaSalle" brands.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for payment of interest and Federal taxes after deducting all operating charges, including depreciation, have averaged annually as follows:

	Net earnings	Times max'm int. requirements on debentures
10 years and 5 mos., ended June 2 1928	\$565,215	5.54
5 years and 5 mos., ended June 2 1928	577,116	5.66
53 weeks ended June 2 1928	672,628	6.59

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to pay to the trustee, in semi-annual installments beginning July 1 1930, \$150,000 annually, for the payment of debenture interest and for the retirement and cancellation of debentures by purchase or redemption by lot. If debentures are available for the sinking fund at par, materially more than one-half of the entire issue should be retired by the operation of this sinking fund.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds were used to pay in part the cost of acquiring the business and assets of Miller and Hart (Illinois).

Pro Forma Balance Sheet as of June 2 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Accounts payable
Receivables	Accrued salaries, taxes, etc.
Inventories	Reserve for Federal taxes
Deferred charges	6% gold debentures
Fixed assets	Capital stock
Trade-marks, goodwill, &c.	
Total	Total

a Represented by 55,000 shares (full authorized issue) of convertible preference stock, without par value, preferred as to dividend of \$3.50 per annum and in dissolution or liquidation to \$60 and 120,000 shares (200,000 shares authorized) of no par common stock, \$2,322,716; paid-in surplus, \$500,000.

Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc.—Stock Offered.—The National City Co., Hornblower & Weeks and Cassatt & Co. are offering at \$40 a share 211,991 shares of no par value common stock. The stock is being bought from individuals and involves no new financing by the company.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Issued.

Common stock (no par) 600,000 shs. 600,000 shs.

Transfer agent, Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York. Registrar, Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of Geo. McNeir, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Company.—Incorp. in New York in 1920 as a consolidation of Shuttleworth Bros. Co., established in 1885, and McCleary, Wallin & Crouse, formed in 1886. It is one of the largest of the five leading companies which account for over two-thirds of the sales of the American carpet and rug industry and is the only company which produces all five important types of American-made rugs and carpets. Mohawk rugs and carpets are advertised nationally. The plants, located at Amsterdam, N. Y., normally employ 4,600 and have shown a steady growth since 1902, requiring the addition of over 49 new mills or units, the capital cost thereof having been provided out of earnings.

Earnings.—Company and its predecessor companies never have had an unprofitable year since their incorporation in 1902. From 1902 to the close of 1927, on an original paid-in capital of \$600,000, later increased to \$1,175,000, company and its predecessor companies have paid out \$12,276,000 in cash dividends, besides \$13,825,000 in stock dividends, and have added over \$7,600,000 to surplus. Earnings after Federal income taxes for the past five years have averaged \$2,510,747, and for 1927 were \$2,619,819, equivalent to \$4.36 a share. Sales and earnings for each of the past seven years have been as follows:

	Net Sales.	Net Earnings.	Net Sales.	Net Earnings.
1921	\$8,493,516	\$963,209	\$18,540,970	\$2,575,635
1922	17,072,589	3,888,903	18,334,911	1,243,077
1923	19,668,985	4,478,305	18,367,900	2,619,819
1924	14,426,703	1,636,903	a After depreciation & Fed. taxes.	

Earnings for 1926 were after an inventory write-off of \$418,682 caused by the decline in the wool market. Sales for the first 5 months of 1928, as shown by the company's books, were \$8,176,321, compared with \$7,858,002 for the same period a year ago, and net earnings before taxes (company figures) were \$782,256.

Listing—Application will be made to list this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Balance Sheet as at Dec. 31 1927.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks & on hand	\$74,777	Accounts payable	\$424,422
Money on call	1,000,000	Res'v for Fed. inc. tax	406,135
Accounts receivable	2,597,920	Other taxes & wages accr.	182,111
Inventories	7,860,852	Reserve for contingencies	400,000
Investments	25,000	Capital stock	15,000,000
Prepaid expenses	160,990	Surplus	7,632,510
Prop., plant & equip., less depreciation	12,325,640		
Total	\$24,045,178	Total	\$24,045,178

V. 115, p. 2802.

Mond Nickel Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years End. Apr. 30	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Balance at credit at end of year	£592,429	£394,713	£425,035	£313,039
Bal. brought forward	33,189	48,212	50,290	40,403
Total	£625,618	£442,925	£475,325	£353,442
Directors' fees	29,621	19,736	21,252	15,652
Divs. on pref. shares	262,500	262,500	236,370	175,000
Divs. on ordinary capital	247,500	112,500	112,500	112,500
5½% mtge. deb. stock reserve account	16,125	15,000		
Amt. placed to reserve	49,000			
Exp. of cap. issue to be written off			56,992	
Bal. to be carr. forward	£29,872	£33,189	£48,212	£50,290

V. 125, p. 399.

Morehouse-Martens Building Site.—Land Trust Certificates Offered.—The Tillotson & Wolcott Co. recently offered land trust certificates representing 1,250 equal undivided shares of equitable ownership in the land occupied by the Morehouse-Martens Department Store Building, Columbus, O. Price: \$1,020 plus accrued rental, for each 1-1250th interest, to yield about 5.15%.

Certificates issued by The Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, O., trustee, holding title to the property subject to a 99-year renewal lease and a sub-lease. Certificates dated as of Mar. 1 1928, and rental as received by the trustee will be payable to registered holders of certificates Q-M, in the annual amount of \$52.50 for each share. These certificates represent interests in real property located in Ohio, the taxes on which are to be paid by the lessee, and therefore are not required to be listed in any State for personal property tax.

Property.—The property to which the trustee takes title is located on the east side of South High St., Columbus, O., and is occupied by the department store of The Morehouse-Martens Co. The land has a frontage on South High Street of approximately 94 feet and a uniform depth of 187½ feet, comprising an area of about 17,625 square feet. The land is improved by a 4 story and basement modern, fireproof department store building erected 7 years ago at a total cost, including fixtures, furniture and equipment, of over \$1,000,000. The building was constructed so as to carry three additional stories.

The property has recently been appraised by Charles F. Johnson, P. S. Miller and John McCrehen, three past presidents of the Columbus Real Estate Board, as follows: land value, \$1,753,750; building value, incl. of fixtures and equipment, \$750,000; total, \$2,503,750.

Income.—For the 5-years and 11 months ended Dec. 31 1927, the income and expense statements of The Morehouse-Martens Co., after deducting all taxes and operating expenses except executive salaries averaging \$17,500 per annum to be eliminated hereafter, and after charges to depreciation except upon the building and its equipment, show average annual net earnings of \$145,851 available for ground rent or about 2.2 times the annual ground rent of \$65,825 distributable to the holders of these certificates.

Lease.—The legal title to the property is to be held by the trustee subject to two leases dated Mar. 1 1928, one the original lease for 99 years renewable forever, the other the sub-lease for 98 years renewable forever to The Morehouse-Martens Co. The latter will assume the payment of all ground rent and other amounts payable under the original lease, incl. trustee's charges, all taxes, charges and assessments on the leased premises, and the additional sum of \$65,625 per annum which will be subject to distribution to registered holders of these certificates.

Depreciation Fund.—The Morehouse-Martens Co. will also assume the payment of additional sums due, under the original lease, quarterly beginning Mar. 1 1938, which are to be held by the trustee and invested in obligations of the United States of America, or, at the option of the lessee, in these certificates by purchase of this fund, including accumulations of income shall equal \$700,000. This fund will be held as a reserve against depreciation of the building and for the benefit of the certificate holders.

Building Fund.—Under the terms of the sub-lease, the Morehouse-Martens Co. agrees to pay as rental 4% of its annual sales whenever such an amount is larger than the minimum requirements under both the lease and the sub-lease. The excess of such maximum rental over the minimum rental requirements under the lease and sub-lease will be paid to and held by the trustee as a building fund to be invested in obligations of the United States of America, or, at the option of the lessee, in the purchase of these certificates as in the case of the depreciation fund, until the fund with accumulations of income, amounts to \$250,000. This fund will be available to the lessee to defray 60% of the cost of an addition to the building, and may be disbursed, upon an architect's estimates, approved by the trustee. In this event, quarterly payments into the depreciation fund shall continue until the aggregate of the fund, with accumulations of income, shall amount to \$700,000 plus such additional sums as may have been withdrawn from the building fund for additional construction.

Purchase Option.—The lease will contain an option to purchase the property for a sum sufficient to distribute to certificate holders \$1,030 per share plus accrued rental, and in the event this option is exercised, the proceeds of the depreciation fund and building fund may be applied to the option price.

Motion Picture Capital Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. June 30 '28.	Quar. End. Mch. 31 '28.	6 Mos. End. June 30 '28.
Total income	\$87,443	\$129,261	\$216,704
Expense & bank interest	39,690	63,520	103,210
Balance	\$47,753	\$65,741	\$113,494
x Other income	43,904	266,401	310,305
Gross profit	\$91,657	\$332,142	\$423,799
Bosses, debenture interest, &c.	48,423	289,277	337,700
Net profit	\$43,234	\$42,865	\$86,099
x Profit from sale of securities.			V. 126, p. 3133.

Motor Products Corp.—Earnings.

Income Account 6 Months Ended June 30 1928.	
Gross operating profit	\$1,702,168
Other income	30,141
Total income	\$1,732,309
Expenses	213,909
Interest	19,265
Depreciation	166,115
Estimated Federal & Canadian income taxes	165,000
Net income	\$1,168,020
Earns. per sh. on 130,406 shs. com stk. (no par)	\$8.37

V. 127, p. 117.

Mullins Mfg. Corp.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net profit after expenses, int. & Federal taxes	\$237,878	\$149,039
Earns. persh. on 100,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$2.18	\$1.31
x Before Federal taxes.		Not avail.
		\$2.41

Balance Sheet June 30 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Real estate, plants & equip., &c.	\$3,287,111	Preferred stock	\$946,500
Cash	225,175	Common stock	500,000
Accounts & notes receivable, &c.	864,949	Note to W. H. Mullins	200,000
Inventories	1,600,039	Due on stock subscriptions	24,220
Investments	21,750	Notes payable	700,000
Due fr. empl. &c.	12,548	Accts. pay. & accr.	394,308
Sinking fund	24,810	Federal tax res'v.	46,500
Patents & good-will	85,454	Res. pref. stk. disc.	7,670
Deferred charges	119,005	Surplus	3,421,643
Total	\$6,240,841	Total	\$6,240,841

x After depreciation. y Represented by 100,000 no par shares.

V. 127, p. 420.

National Air Transport, Inc.—New Officer.

Effective July 1, L. D. Seymour, Chief Engineer, was promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager of the company, in charge of all its activities. Col. Paul Henderson will continue as Vice-President and General Manager, but will not be active in its day to day activities. Mr. Seymour's headquarters will be in Chicago at the general offices located in the North East Corner of the Municipal Airport.—V. 126, p. 3939.

New Egyptian Portland Cement Co.—Consolidation.

See Peerless Egyptian Cement Co. below.—V. 125, p. 3492.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Shipments.

During April, May and June the company mined one of an estimated net value of \$287,611 and shipped bullion and residue of an estimated net value of \$377,011.

An option was taken a few months ago on a group of claims at Horwood Lake, Sudbury mining division, where surface trenching had exposed a vein averaging \$12 in gold over a width of two feet. Results from diamond drilling were not encouraging and the option has been dropped.

The low-grade mill treated 15,757 tons. The high-grade plant treated 167 tons. The refinery shipped 605,731 fine ounces of bullion.—V. 126, p. 3940, 3311.

North Butte Mining Co.—To Liquidate Indebtedness.

Substantial progress has been made in the affairs of the company since the last annual meeting of the stockholders in April (V. 126, p. 2980) when corporate control was placed in the hands of a new directorate. Upon the authorization of stockholders owning 62% of the stock the capital structure has been changed from 1,000,000 shares of \$10 par, to 1,500,000 shares of \$2.50 par of which 632,328 shares are outstanding. Following this action the stockholders were permitted to subscribe for an equal amount of treasury stock at par.

President Paul A. Gow, states that "subscriptions for treasury stock now exceed \$800,000. Of this amount subscriptions totaling approximately \$400,000 were received from residents of Butte where the properties of the company are located and the personnel of the new directorate is well known.

"The indebtedness of the company is approximately \$700,000 (of this \$506,000 is bonded debt) and this will be entirely liquidated within a few weeks.

"The troubles of North Butte are not due to the exhaustion of its extensive holdings in the Butte District but to extravagance and failure to adopt a policy of retrenchment following the war, and to the further fact that instead of conserving cash assets several hundred thousands of dollars were expended in the development of the Belmont Mine in Arizona. This property was abandoned after the exhaustion of the company's current cash assets. The former directors failed also to adopt any sound financial program after the consolidation with the Tuolumne Copper Co. in 1926.

"The North Butte company has the second largest holdings in the Butte district and for 15 years prior to 1920 had an annual production of nearly 30,000,000 pounds of copper and earnings of approximately \$19,000,000 of which about \$15,000,000 were paid in dividends to stockholders and the balance used in the purchase of additional mining properties in Butte which subsequently the company neglected to develop.

"It is the intention of the present management to liquidate the entire indebtedness of the company and adequate funds for that purpose are provided by subscriptions for treasury stock already made. This is reflected in the recent advance in the market value of North Butte shares. The reopening of the Granite Mountain Mine will then be undertaken and a vigorous development program covering the East Side properties is being formulated."—V. 126, p. 3609.

North Central Texas Oil Co.—Earnings.

4 Mos. End. April 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net inc. before depre., deplet. & taxes	\$64,939	\$136,100	\$126,460	\$80,796

Balance Sheet April 30 1928

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Mineral rights, leases equip. etc.	\$2,183,830	Preferred stock	\$1,000,000
Cash & call loans	1,091,117	Common stock	72,031,440
Accounts receivable	9,428	Accounts payable	60
Deferred assets	121,612	Federal taxes	28,540
		Deferred income	13,326
		Surplus	332,621
Total	\$3,405,987	Total	\$3,405,987

x After depreciation and depletion. y Represented by 270,000 no par shares.

V. 127, p. 272.

Ohio Leather Co.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net income after chges., but before Fed'l taxes	\$56,735	\$41,743
		\$156,309
		\$89,115

During the first six months of 1928 company paid 10% on the let pref. stock in regular and back dividends and surplus increased to \$313,561 on June 30, comparing with \$226,942 on Jan. 1 last. Accumulated dividends on the 1st pref. stock have been reduced from 12% to 3%.—V. 126, p. 3946.

Ohio Seamless Tube Co.—Dividend Dates.

The dividends declared last week are payable Aug. 15 (not Aug. 1 as previously stated) to holders of record July 31. See V. 127, p. 422.

Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd.—Common Stock

Placed on a \$1.60 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the pref. stock and a quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on the no par common stock, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 31. In each of the two previous quarters a dividend of 37½ cents per share was paid on the common stock.—V. 126, p. 3770.

Pacific Finance Corp.—May Refund Series B Pref. Stk.

The directors have voted to retire all the outstanding 8% series B preferred stock, of which there is outstanding \$1,000,000, and to issue in its place an additional \$1,000,000 of 6¼% series C preferred stock. A special stockholders meeting has been called for July 30 to vote on the proposal. The class B stock will be redeemed at \$26.25 a share Nov. 1 under the plan.—V. 126, p. 2802.

Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—Earnings.

Six Months Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net sales	\$20,872,057	\$21,471,840	\$23,526,866
Gross profits	937,798	2,628,148	1,552,621
Plant depreciation	709,477	698,697	692,449
Int., amort. of disc. on term notes	381,189	497,634	632,578
Inventory reserve	100,000	81,749	
Other charges	54,217	41,002	
Net profit before Federal taxes	def\$307,085	\$709,096	\$227,595

The result of operations for the 6 months, after setting up the usual reserves, shows a loss of \$207,085. While the value of the inventory as a whole is substantially below the present market, it has been thought wise to set up an additional reserve of \$100,000 for possible obsolescence of style goods, bringing the total loss to \$307,085.

On the other hand, the net quick assets show a gain of \$293,421 for the period, and the company has continued to improve its financial position as can be seen by a comparison of the balance sheets.

During the 6 months the company bought in an additional \$1,299,000 of its term notes, and held in the treasury at the end of the 6 mos. \$2,799,000. The cotton divisions as a whole have continued on a profitable basis, but a loss in the worsted division has more than offset this profit during the past 6 months. However, this loss does not reflect the current operations as a policy of rigid curtailment in the worsted division has been followed to permit the complete reorganization of the physical plant and the reduction of inventory and a marked improvement was shown during the past 2 mos.

Edwin Farnham Greene, Treasurer, says:
Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
June 30 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.	June 30 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.		
y Plant.....	47,774,030	47,418,604	Capital stock.....	39,612,300	39,612,300
Cash.....	3,411,191	2,715,287	5 1/2% gold notes.....	14,701,000	16,000,000
Accts. receivable.....	8,004,159	8,442,347	Acce. int. on notes.....	326,898	366,667
U.S. cts. of indetb.....	2,500,000	2,500,000	Accrued taxes.....	227,138	—
x Inventories.....	16,883,254	17,846,591	Sundry accts. pay.....	477,225	374,691
Unearned insurance premium.....	426,312	426,312	Res. for deprec.....	18,854,955	18,135,121
Sundry securities.....	61,650	61,650	Deferred credits.....	30,853	—
Prepaid items.....	115,701	152,967	Res. doubtful accts.....	200,000	200,000
			Surplus.....	4,735,852	4,875,959
			Total (each side).....	79,176,298	79,564,739

x Inventories were taken at cost or market, whichever is lower, except such part as was against firm orders y Plant taken at book value.—V. 126, p. 1366.

Palmolive-Peet Co.—Merger with Colgate & Co.—

The stockholders on July 21 approved plans to consolidate with Colgate & Co. under the name Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Corp. They also approved an increase in the authorized common stock to 3,000,000 no-par shares from 1,200,000, and the creation of 300,000 shares of 6% preferred in place of the present 120,000 shares of 7% preferred stock.

Approximately 130,000 of the 300,000 shares of new 6% preferred stock will be issued in exchange for the outstanding 7% preferred stock of both companies. The increase in authorized common stock is to pave the way for substantial stock dividend on the Palmolive-Peet common stock, action on which is most likely to be taken at a meeting of directors in the near future according to Charles S. Pearce, President and General Manager of the Palmolive-Peet Co., who will be president of the new company.—V. 126, p. 3312.

Pan American Industrial Corp.—Depositary.—

The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed depositary for common shares and agent for the voting trustees.—V. 125, p. 2322.

Pan American Western Petroleum Co.—Deposits.—

A dispatch from Los Angeles states: More than 112,000 shares of class B stock were deposited with the fiscal agents for exchange into stock of Richfield Oil Co. during the first 12 days of the exchange period, Richfield officials announce. There is a total of 400,000 class B shares outstanding. The exchange period opened July 11 and will extend until Sept. 11. Shareholders who deposited their stock before July 20 are entitled to receive 50c. for each share of Richfield stock represented by the interim receipts. See also V. 127, p. 272.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Par Value Changed.—

The stockholders on July 23 ratified a reduction in the stated value of the class "A" preference and common stocks on the balance sheet to \$1 a share. The stock has been carried at a stated value of \$3,743,935.

A special reserve of \$3,000,000 has been set up against advances to outside producers, inventories and other contingency. It has been deemed advisable to reduce the stated value of the capital stock in order to avoid showing a balance sheet deficit.—V. 127, p. 119.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consol. (Inc.)—Dividend.—

The company has declared an interim dividend of 4s. per share payable Aug. 21 to holders of record Aug. 4. This compares with a total of 12s. paid in divs. from 1927 earnings.—V. 126, p. 3136.

Peerless Egyptian Cement Co.—Analysis.—

An analysis of company, issued by Livingstone, Crouse & Co., Detroit, in connection with the 7% cum. pref. stock (unit stock purchase warrants), affords the following:

Company.—Company was organized under the laws of the State of Michigan in 1927 to acquire the business and properties of the Peerless Portland Cement Co. and the New Egyptian Portland Cement Co., thereby placing the operations of the two companies under one management and effecting considerable savings in production and sales costs.

The plants of the company located in Detroit, Port Huron, Union City and Fenton, Mich., are all ideally situated for the distribution of cement to a prosperous and growing territory. The combined annual production capacity of the company's plants is in excess of 3,000,000 barrels of Portland cement. The company produces cement at an exceedingly low cost due to the quality and accessibility of raw materials and efficiency of manufacturing facilities.

Net Earnings after Interest, Depreciation and Federal Taxes Available for Preferred Dividends.

Cal. Years—	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Net earns.....	\$245,281	\$252,286	\$276,676	\$155,489	\$243,872

Based on the above figures the average earnings for the past five years, available for preferred dividends, amounted to \$234,800, equivalent to 5.5 times the maximum preferred dividend requirement of \$42,000.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Stock purchase warrants accompany each share of preferred stock and entitle the holder to purchase from the company 15 shares of no par common stock at \$20 per unit of three shares up to July 1 1928; at \$22.50 per unit of three shares July 1 1928 to July 1 1930; at \$25 per unit of three shares each from July 1 1930 to July 1 1931.

Directors.—The board of directors of the company includes: L. A. Beeghly, Chairman; Wm. M. Hatch, Pres.; Charles M. Schmutz, Vice-Pres.; S. R. Livingstone, Sec.; A. J. Hennings, C. C. Peck, Royal T. McKenna, E. A. Peck.

Balance Sheet as at Dec. 31 1927.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks & on hand.....	\$60,344	Notes payable—banks.....	\$52,500
Cash with trustee.....	158,929	Notes payable—trade.....	136,776
Customers' accts. & notes receivable.....	578,076	Accounts payable—trade.....	365,034
Sundry accounts receivable.....	17,228	Customers' credit bal., &c.....	20,554
Inventories.....	1,321,509	Accrued liabilities.....	111,851
Prepaid ins., taxes, int., &c.....	45,983	1st mtge. 6 1/2%.....	b97,000
Balance due from officers, empl. & stockholders.....	24,710	Gen. & ref. 5 1/2%.....	b20,000
Adv. to be applied on royalties and sack purchases.....	42,234	Purchase money obligations.....	4,500
Advances to cust. for constr. purposes.....	11,505	Prov. for Fed. tax.....	40,500
Deposits on contracts.....	6,183	1st mtge. 6 1/2%.....	1,808,500
Investments.....	27,750	General and refunding 5 1/2%.....	406,000
Property, plant & equip.....	7,568,914	Land Contract payable.....	4,197
Deferred charges.....	581,596	Preferred stock.....	600,000
Treasury stock.....	7,745	Common stock.....	a5,971,350
		Surplus.....	813,944
Total.....	\$10,452,706	Total.....	\$10,452,706

a 1,194,270 shares ascribed value \$5 per share. b Due during 1928.

Peerless Portland Cement Co.—Consolidation.—

See Peerless Egyptian Cement Co. above.—V. 125, p. 3494.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—Earnings.—

Period End.	June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927—	1928—6 Mos.—	1927—
Net sales.....	\$3,747,580	\$3,129,472	\$7,036,281	\$5,947,506	
Net income.....	84,105	89,492	158,218	122,994	

—V. 126, p. 3771.

Penick & Ford, Ltd., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Period End.	June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927—	1928—6 Mos.—	1927—
Gross profit & income from all cos.....	\$1,039,623	\$895,030	\$2,081,474	\$2,070,533	
Selling, admin. & general expenses.....	589,133	438,043	1,098,762	983,088	
Depreciation.....	168,290	191,455	341,328	342,699	
Interest charges on funded debt.....	42,564	52,991	90,547	109,999	
Profit before Fed. income tax.....	\$239,636	\$212,541	\$550,837	\$634,756	
Earns. per sh. on 424,965 shs. com. stk. (no par).....	\$0.44	\$0.37	\$1.05	\$1.21	

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Registrar.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 1,250,000 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 127, p. 273.

Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Period End.	June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927—	1928—6 Mos.—	1927—
Gross earnings.....	\$943,049	\$1,145,064	\$2,094,153	\$3,226,255	
Oper. exp. & taxes (not incl. Federal taxes).....	1,083,130	1,199,839	2,397,234	2,998,064	
Balance, deficit.....	\$140,081	\$54,776	\$303,081 prof.	\$228,190	
Miscellaneous income.....	38,184	43,427	78,274	100,756	
Gross deficit.....	\$101,897	\$11,349	\$224,807 prof.	\$328,944	
Charges incl. deprec. & depletion.....	114,986	118,860	227,783	239,661	
Net def. bef. Fed. tax.....	\$216,883	\$130,209	\$452,590 prof.	\$89,285	

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp. (& Subs.)—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1928	1927	1928	1927		
Cash.....	965,791	2,077,416	Accounts payable.....	676,816	227,271
Pyramid Port Cement.....	c1,305,507	—	Dividends payable.....	—	320,000
Notes & accts. rec.....	1,879,046	1,682,411	Acce. wages, int., taxes, &c.....	429,074	364,958
Inventories.....	2,951,486	3,085,242	Res. for Fed. taxes.....	261,177	531,116
Fixed assets.....	a25,311,576	26,504,640	Miscell. reserves.....	42,022	59,839
Miscell. invest.....	118,600	119,500	1st m. sink fund 6's 11,941,960	12,443,000	
Insurance fund.....	35,000	30,000	7% cum. pref. stk. 13,588,800	13,000,000	
Deferred charges.....	93,855	67,813	Com. stk. of no par value.....	b 4,000,000	4,000,000
Total (each side).....	32,660,861	33,567,022	Surplus.....	1,720,112	2,620,822

a After deducting depreciation. b Represented by 400,000 shares of no par value. c Entire capital stock and properties. Our usual comparative income statement for the 6 and 12 months ended June 30 was published in V. 127, p. 422.

Pennsylvania Investing Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 62 1/2c. per share on the class A stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record July 31. See also V. 126, p. 3313.

Perfect Circle Co.—Stock Offered.— Childs, Jeffries & Co., Inc. and George H. Burr & Co. are offering at \$30 per share, 54,167 shares, common stock (no par value). This offering does not represent any financing by the company, but consists of stock purchased from individuals.

Transfer agents: Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Bank of New York & Trust Co., New York. Registrars: Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, and Chase National Bank, New York.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock (no par value)..... 162,500 shs. 162,500 shs.

Data from Letter of Charles N. Teetor, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Recently incorporated in Indiana as successor to the business started by the Teetor family and a few associates in 1895 with capital of \$5,300, and the business of the General Piston Ring Co., also controlled by the Teetor family. Since 1918 the attention of the organization has been entirely devoted to the development and manufacture of high grade piston rings under the trade names, "Perfect Circle" and "General".

The predecessor company, the Perfect Circle Co., was the oldest, and the present, the Perfect Circle Co., is one of the largest volume producers of piston rings in the world. Its origination of individually cast rings, "round" rings, and the patented principle of oil regulation as used in Perfect Circle Oil Regulating rings are outstanding developments in piston ring engineering. Over 80% of all American car manufacturers use Perfect Circle rings as standard equipment in all or a large part of their production.

The plants which are at Hagerstown, New Castle, and Tipton, Ind., are now operating on a 24-hour schedule, with 3 months unfilled orders on hand.

Earnings.—The consolidated net income of the Perfect Circle Co. (predecessor company) and of the General Piston Ring Co., as reported by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., for the 3 years and 6 months ended June 30 1928, after elimination of non-recurring bonuses, \$96,200 in the year 1927, and after adjustment of Federal income tax to the basis of current rates, is as follows:

Calendar Years—	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928: (6 Mos.)
Net after taxes & deprec.....	\$384,390	\$424,516	\$537,962	\$330,887
Earnings per share.....	\$2.36	\$2.61	\$3.31	\$2.03

Dividends.—The directors have announced their intention of declaring a quarterly cash dividend on this stock of 50 cents per share payable Oct. 1 1928.

Listing.—Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Balance Sheet as at June 30 1928.

[Giving effect as at that date to (1) the acquisition of the assets and assumption of the liabilities of Perfect Circle Co. and General Piston Ring Co., and (2) the issuance of 162,500 shares of common stock in respect thereof.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$145,150	Accounts payable—trade.....	\$68,511
Customers' notes receivable.....	1,753	Sundry creditors.....	10,815
Customers' accts. rec., less res.....	227,295	Accrued expenses.....	66,824
Raw materials, &c.....	457,425	Reserve for Federal tax.....	85,920
Prepaid expenses.....	53,155	License contract obligations.....	19,600
Sundry investments.....	4,181	Capital stock.....	1,625,000
Property, plant & equipment.....	441,233		
Patents, good-will & licenses.....	512,478		
Deferred charges.....	34,000		
Total.....	\$1,876,670	Total.....	\$1,876,670

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Meeting Postponed.—

The stockholders' meeting scheduled for July 25 to vote on the proposed reorganization and affiliation with Studebaker Corp. has been postponed to Aug. 7 on account of lack of proxies.

In a letter to stockholders urging them to deposit their stock, Myron E. Forbes, President, states that the company had a loss of \$634,000 (June estimated) during the first 6 months of 1928, which followed a net loss of \$274,000 in the second quarter, against a net profit of \$71,608 in the second quarter of 1927.

The letter to stockholders says in part: "On Dec. 31 1920 our combined capital and surplus was \$19,872,958, which was reduced by losses during 1921 to \$10,909,246. The resulting cost of refinancing, interest on bank loans and debentures, retirement of bank loans and dividends, as well as investments made necessary by changed market conditions, have resulted in withdrawal of over \$11,000,000 from current working fund over the 6-year period ended Dec. 31 1927.

"This additional data, coupled with the facts outlined in our letter" of June 29, should make clear that we cannot be hopeful of any permanent improvement in earnings under the present handicap. A solution presents itself in the proposed affiliation with Studebaker Corp.

"Therefore the directors and management of your company are unanimous in urging you to assist in making the proposed affiliation with Studebaker possible by sending in your proxy promptly if you have not already done so. Studebaker is under no obligation to proceed unless 90% of the Pierce-Arrow shares assent to the plan."—V. 127, p. 119, 273.

Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp.—Resignation.—Horace F. Baker has resigned as President and Chairman of the Board, on account of ill health.—V. 126, p. 1054.

Pond Creek Pochontas Co.—Earnings.

Month—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Total.
1928	45,452	60,179	69,397	60,687	59,501	75,581	370,797
1927	67,994	66,683	72,370	65,052	73,104	75,263	420,566

Tonnage of Coal Produced.

Month—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Total.
1928	45,452	60,179	69,397	60,687	59,501	75,581	370,797
1927	67,994	66,683	72,370	65,052	73,104	75,263	420,566

Earnings Six Months Ended June 30.

	1928.	1927.
Total earns. of main & sub. co. from coal & misc. oper.	\$205,353	\$200,173
Admin. & general expenses, incl. sundry taxes	25,042	17,101
Int. & charges on gold debts, less int. on bank depos., &c.	42,046	51,236
Reserves for depletion and depreciation	81,213	77,216
Reserves for Federal income tax	7,215	7,374
Net profit.	\$49,838	\$47,246

Postum Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Period End.	June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927.	1928—6 Mos.—	1927.
Sales	\$22,167,067	\$14,232,397	\$43,306,602	\$26,937,158	
Exp., less miscell. inc.	18,247,639	10,295,593	34,872,200	19,134,628	
Net earnings	\$3,919,428	\$3,936,804	\$8,434,402	\$7,802,530	
Federal taxes	402,958	531,554	1,007,772	1,052,146	
Net income	\$3,516,470	\$3,405,250	\$7,426,630	\$6,750,384	
Shs. com. out. (no par)	1,738,157	1,468,627	1,738,157	1,468,627	
Earns. per sh. on com.	x \$2.02	x \$2.33	x \$4.27	x \$4.59	

x Before giving effect to 100% stock div. paid July 13 1928.—V. 127, p. 120.

Pressed Metals of America, Inc.—To Change Capital.—The stockholders will vote Aug. 15 on changing the authorized common stock from 75,000 shares (par \$100) to 120,000 shares of no par value. There is at present 22,131 shares of common stock of \$100 par value.—V. 126, p. 2327.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—New Directors.—George B. Rhoades and Irvin F. Lehman of Pittsburgh have been elected directors.—V. 126, p. 1677.

(J. F.) Prettyman & Sons, Inc., Charleston, S. C.—Bonds Offered.—Citizens & Southern Co., Savannah, Ga., are offering at 100 and int., \$325,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated July 2 1928; due serially 1929-1943. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Citizens & Southern Bank of South Carolina, Charleston, S. C., trustee, or at any office of the Citizens & Southern National Bank, of Georgia. Company covenants to pay Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red. all or part by call of last maturities first, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103 and int.

Company.—Has been engaged in the lumber business since 1909, and J. F. Prettyman, Pres., has been in this business for 49 years. Its products are widely distributed and favorably known over many States.

The wood-preserving plant of J. F. Prettyman & Sons is located on 47 acres owned in fee just outside the city limits of Charleston, S. C. The plant has been in operation for about 9 months only, but already numbers among its customers the Pennsylvania RR., Southern RR., Atlantic Coast Line RR., State of Georgia, State of South Carolina, and many large contracting firms. Among its customers in the foreign trade are the United States Government for work at the Panama Canal, and the Gulf Refining Co. in South America. Due to its management and its location, the business of the plant is growing daily.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first closed mortgage on the land, buildings and equipment of the wood-preserving plant, and all improvements which may be made to the plant during the life of this issue. This plant was constructed in 1927 at a cost in excess of \$700,000. In addition these bonds are a direct obligation of J. F. Prettyman & Sons, Inc., whose net worth as of March 31 1928, excluding cost of wood-preserving plant, is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000.

Earnings.—Earnings for the last 4 1/2 years, before depreciation, interest and taxes, have been at the rate of approximately 2 1/2 times interest requirements on all of the bonds to be outstanding upon completion of this financing.

Sinking fund.—Mortgage requires equal monthly deposits with the trustee for interest next due, and beginning Sept. 10 1928, quarterly deposits in an amount equal to one-quarter of the principal of the bonds next maturing.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay off and retire certain bank indebtedness standing against the wood-preserving plant, and to provide additional working capital.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Earnings.

Years End.	June 30—	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.
Volume of business, incl. subsid. companies.	\$210,615,194	\$191,776,978	\$189,314,559	\$156,085,091	
Net earns. after prov. for depr., losses, tax., &c.	15,579,335	15,004,975	12,241,753	10,375,159	

Balance Sheet June 30.

	1928.	1927.		1928.	1927.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Real est., bldgs., mach. plant & equipment	54,185,948	45,372,221	Common stock	25,000,000	25,000,000
Good-will, patents, licenses, &c.	2,883,055	2,883,055	Preferred stocks	10,595,800	12,181,100
Mdse. & mat'l.	39,508,176	30,883,089	20-year 4 1/2% gold debts	10,900,000	
Depts. & notes rec.	12,526,284	18,146,097	Accts. payable	7,413,638	8,799,030
Other invest'g.	2,507,642	1,070,422	Depreciation, repairs, insurance, &c., reserve	26,410,989	24,529,505
L'n agst. secur.	6,925,148	6,557,807	Surplus & undivided profits	43,040,373	38,908,119
Cash	4,493,570	4,505,063			
Deferred charges	330,976				
Total	123,360,799	109,417,754	Total	123,360,799	109,417,754

—V. 126, p. 4096.

Quinby Properties (Seventh & Grand Ave. Building Co.), Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int., \$800,000 1st (closed) mtge. fee and leasehold 6% serial coupon gold bonds.

Dated June 15 1928; maturities, 2 to 16 years. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 c*. Call at 102 for first 5 years, and at 101 thereafter. Interest payable J. & D. State taxes paid upon proper application, Colorado and Kentucky personal property tax up to 5 mills, Minn. money and credit tax up to 3 mills. Bonds and coupons payable at Straus Trust Co., Chicago, and at the principal offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%, paid by mortgagor. Trustee, Thomas A. Oakey, Vice-Pres., S. W. Straus & Co. Depository, Straus Trust Co., Chicago.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on a leasehold estate in the land and the Quinby Bldg., and the fee title to the land and the Plymouth Hotel Bldg. The bonds are further protected by provisions for monthly deposits to meet principal and interest payments promptly when due.

The Quinby Bldg. is a 13-story and basement office and store building of reinforced concrete class "A," fireproof construction, erected in 1926. It contains approximately 44,091 sq. ft. of net rentable office floor space on the 12 upper floors and 3 stores and a jewelry stand on the ground floor. The Plymouth Hotel Bldg. is a 4-story class "C" structure containing 1 store and approximately 30 hotel rooms. The amount of this bond issue is approximately 44 1/2% of the appraised value of the mortgaged property, and approximately 54% of the appraised value of the Quinby Bldg. property alone.

Earnings.—An estimate of the earnings and expenses of both properties for the succeeding year, made by Haskins & Sells, based on operations for the month of May, 1928, shows a gross income of \$225,347 and expenses of \$118,833, leaving a net income of \$106,514.

Purpose.—The funds derived from the sale of these bonds will be used to retire existing higher interest bearing encumbrances against the property, and for other corporate purposes.

Rainbow-Luminous Products, Inc.—New Patents.—President E. C. Bull announces that the Rainbow Light, Inc., operating subsidiary, has received notification of the award of 2 new patents covering specific colors and processes of manufacturing luminous tube lighting, which materially broaden the company's products.

Mr. Bull stated that the Rainbow Light, Inc., exclusively owns and controls the basic process patent under which all its improved luminous tubes are made, covering the most effective use of all of the rare atmospheric gases employed in the manufacture of luminous tube signs and is not confined to production of any one color.

Under this basic patent, which has had a revolutionizing effect on luminous tube manufacture, the Rainbow Light, Inc., is the only company which can produce all primary colors in luminous tubes, Mr. Bull said, and the company has a number of suits for infringement of their patent processes now pending.

It is reported in luminous tube lighting, which are protected under new patent grants and are to be announced within the next few days.—V. 127, p. 423.

Reo Motor Car Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Quar. End. June 30 '28	Quar. End. Mar. 31 '28	6 Mos. End. June 30 '28
Sales	\$22,268,790	\$10,378,387	\$32,647,177
Cost of sales, etc.	16,430,271	7,870,663	24,300,934
Sell. gen. & admin. expenses	2,153,664	2,309,109	4,462,773
Net profit	\$3,684,854	\$198,614	\$3,883,468
Other income	149,662	54,075	203,737
Interest received	98,417	70,124	168,542
Total income	\$3,932,934	\$322,813	\$4,255,747
Depreciation	404,940	409,303	814,243
Prov. for Fed. taxes	423,359		423,359
Net income	\$3,104,633	def\$86,489	\$3,018,144
Earns. per sh. on 2,000,000 shs. cap. stk. (par \$10)	\$1.55	Nil	\$1.51

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	June 30 '28	Dec. 31 '27	Liabilities	June 30 '28	Dec. 31 '27
Land, bldgs., machin'y & equip.	10,034,348	10,292,303	Capital stock	20,000,000	20,000,000
Cash	7,250,175	2,536,131	Acct's payable	4,038,643	1,689,221
Drafts outstand'g.	653,097	680,649	Accrued payroll	302,433	138,448
Receivables	6,494,247	5,753,586	Federal taxes	1,356,318	91,411
Gov't bonds	100,000	100,000	City, State, county & excise taxes		63,258
Inventories	12,889,823	13,491,566	Divs. declared	400,000	800,000
Land contracts	142,809	210,000	Miscellaneous	329,093	247,116
Deferred charges	246,278	356,318	Deferred credits	68,439	50,525
Inv. in other cos.	91,967	55,151	Surplus	11,407,818	9,577,494
Reo Motor Car Co. of Canada, Ltd.		37,500			
Total	37,902,744	33,513,202	Total	37,902,744	33,513,202

x After depreciation.—V. 126, p. 3465.

Research Investment Corp.—Transfer Agent.—The Bank of America N. A. has been appointed transfer agent of 20,000 shares of Series A 6% pref. stock and 150,000 shares of common stock.

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—Capitalization Increased.—The stockholders on July 20 increased the authorized common stock (par \$25) from 2,000,000 shares to 5,000,000 shares. The increased capital stock will be used to facilitate the exchange of Richfield shares for Pan-American "B" stock and for further expansion, it is stated. (See also Pan-American Western Petroleum Co. in V. 127, p. 272).—V. 127, p. 120, 274.

Rockland & Rockport Lime Co.—Defers Preferred Div.—Kidder Peabody & Co. Will Advance Dividend Upon Request.—The directors have voted to defer the semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2% due to be paid Aug. 1 on the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock.

President C. B. Wood, in a letter to the stockholders, says that such action was deemed necessary in order to conserve the cash resources of the company. In a letter to the stockholders, Kidder, Peabody & Co. say in part: "This action is due to present competitive conditions in the lime industry which has been reflected in the net earnings of the company. The financial condition of the company is strong. Quick assets as compared with quick liabilities being at the ratio of over 3 to 1. If we sold to you directly or through our correspondents, some of this stock, and if you wish to receive the amount of the dividend payable Aug. 1, without waiting until it is paid by the company itself, we are prepared to advance you the amount upon your agreement to repay it to us when the dividend is paid by the company."—V. 126, p. 3465.

Ross Gear & Tool Co.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
6 Mos. End. June 3—		
Net earnings after taxes & pref. divs.	\$373,962	\$245,545
Earns per sh. on 150,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$2.49	\$1.64

—V. 127, p. 274.

St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co.—Income.

Period End.	June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927.	1928—6 Mos.—	1927.
Gross earnings	\$631,716	\$506,074	\$1,335,200	\$1,277,084	
Cost, expenses & taxes	468,859	405,912	981,023	941,054	
Interest charges	53,305	53,664	106,792	107,489	
Res. for depr. & depl., &c.	66,540	64,778	133,680	132,868	
Net income	\$43,013	def\$18,280	\$113,705	\$95,672	

—V. 126, p. 2804.

Scotten, Dillon Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% and the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable Aug. 14 to holders of record Aug. 6. On Feb. 15 last the company was reported to have paid an extra dividend of 40 cents, as compared with an extra of 2% on Aug. 15 and Nov. 15 1927.—V. 125, p. 2277.

Seagrave Corp.—Earnings.

Period End.	June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927.	1928—6 Mos.—	1927.
Net sales	\$495,533	\$464,193	\$988,802	\$853,269	
Costs and expenses	429,491	405,176	839,603	749,463	
Operating profit	\$66,042	\$59,017	\$149,199	\$103,806	
Other income	11,418	8,731	22,284	20,294	
Total income	\$77,460	\$67,748	\$171,483	\$124,100	
Federal taxes, &c.	10,521	15,027	26,317	28,395	
Net profit	\$66,939	\$52,721	\$145,166	\$95,705	
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)	113,516	111,283	113,516	111,283	
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$0.43	\$0.29	\$0.96	\$0.50	

—V. 126, p. 4098.

Security Building Site, Minneapolis, Minn.—Fee Ownership Certificates Offered.—The Tillotson & Wolcott Co. recently offered fee ownership certificates representing 1,000 equal undivided shares of fee ownership in the fee

simple title to the land occupied by the Security Building, Minneapolis, Minn. Price: \$1,010 and accrued rental for each 1-1000th, interest to yield about 5.45%.

Certificates are issued by the Guardian Securities Co., Cleveland Certificates dated as of June 1 1928 and rental will be payable through Guardian Securities Co., Cleveland, Ohio, by check to registered holders of the certificates Q-M, in the annual amount up to \$55 for each share. Shares are subject to call purchase at the price of \$1,050 per share, plus accrued rental, in part for the depreciation fund, and as a whole upon exercise by the lessee of the option to purchase the property. These certificates represent interest in real estate located in Minnesota, the taxes on which are to be paid by the lessee, therefore are not required to be listed in the State of Ohio for personal property tax.

Property.—The property that will be conveyed in fee simple to the holders of these certificates consists of an area of approximately 24,551 square feet with a frontage of 157 feet on Second Ave. and 156 feet 4 1/2 inches on Fourth St., Minn. The Security Building, which occupies this site, is a modern 10-story basement and sub-basement bank and office building of steel and brick fireproof construction.

Values.—The property has been appraised by Wm. H. Baocock & Sons, real estate valuers and accountants, Chicago, Ill., as having a value as of May 1928 of \$1,765,000 which valuation reflects the very low rental existing until May 1 1936, upon the ground floor space. Their appraisal on the land only is \$1,031,142. Replacement cost of the building less accrued physical depreciation is estimated by them at \$1,177,318.

The land only has been appraised by Frederick S. Oliver of Oliver & Co., Chicago, Ill., at \$1,025,000, and the Manufacturers' Appraisal Co. has appraised the building at \$1,198,018 and the land at \$1,102,140.

Income.—The net earnings of the Security Building for 1927, as certified by Ernst & Ernst, adjusted to give effect to transactions incident to this financing, after all operating charges, available for rental payments under the lease, were \$14,452, which is over two times such rental requirements.

It is estimated that the new owners of the property will materially increase its earnings power, as the present rental rates are materially below those prevailing throughout buildings of like character in the immediate neighborhood, and many of the low rate leases expire within the next two years.

Lease and Agreement.—The ownership of the land is to be vested in the holders of these certificates, subject to a lease dated June 1 1928, for 99 years to the Minnesota Security Corp., renewable for a like period. The lessee will agree to pay all taxes, assessments and charges on the leased premises, the administration fees of the Guardian Securities Co., and in addition, annual rental of \$55,000 which will be subject to distribution to the registered certificate holders. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement under which the certificates are to be issued, the Guardian Securities Co., subject to the lease, will reserve the right, among others, to manage and control the property, to collect and distribute the rentals, to receive the option or sale price and give a deed conveying the entire interest in the property and to exercise the rights of the lessor under the lease.

The lessee will agree also to make additional payments, beginning Sept. 1 1928 of \$7,500 annually, continuing until such time as the total in the depreciation fund shall amount to \$750,000, which funds are to be held by the Guardian Securities Co. as a reserve against depreciation of the building and for the benefit of the certificate holders. These funds may be invested in obligations of the United States of America or, at the option of the lessee, may be applied to the acquisition of certificates of this issue through purchase by call by lot at \$1,650 plus accrued rental, or in the open market at not to exceed the call price. In the event of the purchase of all of the property the lessee will be entitled to all amounts in the depreciation fund.

Purchase Option.—Under the terms of the lease the lessees will have an option to purchase the property by the payment to the Guardian Securities Co. of an amount which will be sufficient to distribute to certificate holders in respect of each share the sum of \$1,050 and accrued rental. Compare also offering of Security Building bonds in V. 126, p. 4098.

Service Appliance Co., Inc.—To Vote on Liquidation.—A special meeting of stockholders has been called for Aug. 1 to consider a recommendation to liquidate the company.

The meeting was called by a committee representing creditors controlling the common stock. In a report to the stockholders this committee said a receivership on voluntary liquidation appeared necessary. The committee is composed of Calvert Townley, representing the Westinghouse Acceptance Corp.; W. H. Wells, representing the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.; C. Y. Palitz and W. J. McKee.

Calling of the meeting came almost simultaneously with the application of the National Adams (Mass.) National Bank for a Federal court order appointing a receiver for the company.

The committee holds that reorganization of the company is impossible unless \$1,000,000 of additional capital is furnished. Auditors reported that as of Mar. 31 the company had a deficit of \$1,467,000 in capital account and indebtedness of \$2,500,000.

The company is a chain organization which conducts 200 stores in various parts of the United States, chiefly in the northeastern section. It sells electrical appliances.—V. 125, p. 2948.

Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland.—Extra Div. of 12 1/2 c.—An extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$14,861,125 common stock, par \$25, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 31. Like amounts were paid on this issue on Nov. 15 1927, and on Feb. 15 and May 15 last. From Nov. 1925 to Aug. 1927 incl., the company paid an extra dividend of 1% and a regular dividend of 2% each quarter.—V. 126, p. 2663.

Sinclair Pipe Line Co.—To Double Capacity.—A dispatch from Tulsa, Okla., states that this company, jointly owned by the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. and the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, announces it will double its pipe line facilities from the Midcontinent to Chicago, increasing its daily capacity to approximately 80,000 bbls. daily. The line will extend from Cushing field in Payne County, Okla., to Whiting, Ind., serving both the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and the Sinclair Refining Co. refineries.

It is also reported that the company will amplify its Texas lines connecting the West Texas field with the present system in order to deliver West Texas crude to the Chicago district.—V. 126, p. 2328.

(L. C.) Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc.—New Officers.—

Fowler Manning, for some time associated with Ford, Bacon & Davis Inc., has been elected vice president and general manager in charge of operation at Syracuse, N. Y., a newly created office.—V. 127, p. 274.

(J. Hungerford) Smith Grape Juice Co.—Bds. Called.—All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 7 1/2% conv. gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1922, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and int. at the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, trustee, 183 Main St., East, Rochester, N. Y.

Spear & Co.—Earnings.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$7,096,040	\$7,210,544	\$6,144,629	\$5,542,212
Net profit after deprec.				
Fed. taxes &c.	365,120	439,899	267,577	141,137
Earns. per sh. on 225,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$0.76	\$1.05	\$0.26	Nil

—V. 126, p. 1678.

(C. G.) Spring & Bumper Co.—Conserves Cash.—At a meeting held July 20 1928, the directors voted again to defer dividends on the common stock.

Treasurer M. D. Harrison, July 20, says: "The volume of production remains heavy and consequently it is advisable to conserve our cash. It now appears that the volume will show less decline in the summer and fall months than is usually the case." See also V. 126, p. 2663.

Standard Oil Co. of New York.—Definitive Debentures.—Definitive serial 4 1/2% gold debentures, dated Feb. 15 1928, are now ready in exchange for temporary certificates at the Equitable Trust Co., 11 Broad St., New York City. (See offering in V. 126, p. 884.)—V. 127, p. 121.

Southern Bankers Securities Corp.—Listing.—The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,000,000 5% collateral trust notes, \$500,000 (par \$100) additional preferred stock and 10,000 shares without par value additional common stock.

Balance Sheet Apr. 30 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash on deposit	\$80,074	Reserve for Federal taxes	\$1,226
Securities	1,125,324	Account payable	750
Unpaid stock subscription	300	7% preferred stock	1,000,000
Deferred charge	50,000	Common (20,000 shs.)	243,750
		Surplus	9,973
Total	\$1,255,699	Total	\$1,255,699

—V. 126, p. 3139.

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—New Product, &c.—

The company announces the perfection of a new process for the manufacture of a super high grade motor fuel. The product will be offered to the trade under the name of "Sohio." The company has spent over \$3,000,000 in the last year and a half at its plants at Cleveland and Toledo in developing its tube and tank process for cracking oil and when the construction work at the Cleveland plant is completed next month, it will be able to turn out 7,700 barrels of gasoline a day. The Toledo plant will have about the same capacity.

W. H. Foster has resigned as Vice-President and has been succeeded by A. J. Millins; Howard G. Jones has succeeded Mr. Foster on the board of directors.—V. 127, p. 275.

Standard Paving, Ltd.—Initial Common Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 31.—See offering in V. 126, p. 2807.

Stanley Co. of America.—Personnel, &c.—

At a meeting of the board of directors the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Irving D. Rosshelm, President; Simon H. Fabian, Vice President; Morris Wolf, Secretary; Nelson Sloan, Assistant Secretary; James I. Newman, Treasurer; and James F. Burnham, Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Newman is Vice President of Loft, Inc. The post of Chairman of the Board which was occupied by John J. McGuirk, a former president of the company, was eliminated at this meeting.

The Manufacturers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar in New York for 904,957 shares of the common stock.—V. 127, p. 425.

Stone & Webster Engraving Corp.—Formed.—

This corporation has been formed with a capitalization of \$9,500,000 and has taken over from Stone & Webster, Inc. its construction and engineering business and its interest in Ulen & Co. It has also acquired from the North American Co. its engineering and construction company known as McClellan & Junkersfeld, Inc. G. O. Muhlfeld is president of the new company.

Articles of amendment have been filed in Massachusetts by the corporation calling for a change in the par value of its 170,000 shares of capital stock from \$5 to no-par value. It is then proposed to change 70,000 shares of common into 70,000 shares of \$6 preferred of no-par value, so that the total capitalization will be 70,000 shares of preferred and 100,000 shares of common stock, both of no-par value.

Studebaker Corp. of America.—Retail Deliveries.—

Retail deliveries of Studebaker and Erskine cars have increased from 40 to 50% since the introduction of the new models 2 weeks ago, according to a statement made by Vice President Paul G. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman bases his statement on reports received from dealers throughout the country.

During the first 6 months of the year, sales of the President Eight more than trebled President sales for the same period last year. Sales of the Erskine Six during the first half of the year exceeded the entire 12 months of 1927.—V. 127, p. 275.

Superior Steel Corp.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927	1928—6 Mos.—1927
Net sales, less discounts	\$1,763,386	\$1,630,176
Mfg. costs, sell., &c., exp	1,672,157	1,606,955
Balance	\$91,229	\$23,221
Other income	31,778	25,412
Total income	\$123,007	\$48,633
Res. for Fed., &c., taxes	11,112	11,435
Deprec., interest, &c.	81,135	83,198
Surplus	\$30,760	def.\$46,000

—V. 126, p. 3140.

Sweets Co. of America Inc.—Earnings.

6 Mos. Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.
Net earnings after deprec. but before Fed. taxes	\$51,820	\$1,552
Earns. per share on 100,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$0.52	\$0.02
June earnings before depreciation and Fed. taxes were \$8,936.		
Henry A. Fohn, Vice-President & Gen. Mgr., said: "Last half of the year is normally the company's most profitable period as demonstrated by fact that in 1927 company earned a net profit of \$45,000 in the last half, with a total of \$47,000 after Fed. taxes for whole year."—V. 126, p. 3612.		

Textile Securities Co., Boston.—Sale Approved.—

At a special meeting of the stockholders held last month, it was voted to accept the recent offer of Jackson & Curtis, of Boston, whereby the latter firm will purchase substantially all the assets of the Textile Securities Co. with the exception of 10,667 shares of Harmony Mills' common stock, for \$1,600,000. As a result of this procedure stockholders of the Textile company will receive approximately \$50 a share and one share of Harmony Mills common for every 3 shares of Textile stock now held. Approximately one-half of the total assets of the company represent mill stocks. Recent dividend rate has been \$3 per share per annum on the 32,000 outstanding no par value shares. ("American Cotton & Wool Reporter.")—V. 125, p. 663.

Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc.—New Officer.—

Major Thomas G. Lanphier will leave the Army on Sept. 1 to accept the Vice-Presidency of the above corporation, where he will serve as assistant to Colonel Lindbergh.—V. 127, p. 426.

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Co.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927	1928—6 Mos.—1927
Profit after ordin'y taxes charges & depreciation but before Fed. taxes	\$132,534	loss\$388
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 cap. stk. (no par)	\$1.32	Nil
		\$1.96

—V. 126, p. 3141.

Travelers' Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.—Rights.—

The stockholders on July 20 approved the increase in the company's capital stock from \$15,080,000 to \$17,590,000 (par \$100). The additional 25,090 shares will be offered at par to stockholders of record June 18 on the basis of one new share for each six shares held, payment to be made on or before Sept. 20. See also V. 126, p. 4101.

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Earns. after provision for income & other taxes	\$8,210,216	\$7,077,034
Int. on fund. debt and divs. on pf. stk. of subs	295,241	298,724
Depr. & oth. chgs. (est.)	*2,046,364	*1,915,786
Balance	\$5,868,610	\$4,862,524
* Estimated.—V. 127, p. 426.		\$11,872,742

Union Oil Co. of Delaware.—Dissolution.—

The directors acting as trustees in dissolution, report that of 1,389,417 shares outstanding on May 19 1927, to date 1,274,365 have been surrendered under options offered the stockholders. One option is to receive 77 cents in cash a share and the second is to receive 74 cents in cash, together with a non-transferable receipt, participating in any future distributions.—V. 124, p. 3367.

United Engineering & Foundry Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 40c. a share and an extra dividend of 20c. a share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Aug. 10 to holders of record July 31. Like amounts were paid on this issue on Feb. 10 and May 11 last.—V. 126, p. 2663.

United Milk Crate Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 39 cents per share (covering period from issuance to Sept. 1) on the class A \$2 cum. no par partic. and conv. pref. stock, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15.
The directors also declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on this issue, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. See V. 126, p. 3944, 3777.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927	1928—6 Mos.—1927
Net profit after charges, deprec., Fed. taxes & Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par)-----	\$161,897	\$303,135
Earnings per share-----	\$0.32	\$0.76
Treas. Charles Gurensen says: Price conditions have improved and it is expected that this will be reflected in the next quarters earnings.—V. 127, p. 123.		

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp.—Initial Dividend on 6% Preferred Stock.—The directors have declared an initial dividend of 3% on the outstanding \$21,448,000 6% cum., red. & partic. pref. stock, par \$100, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the 7% prior pref. stock, both payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 17. Dividends on the 6% partic. pref. stock are cumulative from July 1 1927.—V. 125, p. 1453.

Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Gross	\$554,050	\$617,121
Expenses-----	552,317	641,505
Operating profit-----	\$1,733	\$24,385
Other income-----	21,537	24,485
Total income-----	\$23,271	\$100
Interest, &c-----	70,373	74,998
Net loss-----	\$47,102	\$74,897
—V. 126, p. 2663.		

Warner Bros. Pictures Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End. May 26 '28.	Previous Quarter.	Same Quar. Last Year.
Net profit from operations-----	\$655,452	\$771,595	\$331,155
Other income-----	x90,484	-----	-----
Total income-----	\$745,937	\$771,595	\$331,155
Interest and miscellaneous charges-----	233,175	263,099	222,064
Net profit-----	\$512,762	\$508,496	\$109,090
Earned per share on Class A stock-----	2.56	2.54	0.54
Earned per share on combined Class A and common stock-----	0.93	0.92	0.20
Net profit for nine months ended May 26 1928-----			\$1,123,947
Net loss for nine months ended May 28 1927-----			99,966
x Including royalty payment received through Electrical Research Products, Inc., from Fox Movietone.—V. 126, p. 2494.			

Westchester Fire Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 15 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 21.—V. 117, p. 2445.

Westinghouse Air Brake Co.—Battery Co. Sold.—

Pres. A. L. Humphrey has announced the sale of the Westinghouse Union Battery Co. of Swissvale, Pa. to a new company, known as the Wubco Battery Corp. The new company will be headed by J. L. Rupp as President. It is stated that the manufacture of the same quality Westinghouse batteries will be carried on in the present plant at Swissvale.—V. 126, p. 2984, 1524.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

3 Months End. June 30—	1928.	1927.
Bookings-----	\$44,248,136	\$40,750,370
Billings-----	42,242,559	40,410,480
Net profit after interest, Federal taxes & charges-----	3,834,608	2,756,014
Earns. per sh. on 2,370,063 shs. combined pref. & common stocks (par \$50)-----	\$1.62	\$1.16
—V. 127, p. 277.		

Wieland Dairy Co., Chicago.—Sale Approved.—

The stockholders have approved the sale of this company to the Borden Co. The stockholders, about Aug. 1, will be offered in exchange for their holdings stock of the Borden Co. It is stated. (See also later company above and in V. 126, p. 4085.)—V. 116, p. 1544.

Western Steel Products, Ltd.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14.—V. 126, p. 3469.

Wheatworth, Inc.—Earnings.—

Six Months Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.
Net income, incl. all charges after Federal taxes-----	\$201,515	\$112,437
Shares of common stock outstanding-----	121,000	121,000
Earned per share-----	\$1.30	\$0.56
As at June 30 1928, the company reports cash on hand of \$601,860. Current assets amounted to \$814,885 and current liabilities to \$94,235, a current ratio of 8.6 to 1. As at June 30, the company still had contracts aggregating about \$250,000 covering the completion of the new factory and purchase of machinery and equipment.—V. 126, p. 3469.		

(S. S.) White Dental Mfg. Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 23. These are the same amounts as paid in each of the 3 previous quarters.—V. 126, p. 2812.

Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating Corp.—Earnings.—

Period End. May 31—	1928—Month—1927	1928—7 Mos.—1927
Net profit after chgs. & deprec. but before taxes-----	\$19,671	loss\$21,607
Current assets on May 31, last, amounted to \$1,184,637 and current liabilities \$41,461, comparing with \$1,232,904 and \$61,235 respectively on October 31 1927.—V. 125, p. 3216.	loss\$1,301	\$17,318

(William) Wrigley Jr. Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net profit-----	\$4,892,568	\$4,913,232
Expenses-----	2,022,065	1,942,785
Depreciation-----	105,518	131,381
Federal taxes (est.)-----	290,893	382,193
Net income-----	\$2,474,092	\$2,456,873
Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par)-----	1,800,000	1,800,000
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk-----	\$1.37	\$1.36
—V. 126, p. 2813.		

York Manufacturing Co., Saco, Me.—Reorganization.—
Fred W. Steele has resigned as Treasurer. He will become agent for the Dartmouth Mfg. Co. of New Bedford on Aug. 1.—V. 125, p. 1338.

Zenith Radio Corp.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the month of June net income of \$167,082 after depreciation and royalties equivalent to \$1.67 a share on the 100,000 shares of no par capital stock.—V. 126, p. 3778.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Advertising, old and new—Exhibit of New York Public Library.
The New York Public Library on Monday of this week opened in the small exhibition room on the first floor of its main building at 476 Fifth Avenue a most interesting exhibition of "Advertising, Old and New." It is arranged to show the contrast between early American advertising text and composition and the methods in use to-day. The first American newspaper advertisement (1704) is shown as well as the first separately printed advertisement, the first half-page, first full page and first ornamental border. Typical pages are displayed to show the change in subject matter and method of treatment from the eighteenth century to the present.

Modern advertisements, the gift of the American Association of Advertising Agencies, are shown in classified groups, including food, clothing, drugs and cosmetics, household furnishings, building, real estate, travel, machinery, etc. In each case an eighteenth-century handbill of similar subject is shown by way of contrast.

A selection of the Harvard Awards for 1928, established by Mr. Edward W. Bok for the encouragement of beautiful and appropriate advertising, is also shown.

The old advertisements are particularly interesting. The simple and attractive arrangements of the fine old Caslon types of the eighteenth century are shown in contrast with the crowded and jumbled set-ups of the period of the Philadelphia Centennial. These are followed by the artistic color work and beautiful type arrangements of to-day. The earliest known American newspaper advertisements, which appeared in the Boston News Letter of May 1, 1704, are quaint announcements of property lost, stolen or for sale. During the eighteenth century there are many slaves and indentured servants on the market. Rewards are offered for the return of runaway slaves, apprentices and live stock. Every variety of merchandise is for sale, from an ivory fan to a saw mill; and real estate is frequently advertised, from building lots on Wall Street to George Washington's 30,000 acres of land in Ohio. The later newspapers trace the change in fashions and the trend of business from the days of snuff taking, the age of the hoop-skirt and the bustle, of full beards, push albums and groups of Rogers strollers, down to the Spanish War period with its tandem bicycles, early phonographs and pictures of Admiral Dewey.

—Announcement has been made in Davenport, Iowa, of the organization of Dawson, Howe & Dawes to provide investment counsel and to supply a complete investment service. The personnel of this organization, which has had many years of experience in the banking and investment field, consists of the following: A. F. Dawson, for 17 years President of the First National Bank of Davenport, preceding which he served six years in Congress from Iowa. For the past five years he has specialized in the purchase of diversified bonds, in directing market sales, and acting as financial counsellor for many banks and individuals. L. L. Howe, for the past nine years has been actively engaged in the investment business, and for the past six years has been Sales Manager for the American Bond & Mortgage Co., in Iowa and western Illinois, and Charles C. Dawes, who is President of Dawes & Co., investment bankers, 39 South La Salle St., Chicago, and a director in National Public Utilities Co., Investigation & Finance Corp., and others. He is a son of that eminent Chicago financier, Rufus Dawes, and his entire business life has been devoted to the underwriting and distribution of sound investment securities, and the management of public utility properties. The principal office of the company is located in the American Bank Building, Davenport, Iowa.

—Marking a further step in its expansion and development, Moody's Investors Service, which had its inception with John Moody as a one man organization twenty-eight years ago, and in that time has grown to be one of the largest investment advisory organizations in the world, with 200 people in the New York office alone, announces its first change of address. The New York or head offices have been located at 35 Nassau Street since the first Moody's Manual was compiled by John Moody, still the directing head of Moody's Investors Service and known throughout the world for his ratings of investment securities. The new offices will occupy the entire 17th and 18th floors of the Adams Express Building, 65 Broadway, thus practically doubling the space formerly occupied by this organization. The Moody organization has, in providing its new and greatly enlarged quarters has adopted every modern method for serving the needs of the investment public with accuracy and promptness. Besides the head offices in New York, branches are maintained in Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pittsburgh and in London, where the organization is known as Moody's Investors Service, Ltd.

—Joseph A. Reichart, for many years associated in executive capacity with Clarence Hodson & Co., 165 Broadway, N. Y., will become the financial head of the Hodson group of banking, finance and insurance companies, occupying the position created and held until recently by the late Colonel Clarence Hodson, founder of the organization. In addition to serving as President of Clarence Hodson & Co. and the banking head of the Hodson group of companies, Mr. Reichart is a director of the following financial institutions: Collateral Bankers, National Industrial Bankers, Industrial Bankers of America, Bankers National Life Insurance Co., Guaranty and Indemnity Insurance Co. and other corporations in the banking and insurance field.

—S. P. Woodard, who was formerly Vice-President of H. D. Lindsley & Co., Inc., has formed the firm of S. P. Woodard & Co., Inc., with offices at 37 Wall Street, New York, to underwrite and deal in investment securities. The officers and directors of the company are: S. P. Woodard, President; C. K. Cooper, Assistant Treasurer; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R., Secretary and Director; C. A. Earl, President Freshman Radio Corp., Director; and P. Gardner Coffin, Cashier Catskill National Bank Catskill, N. Y., Director.

—Harris, Winthrop & Co., announce the opening of a branch office in Minneapolis under the management of William W. Eastman, formerly President of the William W. Eastman Co. and well known in the securities business of the Northwest. The new office is located in the Roanoke Building, Marquette at Seventh Street.

—C. L. Schmidt & Co., Inc., investment bankers of Chicago announce the removal of their offices to suite 2140-44 State Bank Building, 120 So. La Salle St. The new phone number is Randolph 0942. The officers of the firm are Carl L. Schmidt, Pres., Arthur W. Rogers, Vice-Pres.; John H. Ellis, Secy.; John S. Talbot, Treas.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
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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 27 1928.

COFFEE.—Spot trade late was slow at 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 24c. for No. 4 Santos, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for Rio 7s and 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 16c. for Victoria 7-8s. On the 23d inst. cost and freight offers were generally lower. Arrivals of mild coffee in the United States since the first of the month were 164,301 bags, with deliveries for the same time 169,815. Stocks on July 23 were 354,173, against 383,477 a week ago and 311,221 last year. Deliveries for the week at New York were 62,089; New Orleans, 5,396, and San Francisco, 4,055. On the 24th inst. little change occurred in the firm offers from Santos but Rios and Victorias were lower. On the 25th inst. cost-and-freight offers from Brazil showed little change. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 3s were here at 23.85 to 23.90c. 3-4s at 23.30 to 23.65c.; 3-5s at 22.80 to 23.20c.; 4-5s at 23.10c.; 5s at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22.55c.; 5-6s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 22.40c.; 6s at 21.60c.; 6-7s at 21.40c. to 21.90c.; 7-8s at 21.15c.; part Bourbon 3s at 22.80c.; 4-5s at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22.65c.; peaberry 3s at 23.45 to 23.65c.; 3-4s at 23.40c.; 4s at 23c.; The only reported offering of Victorias for prompt shipment was at 15.35c.

On the 26th inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were in some cases 10 points lower. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 24c.; 3s at 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 23.90c.; 3-4s at 23.10 to 23.65c.; 3-5s at 22.90 to 23.35c.; 4-5s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 5s at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22.55c.; 5-6s at 22.05 to 22.40c.; 6s at 21.70 to 21.80c.; 6-7s separations at 21.40 to 21.55c.; 6-7s grinders at 21.20c.; 7-8s separations 20.14 to 21.15c.; 7-8s grinders at 18.70 to 19.30c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 23.30 to 23.40c.; 3-5s at 23c. to 23.54c.; Peaberry 3s at 23.65c.; 3-4s at 23.40c.; 4s at 22.80c.; 4-5s at 22.65c.; Rio 7-8s at 15.60c. for prompt shipment, Victoria 7-8s for Aug.-Sept. shipment, 15.25c. The American visible supply of Brazilian is 979,700 bags, against 954,601 a year ago, and 836,566 in 1926. In Rio the stock is 326,000 bags, against 251,000 a year ago; in Santos 1,154,000, against 918,000 last year. Later trade was still quiet; Santos 4s, 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 24c.; Rio 7s, 16 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Victoria 7-8s, 16c.; fair to good Cucuta, 24 to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Colombian, Ocaña, 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; washed, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 28c.; Honda, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 28c.; Medellin, 29 to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Manizales, 28 to 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Surinam, 25 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Ankola, 35 to 38c. To-day early cost and freight offers were practically unchanged. For prompt shipment they included Santos Bourbon 3-4s at 23.10 to 23.60c.; 3-5s at 23 to 23.45c.; 4-5s at 22.65c.; 5-6s at 22.40c.; 6s at 21.70 to 21.80c.; 6-7s grinders at 21.20c.; 7-8s grinders at 18.70 to 19.45c.; part Bourbon 3s minus 10 at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3s at 23 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 23.40c.; 4-5s at 22.65 to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Peaberry 3s minus 6 at 22.60c.; 4s at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 6s at 22c. There were no reported offerings of Rios for prompt shipment; 5s for August shipment were here at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 7-8s at 15.30c.

It is pointed out that prices for Santos have not fluctuated during the last 60 days over $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Rio and Victoria advices advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. last week. Reports adverse to prospects of the 1929-30 Santos crops according to the "Brazilian Review" should be taken with a strong pinch of salt. Some think it is natural that crops should be destroyed on paper when Brazil alone has a stock in the interior of about 13,000,000 bags. It is also said that trade is dull here because importers and jobbers fail to recognize the changes that are taking place in the methods of distribution from the primary markets. The supplying of requirements by the other markets of the United States, by direct purchases in the, producing centers, tends to isolate the New York market which was formerly the source from which the interior trade made their purchases and instead makes New York a port of entry for the passage of importations or half way house between producer and consumer. The fact is ignored that prices in New York are considerably lower than the laid down cost of purchases made cost and freight. The long credit furnished by cost and freight purchases, some think, causes buying in that way. It is significant that never in the history of the coffee business has the consumption been so large as it is now. Futures on the 23rd, closed 2 to 62 points lower the latter on May though July ended 1 point

net higher. The downward turn was due to lower cost and freight offers. Brazil was evidently disposed to lighten her load.

Some view the situation in this light: "Considering that prices are 4 to 6c. higher than a year ago, it is only natural that buyers should continue to pursue a cautious policy and in the end this course will wear out the patience of the planter wishing to move his coffee." Private cables intimated that Santos receipts will be reduced to 25,000 bags daily during August. A little interest appeared for distant months, possibly anticipating a continued cold spell of weather in Brazil and freezing temperatures. Fear of this was the important factor at the moment and much depends upon the outcome of weather conditions during the next forty days. If this season passes over without damage to the growing crops through frost, then it seems to some that lower prices must ultimately prevail. On the 26th inst. Rio futures closed 5 points lower to 6 higher with sales of 18,700 bags; 11 Victoria notices were issued; Santos closed 2 points lower to 1 higher with sales of 7,500 bags. To-day Rio futures ended 15 to 20 points higher with sales of 14,000 bags; Santos 17 to 22 points higher with sales of 5,000 bags. Final prices show an advance on Rio for the week of 13 to 30 points and on Santos of 5 to 39 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	Dec	16.00@	May	15.65@	nom
Sept	15.95@	March	15.80@	July	15.40@	nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial		Dec	22.23@	bid	May	21.78@
Sept	22.55@	March	22.00@			

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were 10,000 bags of prompt Porto Rico sold on the 23d inst. at 4.14c. delivered with the weather in Bohemia and Silesia too hot and dry. Prompt Cuban was 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., a rise of 1-16c. Futures on the 23d closed 1 to 9 points higher, the latter on July, with sales of 20,000 tons. Higher London cables and Continental drought told. On the 24th inst. fully 20,000 tons of Cuban and duty free raw sugars were sold to refiners on the basis of 2 13-32 to 2 7-16c. c. & f. Some 1,000 tons of Philippines due late in August sold to a refiner on the 24th inst. at 4.18c. delivered, equal to 2 13-32c. c. & f. There were further buyers at this price. On the 24th inst. a cargo of prompt Cubas sold at 2 7-16c. c. & f. and 4,150 tons of Porto Ricos loading next week at the equivalent delivered price of 4.21c. It is estimated that but about 75,000 or 80,000 tons of Porto Rican sugars are left unsold in the island and that these are owned for the most part, if not wholly, by the larger producers.

United States Atlantic port receipts for the week were 59,950 tons, against 43,971 in the previous week, 62,818 in the same week last year and 67,983 two years ago; meltings, 66,000 tons, against 63,000 in previous week, 71,000 last year, 73,000 two years ago; importers' stocks, 361,240, against 367,804 in previous week, 143,491 last year and 214,470 two years ago; refiners' stocks, 153,819, against 153,305 in previous week, 71,912 last year and 103,147 two years ago; total stocks, 515,059, against 521,109 in previous week, 215,403 last year and 317,617 two years ago. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 27,576 tons, against 30,699 in the same week last year; exports, 71,976, against 73,904 in same week last year; stock (consumption deducted), 1,050,592, against 1,030,647 in the same time last year; centrals grinding, none. Of the exports, 25,475 tons went to Atlantic ports, 13,682 to New Orleans, 2,933 to interior of United States, 3,656 to Galveston, 3,591 to Savannah and 22,639 to Europe. Very good withdrawals of refined sugar were made over the week end. The new demand showed a slight improvement but was supposedly largely second-hand granulated at 5.75c. Those who were offering last week at as low as 5.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for delivery here in some instances are sold out. According to the Sugar Institute, Inc., the total melt of 15 United States refineries up to and including the week ending July 14 this year was 5,271,195,889 lbs., against 6,267,230,330 lbs. for the same time last year.

Some profess to see 5,000,000 tons as the next Cuban crop. Yet Cuba is diversifying its crops it is said. Refined 5.75 to 5.80c. with a good withdrawal demand reported later. London cabled July 23rd: "The Elbe is dangerously low in Bohemia. Silesia very dry. Trade demand good. Sellers 96 degree Centrifugals 11s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Beets 88 degrees analysis 11s. 9d. Java steadier." The total sales on the London terminal market last week aggregated 92,000 tons against 79,600 tons the week before. General rains in Czechoslovakia fell on Tuesday and Wednesday but not enough in other countries to benefit the crop. London terminal on the 23rd inst. advanced early 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. compared with last Friday's close. Private London cables on the 23rd stated that the only feature was the speculative activity in the terminal markets on account of the weather. Sugar nominal 11s. 9d. Liverpool cabled that the market was very steady with 96 test quoted from 11s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 11s. 9d.

One comment on the 24th inst. was that in all the weakness of the past six weeks in the market one striking fact has been the strength of foreign markets, as exemplified by the London Terminal Market: for example—Dec. contracts in London closed at 14s. 3¼d. on June 14th and at 4s. 5¼d. to-day, actually showing an advance equivalent to about 3 American points, whereas Dec. in New York closed at 2.70c. on June 14th and at 2.46c. to-day or 24 points lower. The eyes of the sugar world have recently been turned toward the beet fields of Europe. The weather there has been hotter than for many years past. Cables confirm the weather reports, but say that so far no particular apprehension is felt as to the eventual outturn of sugar. The steadiness of London in the face of New York weakness, however, indicates a decided lack of pressure and there are undoubted bullish potentialities in the European situation. If nature should curtail the amount of sugar produced by Europe this Fall, and Cuba should grow an unrestricted crop next year, it would at least be poetic justice if Cuba should receive remunerative prices for a full crop due to a curtailed production in Europe, Europe having for the past three years increased her crop as Cuba has restricted hers, Europe receiving what benefit there has been, if any, from Cuba's sacrifice." On the 25th inst. London terminal opened with July unchanged and later deliveries ¾d. to 1½d. lower.

Private cables from London on the 25th inst. said that there were sellers for Aug.-Sept. shipment at 11s. 9d. with buyers of parcels in special positions at 11s. 7½d. The weather was still warm in Bohemia but some rain fell in other districts. Prague cabled: "At noon short showers; barometer rather receding; further rains probable." The stock of raw sugar in licensed warehouses on the 24th inst. was 2,324,862 tons, against 2,362,704 on July 2. Out of a possible 80,000 tons balance of the Philippines crop, about 75,000 tons are understood to be afloat. Some say there is a very large short interest here. Certain estimates are that about 400,000 tons stored here and 250,000 tons held by Europe are hedged in this market. There is also a large speculative short interest. Naturally all these shorts must eventually be covered. Moreover stocks held by refiners and the trade are said to be abnormally low with the period of greatest consumption right at hand.

Rumors of an attempted assassination of President Machado seemed to receive little or no credence and did not figure at all as a market factor, although according to some accounts, Mr. Machado was wounded, if not seriously. Private advices from Havana, in response to inquiries here stated in effect that the only apparent foundation of the rumor was the arrest in Oriente Province of a couple of Spanish Anarchists who had later landed from a steamer at the east end of the Island. Other cables, however, stated the news messages from Cuba were being strictly censored. Press despatches said there was no attempt to assassinate President Machado but the police uncovered a plot against the Government and arrested one man who was implicated in it at Santiago. Others are being hunted in Havana. About 2,000 tons Cuban in store sold at 4.14c.; also some Cuba for shipment at 2¾c. Refined 5.55 to 5.60c. Futures closed on the 26th inst. unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 31,000 tons. European weather is being watched; it is still hot on the Continent, and apparently for the most part dry.

Atlantic coast refined quotations fell to 5.60c. for fine granulated. Prominent trade interests were the chief buyers of September. Some do not care to buy as they think Cuba will give up restriction. The decline in refined, it was believed, was caused by the action of the California-Hawaiian and Gulf Port refiners at the opening of the market on the 26th inst. in reducing their basis price to 5.60c. in territory south of the Ohio River. London terminal opened to-day unchanged to ¾d. lower. Private cables from London stated that stagnation continued. France needs rain; elsewhere light rains makes position easier. To-day prices ended unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 35,150 tons. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 to 6 points. Prompt ended at 2¾c., an advance of 1-16c. for the week.

Sugar prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	2¾	Jan	2.42	July	2.58 @
Sept	2.27 @	March	2.43 @ 2.44		
Dec	2.40 @	May	2.51 @		

LARD on the spot was in very moderate demand. Prime Western 12.85 to 12.95c.; refined Continent 13¼c.; South America 14¼c.; Brazil 15¼c. On the 23d inst. prime Western was 12.75 to 12.85c. Futures on the 23d inst. were unchanged to 3 points higher in spite of a drop of 2 to 2¼c. in corn. For hogs were 15 to 25c. with receipts smaller than expected. The total was 86,700, against 118,000 a week before and 99,200 last year. Chicago expected 22,000 on Tuesday. Liverpool was 6d. lower to 1½d. higher.

Futures on the 25th inst. closed 2 to 5 points higher with corn up and a sharp advance in Western hog markets. At Chicago hogs advanced 10 to 15c., on receipts of 12,000, with a top price of \$11.45. Total Western hog receipts were 69,800, against 79,400 a week ago and 95,900 last year. Liverpool was generally 3d. higher. To-day futures closed unchanged to 2 points net higher. Hog receipts were fair. Hog products prices responded to the firmer tone in the market for cash bellies. Hog receipts were 69,000, against 63,000 a year ago. Final prices show an irregularity, July being 2 points higher, September unchanged and December 5 points lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.32	12.35	12.37
September delivery	12.40	12.42	12.42	12.47	12.47	12.47
December delivery	12.65	12.67	12.65	12.70	12.67	12.67

PORK firm; Mess \$32.50; family, \$34.50; fat back, \$27 to \$30; Ribs at Chicago, cash 14.37c. basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average; Beef firm; Mess \$24; packet \$25; family, \$27 to \$28; extra India Mess, \$40 to \$42; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2, 6 lbs. South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$75 to \$80. Cut meats firm, but quiet; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs., 21¼ to 21¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 19¾ to 20c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 17¾c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 17½. Butter, lower grades to high scoring, 40 to 46c. Cheese, 23 to 26½c. Eggs, medium to extras, 28 to 35c.

OILS.—Linseed was quiet and easier. Leading crushers quoted 9.8c. for carlots, while single barrels were 10.6c. Of late there was a better inquiry, but most of the buying is on a small scale, mostly to fill immediate wants. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 7¾c.; spot New York tanks, 8¾c.; corn, crude, tanks, plant low acid, 8¾c.; olive, Den., \$1.25 to \$1.40; edible corn, 100-bbl. lots, 12c.; olive oil, \$2.05 to \$2.25; lard, prime, 16¼c.; extra strained winter, New York, 13c. Cod, Newfoundland, 68c. Turpentine, 55½ to 60½c. Rosin, \$9.70 to \$11.65. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 16,400 bbls. P. crude S.E. nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	9.30 @ 9.75	September	9.59 @ 9.60	December	9.72 @ 9.73
July	9.35 @ 9.60	October	9.65 @	January	9.73 @ 9.75
August	9.58 @	November	9.63 @ 9.70	February	9.75 @ 9.82

PETROLEUM.—United States Motor gasoline was advanced ½c. to 11¼c. by the Warner-Quinlan and Tide Water Oil companies. The same company raised the tank wagon price 1c. The Standard Oil Co. of New York announced that it would advance the price 1c. to-day throughout its territory. Advances in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other Atlantic Seaboard States is expected before long. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Sinclair Refining Co. advanced bulk gasoline ½c. Jobbing demand increased. Bunker oil was steady at \$1.05 refinery and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York Harbor. Diesel oil was steady at \$2 refinery. Gas oil was in better demand. Kerosene buying was fair and prices were steady. The Carter Oil Co. advanced the price of all Mid-Continent crude oils above 32 degrees gravity 5c. and cut the grades below that gravity 7c. The Humble Oil & Refining Co. in Texas advanced all grades in Crane, Upton, Crockett, Winkler and Pecos counties 5c. a barrel. This company also advanced North Texas oils above 33.9 degrees gravity but reduced prices below this grade. Below 25 degrees were reduced 16c. and 25 degrees to 25.9 were cut 14 cents. Increases from 38.9 degrees gravity oil were 2 cents to 25 cents a barrel, maximum applying to 44 degrees and above. The advance in crude oil became general to-day. The lead of the Humble Oil Co. and the Carter Oil Co. was quickly followed by the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co., Gulf Oil Co., Prairie Oil & Gas and Empire Gas & Fuel Co. The Ohio Oil Co. advanced Lima, Indiana, Illinois, Princeton and Plymouth crude oils 5 cents and Wooster 10 cents a barrel. Gasoline tank wagon prices were increased.

New York export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor spec. deod., 26.90c. Kerosene, cargo lots, S. W., cases, 17.15c.; W. W., 50 deg., cases, 18.15c. bulk, 43-45, 7½ to 8c. Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28 plus deg., 5 to 5¼c. New Orleans, Gasoline, U. S. Motor, bulk, 9½ to 9¾c.; 60-62, 400 e.p., 10½c.; 61-63, 300 e.p., 10¾c.; 64-68 grav., 375 e.p., 11 to 11¼c. Kerosene, prime white, 6¼c.; water white, 7¼c. Bunker oil, grade C, for bunkering, 95c. to \$1.10; cargoes, 70 to 80c. Tank wagon prices; U. S. Motor, delivered to N. Y. City garages in steel barrels, 18c.; up-State and New England, 18c.; Naphtha, N. Y. City, V. M. & P., 18c. Kerosene; water white, 43-45 grav., bulk ref., 7½ to 8c.; deliv. to nearby trade in tank cars, 8½ to 9c.; tank wagon to store, 15c. Fuel oils, 28 plus grav., bulk, N. Y. Harbor refinery, 5 to 5¼c.; Furnace oil, bulk, refinery, 38-42 gravity, 6c.; tank wagon, 10c. Diesel oil, barrels, \$2. Service station and jobbers' prices: Tank cars, f.o.b. refineries or terminals, U. S. Motor, N. Y. Harbor, Marcus Hook, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Carteret and Baltimore, 11¼c.; Boston (delivered), and Providence (delivered), 13c.; Tiverton, Chelsea, and Portsmouth, 11¾c.; Jacksonville, 10¾c.; Tampa, 10½c.; Houston and New Orleans, 10c.; Group 3, 8½c.; California, U. S. Motor at New York, 11¾c.

Pennsylvania	\$3.20	Buckeye	\$2.85	Eureka	\$3.00
Cornlng	1.70	Bradford	3.20	Illinois	1.30
Cabell	1.45	Lima	1.55	Wyoming, 37 deg.	1.30
Wortham, 40 deg.	1.40	Indiana	1.32	Plymouth	1.23
Rock Creek	1.25	Princeton	1.50	Wooster	1.57
Smackover, 24 deg	.96	Canadian	1.95	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.20
		Corsicana heavy	1.00	Panhandle, 44 deg.	1.31

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—		Elk Basin	\$1.33
40-40.9	\$	Big Muddy	1.25
32-32.9		Lance Creek	1.33
52 and above		Bellevue	1.25
Louisiana and Arkansas—		West Texas, all deg.	
32-32.9	1.16	Somerset light	2.35
35-35.9	1.25	Somerset	1.55
Spindletop, 35 deg and up	1.37		

RUBBER on the 23rd inst. New York ended unchanged to 10 points net lower. London dropped 1-16 to ½d. and Singapore, ¼ to 3-16d. The sales were only 79 lots. The London stock decreased last week 677 tons but nobody seemed to care much about statistics. The total now is

35,248 tons against 35,925 last week, 40,083 a month ago, 62,819 a year ago and 27,860 two years ago. New York ended on the 23rd inst. with July 19.20 to 19.40c., September, 19.40c.; December, 19.30 to 19.40c.; March, 19.30c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot to Oct.-Dec., 19½ to 19¾c.; Jan.-Mar., 19¾ to 19½c. Spot, first latex crepe, 20¼ to 20¾c.; clean thin brown crepe, 19¼ to 19½c.; specky brown crepe, 19 to 19¼c.; rolled brown crepe, 19¼ to 19¾c.; No. 2 amber, 19½ to 19¾c.; No. 3 amber, 19¼ to 19¾c.; No. 4 amber, 19 to 19¼c.; Paras, Up-river fine spot, 22¾ to 23¼c.; coarse, 14½ to 15c.; Acre, fine spot, 23¼ to 24¼c. London on the 23rd inst. spot and July 9½d.; Singapore, Aug. 9d.

New York on the 24th inst. fell 10 to 30 points on futures and ½ to ¼c. outside. London dropped 1-16d. on the 24th with Malayan stocks 58,327 tons. Outside prices rallied before the close. Still Para here was weaker; fine acre ¼c. off. Kuala Lumpur cabled a count of Malayan stocks made under the direction of the restriction authorities. It was 58,327 tons on June 30 excluding Trengganu for which no figures were available. Estates of over 100 acres held stocks amounting to 44,791 tons while rubber in the hands of dealers totalled 13,536 tons. Arrivals for the month at this port were estimated by a leading importer to total in the neighborhood of 28,000 tons which would compare with 25,792 tons last month. Arrivals up to July 20 were placed at 20,500 tons. Here on the 24th inst. futures ended with August, 19.20 to 19.30c.; September, 19.20c.; December, 19.20c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot to Oct.-Dec., 19½ to 19¾c.; Jan.-March, 19¾ to 19½c.; spot first latex crepe, 20 to 20¾c.; clean thin brown crepe, 19¼ to 19½c.; specky brown crepe, 19 to 19¼c.; rolled brown crepe, 19¼ to 19¾c.; No. 2 amber, 19½ to 19¾c.; No. 3 amber, 19¼ to 19¾c.; No. 4, 19 to 19¼c. Paras, Upriver, fine, spot, 22½ to 23c.; coarse, 14½ to 15c. London on the 24th inst. Spot and August, 9 7-16 to 9½d. Singapore: August, 8 15-16d.

London cabled on the 24th inst. that the rubber market opened dull owing to a newspaper announcement of a census of Malayan rubber stocks prepared by the Restriction Department, which totalled 58,327 tons. Some think the present price will cause larger consumption. Crude rubber stocks are low. The price is close to what many believe to be average cost of production. On the 25th inst. prices ended unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of only 130 contracts. July, 19.30c.; Sept., 19.20c.; Dec., 19.30c. Ribbed smoked spot and futures, 19¾ to 19½c.; First latex crepe, 19½ to 19¾c.; No. 2 amber 19½ to 19¾c.; Up-river Para, fine, spot, 22½ to 23c. London ended ½d. lower; Spot and Aug., 9½d. Singapore was slightly higher; Aug., 15-16d. To-day prices ended 10 to 20 points lower with sales of 502 lots. Final prices for the weeks show a decline of 40 to 50 points.

HIDES.—Europe has bought River Plate at higher prices which argued growing needs or depleted stocks in Europe. The unsold River Plate stocks were reported larger. The sales of Argentine steers last week were 13,000 including 3,000 Artiga steers at 24 15-16c., 10,500 frigorifico cows at 25 to 25 7-16c. City packer were in fair demand. New York packers sold out their July output of native steers at 24½c. Country hides were in rather better demand; also Common dry. Common dry, Santa Marta and Cucutas, 34c.; Savaniila and Orinocoos, 33c.; Central America and La Guayras, 32c. Packer, native steers 24½c.; butt brands, 23½c.; Colorados, 23c. Calfskins, Para, 32 to 35c.; Sisals, 40c.; Oaxacas, 47½ to 50c.; New York City, 5-7s, 2.40; 7-9s, 3.10; 9-12s, 4.10.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Some 4,000,000 bushels of grain were covered by freight last week. Grain business increased later as prices for grain declined. Later 3,000,000 bushels of wheat were covered.

CHARTERS included grain, Montreal to Mediterranean, Aug. 1-15, 15½c.; same to Rotterdam, 12c.; bookings included 8 loads New York to London at 1s. 6d. for middle of August; time: West Indies round, prompt, 90c.; grain, 40,000 qrs., Montreal-Hamburg, Aug. 15-29, 12½c.; 35,000 qrs., same, July 25-31, 13c.; 20,000 qrs., same, Aug. 10-25, 12½c.; same, Aug. 10-25, Antwerp or Rotterdam, 12c.; Hamburg or Bremen, 13c.; full barley, 1c. more; half oats, 2c. more options; 40,000 qrs. same, Aug. 10-28, Genoa, Leghorn, Naples, 16c.; 16½c. and 17c. Montreal-West Italy, 16½c., with options; 32,000 qrs., 10 London, same, July 27-Aug. 10, Mediterranean, 16½c.; same, Aug. 15-31, to Mediterranean, including Spain, excluding Africa, 16c. basis; tankers: San Pedro to North Hatteras, Aug., 75c.; clean, San Pedro, Aug.-Sept., to United Kingdom-Continent, 26s.; same, Aug., 26s.; time, delivery prompt, north of Hatteras, 95c.; West Indies round, same, \$1.15; same, \$1 grain, 35,000 qrs., Montreal, Aug. 10-25, to Mediterranean, 16c., 16½c., and 17c.; 25,000 qrs., Montreal, Aug. 10-20, to Rotterdam, 15½c.; 30,000 qrs., same, July 28-Aug. 5, to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 12c. and 12½c.; same, first half August to same, 11½c. and 12c.; 22,000 qrs., same, Aug. 5-20, to Bristol Channel, 2s. 9d., United Kingdom, 3s.; 31,000 qrs., Gulf, Aug. 5-28, to Antwerp, Rotterdam, 14c., Hamburg, Bremen, 15c., two ports, ½c. more; Montreal, July 25-31, Antwerp or Rotterdam, 12c.; 32,000 qrs., Sept. 5-25, Montreal to Mediterranean, 15½c.; 40,000 qrs., Gulf to Greece, Aug.-Sept., 16c.; time, West Indies round, \$1.75; same, \$1.90; grain, 35,000 qrs., Montreal, second half August to Rotterdam, 12c.; Montreal, Aug. 10-26, to Huelva, 3s. 4½d., with option two ports, 3s. 7½d.; 32,000 qrs., Montreal first half September, to Antwerp, 12½c.; tankers, San Pedro to north of Hatteras, August, clean, 75c.

COAL.—Bunker prices tended downward but trade is expected to improve later. The Panama Railroad has cut prices at Cristobal and Balboa 50c. Trade on the whole was either dull or showed only a moderate volume. Later trade was dull. Navy standard coal said to be of excellent low volatile per centum was quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.50 f.o.b. Hampton Roads piers, or a mine price a little under \$4. At New York sales averaged about 1,000 tons daily above the minimum of the past year.

TOBACCO.—Java and Sumatra has sold, it is said, on fair scale, which means that stocks are being steadily reduced. No large business is expected at this time. Pennsylvania broadleaf filled, 10c.; broadleaf binder, 20 to 25½c. Porto Rico, 60 to 80c.; Connecticut No. 1 second 1925 crop 65c.; seed fillers, 20c.; medium wrappers, 65c.; dark wrapper 1925 crop, 40c. South Carolina says the crop is in only fair shape, owing to recent excessive rains. Georgia's crop is estimated at 20,000,000 lbs. against 59,000,000 a year ago.

COPPER was quieter. Most producers are sold up through August and many have oversold their August production. What little demand there was for prompt shipment. Prices were firm at 14¾c. delivered to Connecticut and 15c. c.i.f. European ports. In London on the 24th inst. prices were unchanged at £62 16s. 3d. for spot and £63 3s. 9d. for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 50 futures electrolytic £68 15s. for spot and £69 5s. for futures. Late on a few producers reported better inquiries but in the main trade was quiet. On the 25th inst. 1,500 tons sold for export. The Government reported exports in June as 45,762 tons including manufactures thereof as against 51,464 tons in May and 39,048 in June last year. In London on the 25th standard advanced 2s. 6d. to £62 18s. 9d. for spot and £63 6s. 3d. for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 400 futures electrolytic unchanged. Later trade was quiet and the price steady at 14¾c. Germany, England and France pay 15c. c.i.f. Havre, Hamburg and London. In London on the 26th standard fell 3s. 9d. to £62 15s. for spot and £63 2s. 6d. for futures; sales 800 tons spot and 700 futures; electrolytic £68 15s. spot and £69 5s. futures.

TIN advanced early in the week. On the 24th inst. prices were 2 cents above the low point of the year. Spot sold at 48c. A car of August sold at 47.80c., some September at 47¾c., August at 47¾c. and 25 tons of April-May on the local metal exchange at 47.80c. Straits shipments this month are expected to be 8,500 tons and American deliveries 6,000 tons. In London on the 24th inst. prices advanced £1 10s. to £217 10s. for spot standard and £214 10s. for futures; sales 250 tons spot and 350 futures; spot Straits was £220 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London up £4 to £219 15s. on sales of 200 tons. Here on the 25th inst. prices rose ¼ to 1c. spot sold at 48¾c. early, but later at 49c.; July was 48¼c. early, but 48¾c. later; August early 48½c., later 48¾c. September advanced from 48¼ to 48½c. Some attribute the advance to speculative tactics in London. Prices there on the 25th inst. advanced £1 to £218 10s. for spot; futures up 17s. 6d. to £215 7s. 6d.; sales 50 tons spot and 450 futures; spot Straits up £1 to £221 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London was unchanged at £219 15s. on sales of 200 tons. On the 26th inst. spot Straits sold here at 48¾c. On the 26th London spot standard advanced £2 7s. 6d. to £220 17s. 6d.; futures up £2 17s. 6d. to £218 5s.; sales 150 tons spot and 950 futures; spot Straits advanced £2 7s. 6d. to £223 17s. 6d.; Eastern c.i.f. London up £2 10s. to £222 5s. on sales of 275 tons.

LEAD was in good demand and steady. Prices, 6c. East St. Louis and 6.20c. New York. Producers in some cases are asking premiums for future delivery. Producers are independent as their books are understood to be filled or nearly so. Lead ore was \$80. In London on the 24th inst. prices were unchanged at £20 16s. 3d. for spot and £21 2s. 6d. for futures; sales, 200 tons futures. Spot in London on the 25th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £20 17s. 6d.; futures unchanged; sales 50 tons spot and 200 futures. Later business was reported brisk; East St. Louis 6c. In London on the 26th inst. prices advanced 1s. 3d. to £20 18s. 9d. for spot and £21 3s. 9d. for futures; same, 600 tons spot and 500 futures.

ZINC was rather quiet, despite the nearness of Aug. when the price is generally advanced \$1. Some bought in anticipation of this advance. Yet many do not believe that the price will be changed. It was 6.20c. for prompt and 6.25c. for Aug. World production of zinc last month was 3,000 less than in May, but 7,000 more than in the same month of 1927. In London on the 24th inst. spot advanced 1s. 3d. to £24 13s. 9d.; futures unchanged at £24 17s. 6d.; sales 250 tons spot and 100 futures; In London on the 25th spot was up 1s. 3d. to £24 15s.; futures unchanged; sales 50 tons spot and 50 futures. Later 6.20c. was quoted for July shipment, but with little business. In London on the 26th inst. £24 15s. was quoted for spot, and £24 17s. 6d. for futures; sales 50 tons spot.

STEEL is said to be in somewhat better demand at Pittsburgh at pretty steady prices. But the mills feel the absence of a good demand for freight cars, the hardest to sell in the list of railroad supplies. Fifty thousand tons of fabricated steel will be required for buildings in Chicago and Pittsburgh besides 10,000 tons for the Harlem River tunnel; also 6,000 tons of small billets in Pittsburgh. At Youngstown one maker quotes \$1 higher at \$33 for sheet bars for the third quarter. Pipe mills in some cases are running at 75%; sheet mills 74%; tin plate mills still at 96%. There is a very gradual increase in pipe business at Pittsburgh. The best buying is by the automobile industry. Wire products it is said are selling better at Youngstown.

PIG IRON has been in the main quiet, but a somewhat better inquiry was reported for the third quarter in New England. Only small inquiries have been noticed here. In New England Buffalo sells at \$16.50 with sales now and then

\$16; lower third-quarter barge rates tend to help New England business somewhat. In the Central West business said to have been good. This applies to Cleveland, Chicago and Cincinnati. In some cases silicon differentials are aimed in Chicago, because of competition with Buffalo. No. 2 foundry eastern Pennsylvania is nominally \$19.50 to 20. In Birmingham sales of foundry pig iron, it is said, equal the output. Any demand over and above output will be cared for from the surplus stock of foundry iron, which is about 40 days' make. The quotation is \$13.50 per ton, No. 2 foundry. Later it was said that sales on the Eastern seaboard had increased somewhat. At Youngstown No. 2 foundry sells, it is said, at \$16.50; Bessemer sold at \$17 a ton.

WOOL has been quiet and rather weak in some cases. Boston sent a Government report as follows: "Trading in wool is mostly on finer grades of Western grown wools. Inquiries are for fine and half blood Ohio fleeces, but not much business has been put through. The volume is not large on the Western wools. Demand however, is showing a very gradual improvement; reports indicate that the current trading is being done on a slightly lower level than the peak attained a few weeks ago, especially on fine territories. Medium territory prices have not changed much because of the large volume that was sold ahead before shearing time. In London on July 20th the Colonial sales closed with offerings of 9,500 bales; total for the series 94,000 bales against 99,800 scheduled; 26,500 bales were taken by British buyers and 42,500 by Continental. About 35,000 bales were carried forward, including 19,500 which were unoffered. Compared with the closing prices of the May series best greasy merinos closed par to 5% higher, inferior wools of this description par to 5% lower, also New Zealand slip cross-breds. Greasy cross-breds are par to 5% higher, including Puntas. Capes were practically unchanged. New Zealand greasy half-bred, 56-58s, sold on the 20th inst. at 25 1/2d.; greasy cross-bred 56s, 23 1/2d.; 50s, 22d.; 48s, 21d., and 46s, 20 1/2d.

Details: Sydney, 694 bales; greasy merinos 24 to 29d.; Victoria, 1,819 bales; greasy merinos, 18 1/2 to 31d.; scoured merinos, 32 to 43d.; New Zealand, 3,775 bales; greasy cross-breds, 20 1/2 to 26 1/2d.; scoured cross-breds, 24 to 34d.; Puntia Arenas, 2,268 bales; greasy cross-breds, 16 1/2 to 24 1/2d.; Cape, 375 bales; greasy merinos, 15 to 16d. New Zealand slip, 15d. to 31 1/2d., latter for half-bred lambs.

Liverpool cabled on July 23rd that at the opening of the East India auction where 23,500 bales are being offered in five selling days there was no material change in prices for medium wools compared with the closing prices of the preceding series. Demand good for all carpet sorts. No good white wools were offered. Wools suitable for clothing in this country were not tested. Better wools will probably be offered on the 24th. Stocks of such wools in Boston are, however, ample.

COTTON

Friday Night, July 27 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 18,771 bales, against 19,932 bales last week and 27,419 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1927 8,333,754 bales, against 12,679,958 bales for the same period of 1926-27, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1927 of 4,346,204 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	657	384	767	129	522	45	2,504
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	98	98
Houston	329	822	541	241	487	348	2,768
Corpus Christi	—	—	—	—	—	3,940	3,940
New Orleans	703	655	2,811	1,179	518	994	6,860
Mobile	76	100	48	14	55	—	293
Savannah	89	142	159	153	45	290	878
Charleston	50	457	108	76	57	42	790
Wilmington	12	—	—	—	11	—	28
Norfolk	—	100	141	23	8	32	304
New York	—	50	—	—	—	—	50
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	258	258
Totals this week.	1,916	2,710	4,575	1,816	1,703	6,051	18,771

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 27.	1927-28.		1926-27.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	2,504	2,256,924	5,525	3,240,942	116,575	154,740
Texas City	98	99,712	133	173,031	3,877	6,121
Houston	2,768	2,542,185	4,885	3,804,757	185,937	194,029
Corpus Christi	3,940	184,103	—	—	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	6,906	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	6,860	1,551,358	8,918	2,468,731	158,036	263,879
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	293	294,703	615	396,605	2,460	17,202
Savannah	—	12,341	—	14,370	—	—
Charleston	—	51	—	621	613	585
Wilmington	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk	—	878	663,037	1,205,311	19,391	55,565
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	18,771	8,333,754	35,602	12,679,958	624,709	983,998

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Galveston	2,504	5,525	9,549	14,430	19,869	12,045
Houston	2,768	4,885	40,917	10,966	6,343	209
New Orleans	6,860	8,918	9,488	2,780	2,753	4,492
Mobile	293	615	1,002	565	700	209
Savannah	878	10,825	18,392	2,955	1,314	5,556
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	63	—
Charleston	790	2,093	1,464	5,588	284	854
Wilmington	28	245	38	464	153	191
Norfolk	304	830	2,271	6,213	396	1,937
Newport N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	4,346	1,666	2,101	1,096	3,428	893
Total this wk.	18,771	35,602	35,602	45,020	35,170	26,386
Since Aug. 1—	8,333,754	12,679,958	9,672,792	9,193,119	6,742,925	5,740,805

* 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 69,604 bales, of which 6,786 were to Great Britain, 9,278 to France, 8,268 to Germany, 5,895 to Italy, 20,866 to Russia, 12,146 to Japan and China and 6,365 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 68,246 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,522,124 bales, against 10,899,494 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended July 27 1928.	Exported to—						
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.
Galveston	—	2,471	—	1,430	6,650	4,959	742
Houston	—	5,257	2,709	2,840	—	6,868	2,752
Corpus Christi	2,240	1,500	—	—	—	—	200
New Orleans	4,446	—	2,353	1,525	14,216	319	1,171
Savannah	—	—	75	—	—	—	75
Norfolk	—	—	3,131	—	—	—	900
New York	100	50	—	100	—	—	600
Total	6,786	9,278	8,268	5,895	20,866	12,146	6,365
Total 1927	4,094	2,538	10,810	300	17,500	23,890	9,114
Total 1926	8,145	2,490	12,535	18,123	20,350	18,139	5,330

From Aug. 1 1927 to July 27 1928.	Exported to—						
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.
Galveston	331,306	360,088	445,579	226,945	73,700	362,205	413,129
Houston	321,101	356,498	478,043	190,653	94,449	319,384	203,851
Texas City	23,410	3,973	9,461	—	11,100	—	847
Corpus Christi	28,102	35,821	59,270	4,059	3,100	23,972	15,382
Port Arthur	1,344	1,400	3,387	—	—	—	775
New Orleans	266,736	105,533	281,811	147,047	217,315	233,400	130,184
Mobile	56,767	2,089	120,432	5,470	—	29,000	7,575
Pensacola	1,836	100	8,910	370	—	—	1,125
Savannah	175,268	8,378	377,028	15,154	—	39,405	26,751
Lake Charles	—	—	822	—	—	—	619
Charleston	51,167	2,057	165,193	6,065	—	6,300	28,456
Wilmington	7,200	—	24,250	78,642	—	—	300
Norfolk	71,417	600	82,917	4,750	—	6,150	5,557
Newport News	—	265	—	—	—	154	100
New York	58,132	11,678	68,250	9,645	—	6,504	39,954
Boston	5,130	247	807	—	—	—	3,232
Baltimore	—	2,543	—	2,154	—	—	267
Philadelphia	775	—	115	528	—	—	775
Los Angeles	29,486	7,313	33,187	591	—	26,455	411
San Diego	1,843	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Francisco	889	300	455	—	—	2,155	514
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	3,650	—
Total	1,430,744	898,618	2,159,917	694,103	399,664	10,877,74	880,304
Total '26-'27	2,573,105	1,016,671	2,939,979	785,871	491,392	13,089,96	12,615,80
Total '25-'26	2,279,070	909,425	1,715,192	729,894	230,562	11,970,24	846,051

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 June the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 16,097 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 20,501 bales. For the eleven months ended June 30 1928 there were 223,485 bales exported as against 254,418 bales for the corresponding eleven 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:

July 27 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	7,100	6,000	5,000	17,000	2,000	37,100
New Orleans	1,913	1,176	2,137	12,694	242	18,162
Savannah	—	200	—	—	—	200
Charleston	—	—	—	—	100	100
Mobile	1,050	—	—	1,250	60	2,360
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	29,156
Other ports*	2,500	1,000	2,500	7,000	—	271,105
Total 1928	12,563	8,376	9,637	37,944	2,402	70,922
Total 1927	6,470	8,164	14,321	37,613	2,552	69,120
Total 1926	7,247	7,757	17,987	22,079	1,705	56,775

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been fairly active and in the end at declining prices, at times, owing to good weather east and west of the Mississippi River and an improving crop outlook. Liquidation was heavy. Selling for the decline was more noticeable. Liverpool weakened. There was heavy liquidation there on account of better weather reports from this side. Manchester was dull. Worth Street was quiet. Closing down for one week will be adopted, it seems, by many mills beginning July 29. The New Bedford strike continues. Later came an advance

on heavy rains in the eastern belt and fears here and in Liverpool of weevil damage. On Thursday the rise was 40 to 45 points, as shorts covered freely in an apparently over-sold market. Liverpool was in much the same case. It was sold out and advanced. Texas has had frequent rain-falls of late of 1 to 3 1/2 inches, not all of which is considered beneficial. The rains of late in the Central and Eastern belts are declared to be injurious, as fostering the weevil and tending to make fields grassy and plants sappy. August weather has often been bad for the crop. Though the weekly report on Wednesday was considered in the main favorable it was not without unfavorable features.

The weekly report stated that with less rain in the eastern portion of the belt, beneficial showers in some western dry districts and seasonable warmth, conditions during the week were favorable for the cotton crop. In the Carolinas progress was very good, with plants blooming rather freely in South Carolina, while in Georgia less rain, favorable warmth and more sunshine made a good growing week. With progress of crop very good, and fruiting improved in the South, much cultivation was accomplished, though there were still complaints of grassy fields in some sections. In Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, progress was mostly fair to good, though poor in some sections, and plants are still generally late, with many poor stands reported in parts of the area. In Arkansas progress was poor to only fairly good in some west central and southeastern sections, but very good elsewhere, with squares forming and plants blooming rapidly, but uneven in size. In Louisiana the weather was favorable in the Northwest, but rains in the East were unfavorable with the general condition of the crop only fair. In Oklahoma most of the week was fair and warm and cotton made fair to good advance, but much of it is late, and needs cultivation, though early plants are generally fruiting nicely. In Texas, rains in the west and northwest were favorable and the progress of the crop generally was good to very good, except in some central, southern and southwestern portions, where poor because of continued lack of moisture with complaints of plants shedding and dying in these localities. Elsewhere they are fruiting fairly well, with the general condition of the crop fair to very good, though still late.

But of late the rains have been heavy in the Central and Eastern belts. It is feared that the weevil may strike the plant in August. The infestation is widespread. The market has been heavily short. At times contracts have been scarce. Shorts have latterly covered freely. It is asserted that parts of Texas are having too much rain; also Arkansas and Oklahoma. An English estimate of the world's consumption of American cotton is 15,645,000 bales, exclusive of linters, against 15,777,000 last year and 13,736,000 in 1925-26. Spot cotton has of late advanced with a better demand. Carolina mills, it is declared, have been trying to buy in New Orleans. The certificated stock here, it is said, will soon drop to 25,000 bales, because of shipments to Liverpool, Germany and Japan, especially to Europe. Many mills here, it is believed, allowed their stocks of raw cotton to become depleted. Some are buying now and calling for quick shipment. There may be a lock-out of 125,000 Lancashire workers on August 11th unless the striking operatives return to the Ramsay Mill in Bolton by that time, but a lockout is not certain. Some of the cable dispatches expressed doubt whether it would come to pass.

To-day prices early were some 15 to 20 points higher, with renewed rains in the Central and Eastern belt and heavy covering of shorts; also there was more or less trade buying. Some reports from Texas were not altogether favorable. Taking the weather as a whole, it was considered as of the weevil producing kind. But later prices dropped some 40 points from the high level of the morning on week-end liquidation and some selling for the other side of the account. Wall Street, uptown and local traders of prominence sold. The fact that so little attention was paid to the heavy Central and Eastern rains had a bad effect. The rains in Texas for the most part were considered favorable. They were getting down to the southern and southwestern part of that State. Those sections had comparatively little rain. They needed rains. Dallas reports were in the main favorable as regards the crop in Texas. Certainly the drought had been broken during the week. From Houston came a report that the average guess of the members of the Exchange there was 5,055,000 bales. At first it was reported as 5,500,000 bales against a ginning of 4,229,367 last year, 5,477,788 in 1926, and 4,098,249 in 1925. Cotton goods continued quiet. Reports from Manchester were in the main unfavorable. The technical position had been weakened more or less by the covering here

during the week. Outside support was lacking. Most of the buying comes from the trade and shorts. Final prices show a decline for the week of 7 to 9 points. Spot cotton ended at 21.05c for middling, a decline for the week of 11 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades as figured from the July 26 quotations of the ten market designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Aug. 2:

Middling fair.....	.84 on	*Middling yellow tinged.....	1.13 of
Strict good middling.....	.60 on	*Strict low middling yellow tinged.....	1.72 of
Good middling.....	.39 on	*Low middling yellow tinged.....	2.45 of
Strict middling.....	.26 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.71 of
Middling.....	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.24 of
Strict low middling.....	.40 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	1.85 of
Low middling.....	.92 off	Good middling yellow stained.....	.83 of
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.59 off	*Strict middling yellow stained.....	1.71 of
*Good ordinary.....	2.31 off	*Middling yellow stained.....	2.40 of
Good middling spotted.....	.23 on	Good middling gray.....	.47 of
Strict middling spotted.....	even	Strict middling gray.....	.73 of
Middling spotted.....	.43 off	*Middling gray.....	1.09 of
*Strict low middling spotted.....	.93 off	*Good middling blue stained.....	1.51 of
*Low middling spotted.....	1.61 off	*Strict middling blue stained.....	2.12 of
Strict good middling yellow tinged.....	.03 off	*Middling blue stained.....	2.90 of
Good middling yellow tinged.....	.34 off
Strict middling yellow tinged.....	.66 off

* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

July 21 to July 27—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	21.10	21.05	20.95	21.10	21.15	21.05

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 27 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1928.....	21.05c.	1920.....	40.00c.	1912.....	13.25c.	1904.....	10.70c.
1927.....	18.70c.	1919.....	35.15c.	1911.....	13.50c.	1903.....	13.50c.
1926.....	19.35c.	1918.....	28.55c.	1910.....	15.85c.	1902.....	9.06c.
1925.....	25.90c.	1917.....	25.20c.	1909.....	12.65c.	1901.....	8.12c.
1924.....	35.00c.	1916.....	13.25c.	1908.....	10.80c.	1900.....	10.00c.
1923.....	22.80c.	1915.....	9.70c.	1907.....	12.90c.	1899.....	6.12c.
1922.....	21.55c.	1914.....	13.00c.	1906.....	10.90c.	1898.....	6.06c.
1921.....	12.10c.	1913.....	11.95c.	1905.....	11.05c.	1897.....	7.94c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	100	---	1,900
Monday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Very steady	500	1,400	600
Tuesday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Easy	600	---	600
Wednesday	Quiet, 15 pts. adv.	Steady	100	400	800
Thursday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Firm	600	200	800
Friday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	500	---	500
Total	-----	-----	2,400	2,000	4,400
Since Aug. 1	-----	-----	350,243	897,400	1,247,643

FUTURES. The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 21.	Monday, July 23.	Tuesday, July 24.	Wednesday, July 25.	Thursday, July 26.	Friday, July 27.
July—						
Range..	20.50-20.69	20.38-20.62	20.45-20.70	20.18-20.60	---	---
Closing.	20.54-20.62	20.55	20.45	---	---	---
August—						
Range..	20.70	20.70	20.60	20.34-20.51	---	20.75-20.75
Closing.	20.70	20.70	20.60	20.35	20.74	20.56
Sept.—						
Range..	20.75	20.75	20.65	20.51	20.90	20.75
Closing.	20.75	20.75	20.65	20.51	20.90	20.75
October—						
Range..	20.72-20.84	20.60-20.84	20.67-20.95	20.46-20.75	20.68-20.99	20.73-21.11
Closing.	20.80-20.82	20.77-20.80	20.67-20.68	20.57-20.58	20.96-20.98	20.81-20.83
Nov.—						
Range..	20.70	20.62-20.62	20.56	20.46	20.86	20.72
Closing.	20.70	20.67	20.56	20.46	20.86	20.72
Dec.—						
Range..	20.55-20.68	20.43-20.65	20.46-20.76	20.25-20.51	20.48-20.81	20.56-20.91
Closing.	20.61-20.62	20.59-20.60	20.46-20.48	20.36-20.38	20.76-20.80	20.62-20.64
Jan.—						
Range..	20.45-20.58	20.30-20.54	20.38-20.67	20.18-20.39	20.42-20.74	20.50-20.86
Closing.	20.49-20.50	20.50-20.51	20.38	20.29-20.31	20.70-20.74	20.53
Feb.—						
Range..	20.48	20.47	20.34	20.26	20.67	20.51
Closing.	20.48	20.47	20.34	20.26	20.67	20.51
March—						
Range..	20.40-20.51	20.28-20.49	20.31-20.60	20.15-20.33	20.37-20.68	20.47-20.82
Closing.	20.46	20.45	20.31	20.23	20.64-20.68	20.49
April—						
Range..	20.39	20.37	20.25	20.17	20.59	20.44
Closing.	20.39	20.37	20.25	20.17	20.59	20.44
May—						
Range..	20.25-20.40	20.16-20.34	20.20-20.50	20.00-20.15	20.25-20.61	20.37-20.66
Closing.	20.33-20.35	20.30-20.34	20.20-20.22	20.11	20.54-20.60	20.40-20.43

Range of future prices at New York for week ending July 27 1928 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
July 1928..	20.18 July 25 20.70 July 24	17.10 Feb. 2 1928 24.70 Sept. 8 1927
Aug. 1928..	20.34 July 25 20.75 July 27	17.65 Feb. 8 1928 22.20 June 28 1928
Sept. 1928..	20.46 July 25 21.11 July 27	17.45 Jan. 28 1928 22.30 June 27 1928
Oct. 1928..	20.62 July 23 20.62 July 23	19.72 Apr. 24 1928 22.87 June 29 1928
Nov. 1928..	20.25 July 25 20.91 July 27	17.25 Jan. 28 1928 22.46 June 30 1928
Dec. 1928..	20.18 July 25 20.86 July 27	16.98 June 12 1928 22.70 June 29 1928
Jan. 1929..	20.18 July 25 20.86 July 27	17.00 Feb. 2 1928 22.45 June 29 1928
Feb. 1929..	20.15 July 25 20.82 July 27	18.52 Apr. 2 1928 22.36 June 29 1928
Mar. 1929..	20.15 July 25 20.82 July 27	20.26 May 4 1928 22.06 July 9 1928
Apr. 1929..	20.00 July 25 20.66 July 27	19.79 June 12 1928 22.30 June 29 1928

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1926.
July 27—				
Stock at Liverpool..... bales.	710,000	1,188,000	841,000	572,000
Stock at London.....	63,000	126,000	88,000	66,000
Stock at Manchester.....				
Total Great Britain.....	773,000	1,314,000	929,000	642,000
Stock at Hamburg.....				
Stock at Bremen.....	379,000	549,000	128,000	126,000
Stock at Havre.....	194,000	213,000	131,000	107,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	9,000	11,000	1,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	95,000	104,000	69,000	66,000
Stock at Genoa.....	39,000	34,000	16,000	15,000
Stock at Ghent.....				15,000
Stock at Antwerp.....				2,000
Total Continental stocks.....	716,000	911,000	345,000	335,000
Total European stocks.....	1,489,000	2,225,000	1,274,000	977,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	114,000	98,000	62,000	77,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	162,000	240,000	137,000	108,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	104,000	127,000	144,000	144,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	220,000	319,000	205,000	55,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	1,182,000	621,000	525,000	598,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	624,709	698,998	510,024	210,730
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	4328,470	4374,492	819,353	160,605
U. S. exports to-day.....	3,931	515	10,073	12,552

Total visible supply.....4,228,110 4,989,005 3,686,450 2,342,887
Of the above totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—	bales.	449,000	854,000	462,000	314,000
Liverpool stock.....		48,000	111,000	74,000	58,000
Manchester stock.....		658,000	853,000	272,000	249,000
Continental stock.....		162,000	240,000	137,000	108,000
American afloat for Europe.....		624,709	698,998	510,024	210,730
U. S. port stocks.....		4328,470	4374,492	819,353	160,605
U. S. interior stocks.....		3,931	515	10,073	12,552
U. S. exports to-day.....					
Total American.....	2,272,110	3,417,005	2,284,450	1,112,887	
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock.....		261,000	334,000	379,000	258,000
London stock.....					4,000
Manchester stock.....		17,000	15,000	14,000	8,000
Continental stock.....		58,000	58,000	73,000	86,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....		114,000	98,000	62,000	77,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....		104,000	127,000	144,000	144,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....		220,000	319,000	205,000	55,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		1,182,000	621,000	525,000	598,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,956,000	1,572,000	1,402,000	1,230,000	
Total American.....	2,272,110	3,417,005	2,284,450	1,112,887	

Total visible supply.....	4,228,110	4,989,005	3,686,450	2,342,887
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	11,734d.	10,05d.	10,02d.	13,53d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	21.05c.	18.70c.	19.15c.	24.85c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	20.95d.	20.80d.	17.75d.	35.60d.
Peruvian rough good, Liverpool.....	13.50d.	11.00d.	16.00d.	20.75d.
Broad, fine, Liverpool.....	9.90d.	9.15d.	8.85d.	12.05d.
Thinnevelly, good, Liverpool.....	10.85d.	9.58d.	9.40d.	12.45d.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks, in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.

Continental imports for past week have been 119,800 bales. The above figures for 1928 show a decrease from last week of 154,733 bales, a loss of 760,895 from 1927, an increase of 541,660 bales over 1926, and a gain of 1,885,223 bales over 1925.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to July 27 1928.			Movement of July 27 1927			
	Receipts.		Stocks May 25.	Receipts.		Stocks May 26.	
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham.....	11	94,074	259	3,407	9	100,983	
Eufaula.....	3	20,424	27	4,557	9	27,945	
Montgomery.....	---	78,820	340	6,873	652	131,754	
Selma.....	4	58,915	893	4,207	53	96,963	
Ark., Blytheville.....	---	78,661	152	3,470	---	---	
Forest City.....	10	37,254	105	2,868	---	---	
Helena.....	7	52,344	453	3,825	2	97,892	
Hope.....	---	49,847	70	1,496	---	---	
Jonesboro.....	---	32,364	---	979	---	---	
Little Rock.....	59	109,978	198	5,449	118	208,038	
Newport.....	---	48,713	42	925	---	---	
Pine Bluff.....	200	125,987	200	7,116	142	192,208	
Walnut Ridge.....	7	35,649	174	472	---	---	
Ga., Albany.....	---	4,980	---	1,577	3	8,824	
Athens.....	---	50,906	---	1,049	500	59,340	
Atlanta.....	285	130,101	1,486	13,293	85	264,003	
Augusta.....	1,710	288,668	4,730	26,164	3,068	403,573	
Columbus.....	287	51,908	100	660	200	52,101	
Macon.....	2	69,107	42	1,737	279	114,910	
Rome.....	575	41,156	606	8,584	30	52,593	
La., Shreveport.....	4	98,646	323	9,171	190	169,260	
Miss., Clarksdale.....	137	154,339	889	14,375	225	197,163	
Columbus.....	---	36,088	---	803	103	44,350	
Greenwood.....	423	160,918	4,117	25,669	186	185,704	
Meridian.....	3	41,359	71	666	95	55,763	
Natchez.....	---	37,200	200	10,908	60	50,665	
Vicksburg.....	---	18,150	---	1,530	277	35,810	
Yazoo City.....	3	27,898	205	4,598	---	44,773	
Mo., St. Louis.....	2,852	384,675	3,073	2,287	3,624	620,620	
N.C., Greensboro.....	61	29,972	1,201	7,796	1,723	63,935	
Raleigh.....	---	---	---	22	21,865	107	1,580
Okla., Altus.....	---	---	---	100	210,266	100	1,631
Chickasha.....	---	---	---	100	195,183	100	1,839
Okla., City.....	---	---	---	200	190,509	200	3,749
15 towns*.....	251	745,825	1,653	13,200	---	---	
S.C., Greenville.....	2,993	336,180	5,877	16,759	5,992	411,438	
Greenwood.....	---	---	---	---	---	7,773	
Tenn., Memphis.....	7,638	1,508,048	13,472	83,949	7,960	2,341,984	
Nashville.....	---	---	---	---	319	10,163	
Texas, Abilene.....	32	58,801	182	315	---	79,613	
Austin.....	5	26,875	---	260	37	34,363	
Brenham.....	---	90,352	179	10,400	50	29,697	
Dallas.....	725	103,398	1,978	16,403	620	193,401	
Ft. Worth.....	---	---	---	---	300	125,759	
Paris.....	16	75,564	291	690	---	56,708	
Robstown.....	---	29,931	---	534	---	---	
San Antonio.....	100	38,398	1,200	1,425	1,212	64,161	
Texas.....	---	58,996	300	557	---	---	
Waco.....	300	91,813	100	4,467	---	---	
Total, 56 towns.....	18,793	5,553,890	45,182	328,470	32,145	7,251,993	

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 27,973 bales and are to-night 46,022 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 13,352 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1927-28		1926-27	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
July 27—				
Shipped.....				
Via St. Louis.....	3,073	k	4,091	k
Via Mounds, &c.....	200	k	1,750	k
Via Rock Island.....	---	k	---	k
Via Louisville.....	398	k	234	k
Via Virginia points.....	4,285	k	4,714	k
Via other routes, &c.....	3,984	k	5,581	k
Total gross overland.....	11,940	k	16,370	k
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	308	k	1,533	k
Between interior towns.....	306	k	327	k
Inland, &c., from South.....	10,742	k	10,550	k
Total to be deducted.....	11,356	k	12,410	k
Leaving total net overland *.....	584	k	3,960	k

* Including movement by rail to Canada. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at end of crop year.

	1927-28		1926-27	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings.....				
Receipts at ports to July 27.....	18,771	k	35,602	k
Net overland to July 27.....	584	k	3,960	k
Southern consumption to July 28.....	90,000	k	115,000	k
Total marketed.....	109,355	k	154,562	k
Interior stocks in excess.....	27,973	k	17,729	k
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to July 1.....	---	k	---	k
Came into sight during week.....	81,382	k	136,833	k
Total in sight July 27.....	---	k	---	k
North. spinners' takings to July 27.....	16,492	k	---	k

* Decrease. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at end of crop year.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended July 27	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. day	Friday
Galveston.....	20.75	20.75	20.65	20.55	20.95	20.80
New Orleans.....	20.89	20.76	20.70	20.60	21.06	20.92
Mobile.....	20.60	20.60	20.50	20.40	20.85	20.70
Savannah.....	21.16	21.15	21.02	20.92	21.32	21.16
Norfolk.....	21.00	21.13	21.00	20.88	21.25	21.25
Baltimore.....	21.20	21.10	21.25	21.10	21.30	21.40
Augusta.....	21.13	21.06	21.00	20.88	21.25	21.13
Memphis.....	20.40	20.40	20.30	20.20	20.60	20.45
Houston.....	20.75	20.70	20.60	20.50	20.90	20.75
Little Rock.....	20.35	20.35	20.20	20.05	20.45	20.32
Dallas.....	20.15	20.10	19.95	19.86	20.30	20.15
Fort Worth.....	---	20.10	20.00	19.90	20.30	20.15

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 21.	Monday, July 23.	Tuesday, July 24.	Wednesday, July 25.	Thursday, July 26.	Friday, July 27.
July.....	20.43	20.38	bid	20.47-20.49	---	---
August.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
September.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
October.....	20.23-20.24	20.16-20.18	20.09-20.11	19.98-20.00	20.34-20.37	20.22-20.23
November.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
December.....	20.16-20.18	20.11-20.12	20.04-20.05	19.93-19.94	20.33-20.34	20.17-20.18
January.....	20.06	bid	20.06-20.07	19.95-19.97	19.85-19.86	20.26
February.....	---	---	---	---	---	20.10-20.12
March.....	20.04	bid	20.07	19.94-19.95	19.85	bid
April.....	---	---	---	---	---	20.17
May.....	19.94	bid	19.95-19.96	19.85	bid	20.00-20.12
Spot.....	Dull	Steady	Quiet	Quiet		

cut that the chief sources of supply are the United States, Indian, and Egypt, and that the United States furnishes the greater portion of this supply.

The chief ports of entry for these cotton supplies are Bremen, Havre, Milan, Barcelona, Antwerp, Ghent, and Rotterdam. Other points through which some cotton enters, but which have no regularly organized cotton markets, are Hamburg, Dunkirk, Venice, Marseilles, and Naples. As the mills are located at considerable distances from the import markets, the marketing problems, says Mr. Cox, are different from those found in England. It is impracticable for the spinners to go to the import market to buy their cotton, and it takes a longer time for the cotton to be delivered. These and other conditions have developed spinners' markets apart from the import markets and have tended to develop a different method of doing business from that prevailing in England.

Full details of the survey have been published by the department in Technical Bulletin 78-T, Marketing American Cotton on the Continent of Europe, copies of which may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that rain has fallen during the week in many sections of the Cotton Belt, but in most instances precipitation has been light to moderate. Temperatures have been about normal and generally cotton has made good growth. Texas has had needed rains in most of the dry areas. In a few sections of the Cotton Belt where there has been too much rain, the fields are grassy, with cultivation delayed.

Texas.—Rains during the week in the northwest and western sections of this State have been favorable and the progress of the crop is generally good except in a few sections.

Mobile, Ala.—Daily showers have somewhat delayed cultivation. There have been one-inch rains on two days covering a wide area. The crop is grassy in many localities. Weevils are working slowly and the crop is growing nicely.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer	
Galveston, Tex.	2 days	0.34 in.	high 91	low 79
Ablene	5 days	2.84 in.	high 100	low 66
Brenham	1 day	0.40 in.	high 100	low 68
Brownsville		dry	high 94	low 76
Corpus Christi		dry	high 92	low 78
Dallas	3 days	1.56 in.	high 96	low 70
Henrietta	6 days	2.89 in.	high 100	low 66
Kerrville	2 days	0.48 in.	high 98	low 64
Lampasas	1 day	.36 in.	high 102	low 68
Lonyview	2 days	0.74 in.	high 92	low 60
Luling	1 day	0.80 in.	high 106	low 72
Nacodoches	4 days	3.74 in.	high 96	low 68
Palestine	4 days	2.54 in.	high 94	low 70
Paris	3 days	0.64 in.	high 98	low 70
San Antonio	1 day	.88 in.	high 100	low 72
Taylor	2 days	0.62 in.	high 98	low 70
Weatherford	3 days	1.68 in.	high 100	low 66
Ardmore, Okla.	2 days	0.87 in.	high 96	low 69
Altus	2 days	1.90 in.	high 101	low 67
Muskogee	2 days	0.40 in.	high 93	low 68
Oklahoma City	3 days	1.28 in.	high 95	low 70
Brinkley, Ark.	3 days	0.92 in.	high 94	low 69
Eldorado	4 days	2.06 in.	high 96	low 70
Little Rock	3 days	1.81 in.	high 94	low 71
Pine Bluff	3 days	1.60 in.	high 100	low 71
Alexandria, La.	3 days	4.76 in.	high 94	low 71
Amite	6 days	3.43 in.	high 91	low 67
New Orleans	2 days	0.97 in.	high 100	low 70
Shreveport	4 days	1.48 in.	high 100	low 70
Columbus, Miss.	4 days	2.14 in.	high 100	low 70
Greenwood	4 days	1.83 in.	high 100	low 71
Vicksburg	5 days	2.68 in.	high 92	low 71
Mobile, Ala.	4 days	.49 in.	high 93	low 72
Decatur	5 days	4.29 in.	high 96	low 71
Montgomery	1 day	0.92 in.	high 93	low 72
Selma	1 day	0.02 in.	high 95	low 72
Gainesville, Fla.	3 days	0.81 in.	high 93	low 69
Madison	4 days	0.78 in.	high 94	low 71
Savannah, Ga.	1 day	0.03 in.	high 94	low 72
Athens	3 days	0.60 in.	high 97	low 70
Augusta	2 days	0.91 in.	high 93	low 72
Columbus	1 day	0.55 in.	high 97	low 72
Charleston, S. C.	1 day	0.28 in.	high 94	low 74
Greenwood	2 days	0.60 in.	high 95	low 70
Columbia	5 days	2.21 in.	high 94	low 72
Conway	3 days	2.10 in.	high 95	low 71
Charlotte, N. C.	4 days	0.35 in.	high 97	low 70
Newborn	3 days	2.37 in.	high 97	low 71
Weldon	3 days	1.79 in.	high 99	low 67
Memphis, Tenn.	3 days	0.29 in.	high 98	low 71

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:

	July 27 1928.	July 29 1927.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	16.0
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	21.8
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	11.0
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	10.6
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	46.2

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Apr. 20	72,882	102,307	71,673	773,381	1,541,773	594,768	43,060	38,190	14,711
27	92,378	86,136	115,448	737,026	824,696	1,479,275	59,006	50,162	62,498
May 4	109,891	108,689	76,810	691,224	784,478	1,438,322	64,089	68,471	35,857
11	110,912	89,089	87,891	649,289	742,667	1,395,682	68,977	47,278	45,251
18	84,323	73,651	73,225	620,329	710,044	1,345,833	55,354	41,028	23,376
25	59,759	67,456	65,277	687,760	656,451	1,301,436	27,199	13,893	20,880
June 1	54,183	68,264	89,807	558,886	613,917	1,224,902	25,309	25,730	13,273
8	37,809	50,637	47,642	523,060	575,095	1,186,780	2,083	17,215	9,520
15	38,902	51,400	80,676	493,993	534,914	1,074,997	9,535	11,279	68,893
22	28,447	45,396	52,469	463,240	503,000	1,031,182	nil	13,482	8,634
29	30,851	36,843	53,136	437,961	471,669	987,093	5,572	5,512	9,037
July 6	36,994	38,801	37,067	407,726	449,131	952,467	6,759	16,263	2,407
13	27,419	34,623	36,882	386,332	412,498	917,992	6,025	nil	2,407
20	19,932	30,270	37,161	356,443	392,271	884,912	nil	10,043	4,081
27	18,771	35,602	85,222	328,470	374,492	819,353	nil	17,823	19,663

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1927 are 8,225,285 bales; in 1927 were 12,254,495 bales, and in 1926 were 10,339,768

bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 18,771 bales, the actual movement from plantations was nil bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 27,973 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 17,823 bales and for 1926 they were 19,663 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.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1927-28.		1926-27.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply July 20	4,382,843	k	5,191,762	k
Visible supply Aug. 1		k		k
American in sight July 27	81,382	k	136,833	k
Bombay receipts to July 26	32,000	k	32,000	k
Other India ship ts to July 26	13,000	k	2,000	k
Other Alexandria ship ts to July 25	2,000	k	2,200	k
Other supply to July 25	15,000	k	9,000	k
Total supply	4,526,225	k	5,373,795	k
Deduct—				
Visible supply July 27	4,228,110	k	4,989,005	k
Total takings to July 24	298,115	k	384,790	k
Of which American	244,115	k	274,590	k
Of which other	54,000	k	110,200	k

b Estimated. * Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at end of crop year.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

July 26. Receipts at—	1927-28.		1926-27.		1925-26.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	32,000	3,473,000	32,000	3,173,000	12,000	3,292,000
Exports from—						
For the Week.						
Since August 1.						
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.
Bombay—						
1927-28	6,000	22,000	28,000	92,000	685,000	1,345,000
1926-27	2,000	11,000	13,000	24,000	39,200	1,573,000
1925-26	11,000	19,000	30,000	52,000	523,000	1,800,000
Other India—						
1927-28	3,000	10,000	13,000	117,500	556,000	673,500
1926-27	2,000	2,000	2,000	56,000	435,000	491,000
1925-26	1,000	4,000	5,000	113,000	536,000	649,000
Total all—						
1927-28	3,000	16,000	22,000	41,000	209,500	1,241,000
1926-27	2,000	13,000	15,000	80,000	827,000	1,573,000
1925-26	1,000	15,000	19,000	35,000	165,000	1,059,000

According to the foregoing exports from all India ports record an increase of 26,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 315,500 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, July 25.	1927-28.	1926-25.	1925-26.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	10,000	11,000	19,000
Since Aug. 1	6,080,381	8,677,706	7,969,901

Export (bales)—	This Week.		Since Aug. 1.		This Week.		Since Aug. 1.	
	Week.	Aug. 1.	Week.	Aug. 1.	Week.	Aug. 1.	Week.	Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	5,000	166,943	4,250	236,194	---	198,228	---	200,551
To Manchester, &c.	---	17,340	2,750	198,197	---	---	---	---
To Continent & India	4,000	23,888	8,500	421,479	4,250	354,604	---	---
To America	---	115,240	9,500	157,886	---	154,574	---	---
Total exports	9,000	880,411	25,000	1,013,756	4,250	907,957	---	---

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 25 were 10,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 9,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is active, in cloths is quiet. Merchants are not willing to pay present prices. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1928.				1927.			
	32s Cop Twst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl'g Upl'ds	32s Cop Twst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl'g Upl'ds	32s Cop Twst.	8½ Lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Finest.
April 20	d. d.	s. d.	s. d.	d. d.	s. d.	s. d.	d. d.	s. d.
27	15½ @ 17¼	14 0	@ 14 2	11.25	12½ @ 14½	12 3	@ 12 5	8.07
May 4	16 @ 17½	14 1	@ 14 3	11.61	12½ @ 14½	12 4	@ 12 7	8.35
11	16½ @ 17¾	14 2	@ 14 4	11.60	13 @ 15	12 5	@ 13 0	8.75
18	16½ @ 17¾	14 3	@ 14 5	11.62	13½ @ 15½	12 5	@ 13 0	8.72
25	16 @ 17¾	14 3	@ 14 5	11.71	13½ @ 15½	13 0	@ 13 3	8.91
June 1	16 @ 17¾	14 3	@ 14 5	11.46	14 @ 16	13 0	@ 13 3	8.94
8	16 @ 17¾	14 3	@ 14 5	11.47	14½ @ 17	13 0	@ 13 3	9.23
15	16 @ 17¾	14 3	@ 14 5	11.45	14½ @ 17	13 0	@ 13 3	9.03
22	16 @ 17¾	14 2	@ 14 4	11.39	14½ @ 16½	13 0	@ 13 3	9.13
29	16½ @ 17¾	14 3	@ 14 5	11.65	14½ @ 16½	13 0	@ 13 3	9.08
July 6	16½ @ 17¾	14 6	@ 15 0	12.49	14½ @ 16½	13 0	@ 13 3	9.11
13	17 @ 18½	14 6	@ 15 0	12.53	15 @ 16½	13 0	@ 13 3	9.17
20	17 @ 18½	14 6	@ 15 0	12.14	15½ @ 17	13 1	@ 13 4	9.65
27	16½ @ 18½	14 2	@ 14 4	11.81	15½ @ 17½	13 4	@ 13 6	9.91
	16½ @ 18	14 1	@ 14 3	11.73	15½ @ 17½	13 0	@ 13 6	10.05

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

	Ba es.
NEW YORK—To Bergen—July 20—Ranenfjord, 200	200
To Venice—July 21—Lucia C., 100	100
To Antwerp—July 21—Lapland, 100	100
To Liverpool—July 20—Nifonian, 100	100
To Havre—July 25—Liberty, 50	300
To Barcelona—July 25—Manuel Arnus, 300	1,430
GALVESTON—To Genoa—July 19—Monviso, 1,430	4,959
To Japan—July 19—Sangstad, 4,959	6,650
To Murmansk—July 24—Passat, 6,650	1,931
To Havre—July 24—Clifford, 1,931	540
To Dunkirk—July 24—Clifford, 540	742
To Ghent—July 24—Clifford, 742	3,646
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—July 20—Specialist, 3,646	800
To Manchester—July 20—Specialist, 800	2,353
To Bremen—July 19—Bayou Chico, 2,353	1,171
To Rotterdam—Bayou Chico, 1,171	14,216
To Murmansk—July 23—Hindpool, 14,216	153
To China—July 26—Hawaii Maru, 153	1,425
To Venice—July 21—Burma, 1,425	100
To Trieste—July 21—Burma, 100	100
To Japan—July 26—Hawaii Maru, 100	3,131
NORFOLK—To Antwerp—July 23—Eastern Dawn, 100	800
To Bremen—July 27—Wesfalen, 800	764
To Rotterdam—July 27—Blydendijk, 800	6,868
HOUSTON—To Genoa—July 21—Monviso, 764	510
To Japan—July 21—Sangstad, 3,866	4,747
To England—3,002	510
To Havre—July 24—Clifford, 2,933	1,037
To Castle, 1,814	225
To Dunkirk—July 24—Clifford, 510	1,326
To Ghent—July 24—Clifford, 50	750
To Barcelona—July 24—Carlton, 1,037	2,709
To Antwerp—July 25—Wusly Castle, 225	1,040
To Venice—July 24—Burma, 1,326	75
To Trieste—July 24—Burma, 750	2,240
To Bremen—July 25—Edgenoor, 2,709	1,500
To Rotterdam—July 25—Edgenoor, 1,040	100
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—July 24—Lekhwan, 75	100
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Liverpool—July 26—Abercos, 2,240	100
To Havre—July 26—Deer Lodge, 1,500	100
To Ghent—July 26—Deer Lodge, 100	100
To Rotterdam—July 26—Deer Lodge, 100	69,604

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound.

	High Density.	Stand. ard.	High Density.	Stand. ard.	High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool	.40c.	.55c.	Oslo	.50c.	Shanghai	.70c.
Manchester	.40c.	.55c.	Stockholm	.60c.	Bombay	.60c.
Antwerp	.30c.	.45c.	Trieste	.50c.	Bremen	.45c.
Ghent	.37c.	.52c.	Fiume	.50c.	Hamburg	.45c.
Havre	.31c.	.46c.	Lisbon	.45c.	Piraeus	.75c.
Rotterdam	.35c.	.50c.	Oporto	.60c.	Salonica	.75c.
Genoa	.60c.	.65c.	Barcelona	.30c.	Venice	.50c.
			Japan	.65c.		.80c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	July 6.	July 13.	July 20.	July 27.
Sales of the week	32,000	25,000	23,000	30,000
Of which American	22,000	16,000	14,000	19,000
Actual exports	1,000	2,000	1,000	3,000
Forwarded	55,000	57,000	51,000	50,000
Total stocks	757,000	742,000	715,000	710,000
Of which American	507,000	487,000	463,000	449,000
Total imports	65,000	33,000	28,000	38,900
Of which American	25,000	13,000	9,000	14,000
Amount afloat	121,000	122,000	120,000	120,000
Of which American	31,000	28,000	27,000	22,000

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.		Dull.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds		11.56d.	11.50d.	11.58d.	11.54d.	11.63d.	11.73d.
Sales		3,000	5,000	7,000	5,000	5,000	4,000
Futures, Market, opened		Easy to 14 pts. decline.	Quiet unch. to 2 pts. advance.	Quiet unch. to 1 pt. decline.	Quiet 15 to 17 pts. decline.	Steady 8 to 13 pts. advance.	Steady, 8 to 10 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.		Quiet 13 to 16 pts. decline.	Steady 3 to 4 pts. advance.	Steady 4 to 6 pts. advance.	Quiet 16 to 18 pts. decline.	Steady 18 to 21 pts. advance.	Quiet, 1 pt. dec. to 2 pts. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

	July 21 to July 27.		Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12.15 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	12.15 p.m.
July	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
August	11.04	11.00	11.08	11.08	11.14	11.04	10.96	11.13
September	10.99	10.96	11.03	11.02	11.07	10.96	10.89	11.06
October	10.93	10.91	10.97	10.97	11.02	10.91	10.85	11.01
November	10.85	10.84	10.89	10.89	10.94	10.83	10.77	10.93
December	10.76	10.75	10.79	10.79	10.84	10.73	10.67	10.82
January	10.75	10.75	10.78	10.78	10.83	10.72	10.66	10.81
February	10.75	10.75	10.79	10.79	10.83	10.72	10.67	10.81
March	10.75	10.75	10.79	10.79	10.83	10.72	10.67	10.81
April	10.75	10.75	10.79	10.79	10.83	10.72	10.66	10.80
May	10.75	10.76	10.79	10.77	10.83	10.72	10.66	10.80
June	10.71	10.73	10.75	10.74	10.80	10.68	10.63	10.77
July	10.68	10.70	10.72	10.72	10.77	10.65	10.60	10.74

BREADSTUFFS

Friday night, July 27.

Flour has been in moderate demand. Sales have been rather disappointing. Export trade was reported light. Exporters it was asserted were taking wheat but little flour. On the 23d inst. prices were 15 to 25c. lower with wheat falling 5 to 6c. on bearish Canadian wheat supply statistics, i. e., crop 575,000,000; carryover, 80,000,000. The "Northwestern Miller" said: "Heavy sales of flour by the southwest continued to be reported. A lower market brought better business to spring wheat mills in the Northwest. Buffalo mills report a better inquiry from abroad and a fair volume of sales on the decline in prices."

Wheat has declined on good crop prospects. On the 23d inst. prices dropped 5 to 6c. with the weather good, the Canadian crop estimated at 575,000,000 bushels, the carry-over 80,000,000 bushels, Liverpool down 3 to 4½d., and liquidation very heavy. Winnipeg led the decline. Europe reported larger offerings of Canadian wheat at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. lower prices. Southwestern hedge selling also depressed Chicago prices. Interior receipts in two days exceeded 6,000,000 bushels. Export business naturally lagged. Prices were at the low of the year. They yield, it is figured, hardly \$1 a bushel in the big growing parts of the wheat country. Crop reports were favorable, both from the Northwest and Canada. These with big receipts and export dullness hit the price hard. Domestic consumers bought quite freely of flour, which was reflected in an excellent milling demand for cash wheat, particularly of the better grades, but the Chicago basis was badly out of line for export, compared with Canadian offerings of the old crop. The movement in the Central States and in the West is just getting under way. The United States visible supply increased last week 3,976,000 bushels against 1,304,000 in the same week last year. Total 44,492,000 bushels against 27,894,000 bushels last year. On the 24th inst. Russia was said to be buying heavily in Canada and an early decline of 1¼ to 2½c. with September 1.19¼c. on good weather and favorable crop news was followed by a rally of 3 to 3½c. Liverpool, it is true, closed 2½ to 3¼d. lower. For a time stop orders were caught on this side. With Chicago up at the close, Winnipeg ended 3¼c. higher. The market was short. Sales to Rotterdam and Antwerp in the previous 3 days were said to have been 15,000,000 bushels, and as Russia had been previously done through Antwerp and Rotterdam, it was assumed that it had done the same this time.

Chicago reported a bearish sentiment at one time based on expectations of a larger spring wheat crop in the Northwest than was estimated by the Government and for a high record crop in western Canada, where estimates crystallize around 500,000,000 bushels. Should Canada raise 450,000,000 bushels with the estimated carry-over of 100,000,000 bushels, the supply would be 550,000,000 bushels against 500,000,000, the total supply for the season ending July 30 1928. The United States crop estimates are expected to be raised somewhat in the August reports. The carry-over is estimated at around 100,000,000 bushels. Bears claim that there will be all the wheat that can be consumed and possibly exported during the coming season. Poland, Austria, Hungary, Russia and several other countries it is believed must import wheat instead of exporting it. This should have some influence. World's wheat shipments for the week were 13,917,000 bushels against 14,039,000 a week ago and 13,845,000 last year. Since July 1 exports were 40,941,000 bushels against 34,944,000 last year. North America exported 8,710,000 bushels and since July 1 shipped 25,707,000 bushels against 17,546,000 a year ago. On the 25th inst. prices declined 1¼ to 1¾c. Winnipeg was 1 to 1½c. lower. The lack of confirmation of the large Russian business reported the day before had a very depressing influence. There was general selling. Export business was put at 1,000,000 bushels. Crop reports were generally favorable.

On the 26th inst. prices advanced 1½ to 2c. after an early decline of about 2c., with Liverpool weak, partly on official estimates of the Italian crops, 21,000,000 bushels larger than the recent estimate and 39,000,000 larger than last year. But the decline struck buying, partly against flour sales, and shorts covered. Later on reports of sales of close to 15,000,000 bushels for export, largely Canadian, caused Chicago to rise nearly 4c. from the early low. This despite continued good weather in the United States and Canada. Moreover, there were no signs of activity in Gulf hard winters for export as American prices are several cents above Canadian. Higher bids have been made at the Gulf, but this was in covering old sales. The movement in the Southwest continued heavy but mills were active buyers to cover large flour sales made recently. Chicago receipts increased and there were larger offerings from nearby territory; larger receipts are looked for next week. The same applies to Western territory. On the 26th inst. it was very warm on the Pacific Coast and colder in Canada. To-day prices closed 1 to 1½c. lower on moderate trading. The cables were firm, but fell flat. The export sales were 1,000,000 bushels or more of Manitoba. Gulf hard wheat was 7c. over Chicago September bid and 8c. asked. That was the best premium on the crop. It brought out little wheat. Week-end profit-taking caused the reaction. Winnipeg was comparatively firm. The decline there to-day was only ¼ to ½c. The weather at the Northwest was favorable. So was the forecast. The great heat in the Pacific Northwest creates uneasiness. It may cut down the crop. There was damage reported to the potato and grain crops of Europe from the heat. The world's exports this week promise to be only 8,712,000 bushels. That may brace foreign markets. Southern hemisphere shipments were small. Receipts were large at Southwestern markets, namely, 2,500 cars. In parts of Kansas they are reporting yields of 40 to 45 bushels per acre. This may be exceptional. Liverpool closed 2½ to 2¼d. higher. Continental markets were stronger. Buenos Aires was ¼ to

¾c. lower. Some rains fell in Nebraska where they want dry weather for harvesting. Final prices show a decline for the week of 6 to 7 cents.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. 172½	Mon. 168½	Tues. 168	Wed. 167½	Thurs. 153¼	Fri. 152¼
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery	Sat. 124¼	Mon. 118½	Tues. 121	Wed. 119½	Thurs. 121¼	Fri. 119½
September delivery	126½	121½	123½	122½	124	122½
December delivery	130¼	125¼	127¼	126	127½	126¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNEPEG.

July delivery	Sat. 123¼	Mon. 117½	Tues. 120½	Wed. 119½	Thurs. 121¼	Fri. 121
October delivery	124½	118½	121½	120	121½	121¾
December delivery	124	118½	121¼	119½	121½	121¼

Indian corn.—July advanced on what looked to many like an old-time corner which put that month to a premium of 15c., but other months declined on the favorable crop outlook. On the 23d inst. prices declined 1 to 2¼c. except on July which ended only ½c. lower as the cash market was strong enough with some covering to prevent a marked net decline. The weather was remarkably good. Chicago's receipts were 454 cars but though liberal were not quite so large as had been expected. A fair amount of buying appeared on the break. Most of the receipts were earmarked on recent purchases to arrive. Elevator interests were the best buyers. Eastern shipping demand was not sharp. The United States visible supply decreased 1,374,000 bushels against 1,279,000 in the same week last year; total 11,135,000 against 31,588,000 a year ago. On the 24th inst. with continued fine weather and favorable crop news there was a net decline of ¼ to 2¾c.; September at one time was 4¾c. lower, touching 90c. on general selling partly on stop orders. Holders' bids and shorts stopped the decline. July ended only ¾c. lower, with deliveries of 430,000 bushels. Most of the corn arriving at Chicago will be delivered on July contracts. Some July shorts are supposed to have settled previously. Some shipping demand appeared. The relative firmness of July was the outstanding feature vying with September weakness for popular attention. On the 25th inst. prices closed ⅛ to ⅞c. higher. Sales for export were reported sold to go to store. Shorts covered quite freely, especially in December.

On the 26th inst. July was 13 to 14c. above September and 31 to 32 above December. It advanced 3½c. on July, as shorts hastily covered, finding July in an iron grip. Early prices were ¾ to 1½c. lower, but that was soon changed. The rise from the early low was 4c. on July, 5¼c. on September, and 1½c. on December. Receipts were rather large, but were mostly to deliver on July. Nothing was being bought from the country for the later shipments. Eastern shipping demand was not large, but as stocks are light it may improve shortly. With only four business days left in July, elevator owners, who have cash corn in their warehouses and deliveries to make before August 1 faced a corner, said Chicago reports. Their predicament is attributed to the purchases of millions of bushels of corn, two months or more ago, by a group of big operators who have been stuck to the bull side. So far 5,500,000 bushels have been delivered and paid for by the bulls. Some 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 bushels, it is said, will be brought to Chicago before the end of the month for delivery on sales. Elevator people are bringing in corn from Milwaukee, Missouri and Minneapolis to make good on sales. L. A. Fritz, the grain Supervisor for the Department of Agriculture, had communicated with Secretary Jardine and was told to "break the corner." In a crisis the regular Federal law requires brokers on demand shall give up the names of all customers who have open interests in an option exceeding 500,000 bushels. Mr. Fritz has asked for all open accounts above 100,000 bushels.

To-day prices ended ½ to 1¼c. higher on general buying and covering. New highs were reached. At one time prices were 1½ to 2¼c. higher. Profit taking caused a reaction before the close. The decline in wheat also had some effect. The receipts were rather large. Chicago reported 350,000 bushels sold to go to store and 60,000 for shipment to the East. Chicago charters were made for 250,000 bushels to Georgian Bay ports loading to-morrow. Cash markets were firm. The basis on the lower grades, however, fell 1c. July corn continued strong. It was still the striking feature of the whole situation. Yet the weather was very favorable for the new crop and the forecast was good. Argentine shipments this week are 8,118,000 bushels against 9,780,000 last year. Domestic new crop corn sold moderately for export. The demand was good, if the actual sales to Europe were not large. The foreign bids were as a rule too low. July is watched as the paramount feature. Final prices show a rise on July of 3½c. for the week, while other months are off ¾ to 2¼c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 122½	Mon. 120¼	Tues. 118½	Wed. 122½	Thurs. 125¼	Fri. 129¼
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery	Sat. 106¼	Mon. 106¼	Tues. 105¾	Wed. 106¾	Thurs. 109	Fri. 111¼
September delivery	96¾	94¾	92¾	92¾	96¾	96¾
December delivery	80¼	78	77½	77¾	78¾	78¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sa. 111	Mon. 111	Tues. 111	Wed. 111	Thurs. 111	Fri. 111
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Oats declined on good weather and sympathy with other grain. On the 23rd inst. prices declined ½ to 1¼c. net affected by the weakness in other grain, especially on the

distant months. July was steadier than other months with receipts small and offerings were small. The United States visible supply decreased last week 469,000 bushels against 2,337,000 last year; total only 2,065,000 bushels against 12,629,000 a year ago. On the 24th inst. prices ended ½ to ¾c. lower after being 1½ to 2c. lower on near deliveries. New crop oats move slowly; offerings are small. This helped but on the other hand the demand was not at all urgent. On the 26th inst. prices advanced ¼ to 1¼c. net after an early decline. Distant months were in demand. Cash oats were active. There were rumors of export business. To-day prices ended ½ to 1c. lower. Cash houses were sellers. That told plainly. Also there was selling by commission houses. Scattered liquidation owing to favorable weather was an outstanding factor. So was the lower cash market. The weakness in wheat told. The cash demand was only moderate. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2½ to 3½c. on July with December unchanged.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery (old)	Sat. 48½	Mon. 47	Tues. 46¾	Wed. 46½	Thurs. 45¾	Fri. 45
September delivery	40¾	39½	39¾	39¾	41	40¾
December delivery (new)	43	42½	42½	42½	44	43¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNEPEG.

July delivery	Sat. 55½	Mon. 53½	Tues. 53½	Wed. 52½	Thurs. 52½	Fri. 52¼
October delivery	48¾	47¾	48¾	47¾	49¾	49¼
December delivery	46¾	46	46¾	45¾	46¾	46¾

Rye declined with other grain. The weather was good. Export trade dull. On the 23rd inst. prices fell 4c. in sympathy with the break in wheat and with no export demand apparent. The United States visible supply decreased last week 151,000 bushels against 62,000 last year; total 2,272,000 bushels against 1,367,000 a year ago. On the 24th inst. after an early decline of ¼ to ½c., prices advanced 1¼ to 2c. with some export demand but no actual sales reported. On the 25th inst. rye obeyed the helm as wheat moved down first and up later ending 1 to 1¼c. net higher. But no export business was reported. On the 26th inst. prices were higher early but fell off later influenced by wheat. They closed unchanged to ¼c. lower. To-day prices ended ½ to ¾c. lower with moderate trading. Scattered selling, coincidentally with favorable weather in the Northwest, had its effect. There was no particular export demand. A little barley was taken for Europe. European bids here for rye are said to be mostly too low. Berlin was unchanged to ½c. higher. Final prices show a decline for the week of 3 to 4½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery	Sat. 101¼	Mon. 97¾	Tues. 98½	Wed. 99	Thurs. 100	Fri. 99½
September delivery	103¾	99¼	101	100¾	102¼	101¾
December delivery	105½	101½	103	103	104½	104¼

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, f.o.b.-----1.52¼	No. 2 white-----nom.
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.-----1.32¾	No. 3 white-----63@68
Corn, New York—	Rye, New York—
No. 2 yellow-----1.29¼	No. 2 f.o.b.-----1.11¾
No. 3 yellow-----1.26¾	Barley, New York—
	Malting-----1.02¼

FLOUR

Spring patents-----\$6.75@7.05	Rye flour, patents-----\$6.40@6.90
Cleats, first spring-----6.00@6.50	Semolina No. 2, pound-----3¾c
Soft winter straights-----6.30@6.70	Oats goods-----3.80@3.90
Hard winter straights-----6.20@6.65	Corn flour-----2.85@2.90
Hard winter patents-----6.65@7.05	Barley goods-----
Hard winter cleats-----5.55@5.95	Coarse-----4.10
Fancy Minn. patents-----8.30@8.85	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4-----7.00@7.25
City mills-----8.45@9.15	

For other tables usually given here, see page 508.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 24.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended July 24, follows:

Widespread rains occurred over northern States from the Rocky Mountains eastward during the first part of the period, but otherwise precipitation was of a rather local character, with showers less frequent than during recent weeks in the southeastern States. By the morning of the 19th there was a reaction to somewhat cooler weather over the Northwest, and considerably lower temperatures were reported from the Middle and North Atlantic States about the 20th, but in general temperature changes were not marked, with seasonal conditions prevailing in most parts of the country. In the central and west Gulf area maximum temperatures were near the 100-degree mark about the middle of the week, and readings of 108 degrees were noted in the lower Colorado Valley on several days of the period.

Chart I shows that the week as a whole was generally warmer than normal over the eastern half of the country, except in local areas in east Gulf States and in the more northern districts. From the Ohio Valley north, and elsewhere the means averaged from 3 degrees to 5 degrees above normal, and was warmer than usual in most of the north Pacific area, with the plus departures of temperature ranging mostly from 3 degrees to 5 degrees, subnormal, in most cases only 1 degree or 2 degrees.

Chart II shows that rainfall during the week was rather unevenly distributed geographically. The amounts were much lighter than for last week, as a rule, in the southeastern States, but were heavy to substantial from the central Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys northward, and were generous in most other northern States east of the Rocky Mountains. There was also considerable rainfall to locally heavy amounts in Oklahoma and northwestern Texas and in the central Gulf districts; elsewhere the falls were generally light to moderate, with very little rain reported west of the Rocky Mountains.

Showers in some droughty southwestern districts, general rains over the northern States—especially the Northwest—less precipitation in the Southeast, and generally ample warmth made the best growing week of the season over most of the country east of the Rocky Mountains. The soil is still unusually well supplied with moisture quite generally over these portions of the country, except that it is still dry in parts of the Southwest, especially in central, southern and southwestern Texas; elsewhere no extensive section is droughty and only a few local areas are needing rain. Growing crops made exceptionally good advances.

Farm work was interrupted to a considerable extent by rains in the more northern States, including the upper Mississippi Valley, but the generally fair weather in these sections the latter part of the week was more favorable and good advance was made. In the southern portion of

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday night, July 27 1928.

An irregular undertone continues to prevail in the textile markets despite the fact that excellent weather conditions over a greater part of the country have stimulated a larger retail distribution. As during the previous week, cottons and linens were the least satisfactory of the various branches of the industry, although floor coverings have not shown much improvement. Prices for the latter, however, continue firm with prospects favoring an early resumption of activity. In the woolen division, the opening of the spring men's wear lines by the American Woolen Company at irregular prices, with declines registered in the staple lines, proved quite a surprise. In view of the continued strength of raw wool and the small stocks of finished goods, the mark downs had an unsettling effect upon sentiment in this section, as it was believed that they will bring about increased competition. However, it was pointed out that the staples no longer play as important a part as they once did, and that the declines will have no effect upon the pricing of fancies. The latter are expected to be shown shortly after the middle of next month, and it is thought that they will show an average advance of from five to ten per cent. Other sections, especially silks and rayons, continue firm and relatively active. While more business has been received for rayons than silks, sales of the latter are increasing rapidly, and particularly the new fall lines. Manufacturers have been steadily increasing their production schedules, and consumption figures for the month are expected to be unusually large. Although prices are highly competitive, especially on the staple lines, profit margins on the fancies are well maintained. Interest continues to center in velvets, satins and canton crepes.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Although present conditions in the domestic cotton goods markets are not altogether satisfactory, factors are looking forward to a good business to be transacted this autumn and early winter. Meanwhile, curtailed production schedules have been extended with prospects favoring an even more drastic cut in output, but so far the effects have been negligible and have not resulted in any material increase in business. Sellers' views, naturally, have been strengthened, but buyers maintain their recent ideas concerning values. Thus, the immediate effect has not been stimulating, but rather one of widening the spread between bid and asked prices and restricting sales. It appears that buyers believe recent reports of unfavorable crop conditions, responsible for the advance in raw cotton prices, have been exaggerated, and have thus encouraged them to proceed slowly in the matter of placing orders. While there has been more inquiry for forward delivery, generally it has been at prices prohibitive of manufacturers' consideration. On the other hand, however, continued warm and seasonable weather has exerted quite a stimulating influence upon distribution in retail channels, and has been taken to forecast renewed activity in primary markets as soon as conditions are more favorable and staple prices stabilized. In the meantime, buying interest has been only noticeable in certain classes of merchandise such as percales, gingham and other printed fabrics for which there is an immediate seasonal demand. Although the volume of business placed has not shown any large increase, the broadening volume of inquiry has been regarded encouragingly. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 60's construction are quoted at 6½c., and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 6c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 9½c., and 39-inch 80 x 80's at 11c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Despite higher raw wool costs and light stocks, the American Woolen Company's opening of men's wear lines for spring, 1929, was featured by a mixed price trend instead of uniformly higher quotations, as had been expected. While the tropics did register an advance, staples and semi-staples suffered declines. The former were marked up from five to seven and one-half cents a yard although some were unchanged and one was advanced twenty-two cents. On the other hand, the staples were reduced from two to ten cents a yard, compared with the fall levels. Considerable surprise was expressed throughout the trade at the latter declines, but it was pointed out that staples are not as important a barometer as heretofore, in view of the fact that the majority of business is transacted in fancies. Thus, it is believed that the fancy woads which are scheduled to be opened after the middle of next month will probably bear the brunt of the advances.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Linen markets have failed to show much improvement this week, but the sustained demand for certain classes of dress goods, knickers and handkerchiefs has been encouraging. Sentiment among factors continues fairly hopeful of the future. Plans are now being formulated for the coming season which calls for the formation of a special group for a more intensive effort to exploit linen goods. On the other hand, however, buyers, as a rule, have failed to evidence much interest and generally continue to maintain an indifferent attitude, confining their purchases to merchandise actually needed to satisfy current demand. Burlaps continue quiet, with price fluctuations slight. Light weights are quoted at 8.45c., and heavies at 10.95-11.00c.

The interior valleys and in nearly all sections of the middle and south Atlantic coast and the Gulf States there was only local interruption by rain and seasonal farm activities advanced favorably as a rule. West of the Rocky Mountains irrigated crops made good progress; the range is becoming very dry in many places, though showers in parts of the far Southwest were beneficial.

SMALL GRAINS.—There was some interruption by rains to harvest in the northern portion of the winter wheat belt, especially the upper Mississippi Valley, while in the Great Plains States threshing was delayed somewhat by showers; otherwise the work of saving the wheat crop made satisfactory advance. In the spring wheat belt, weather conditions continued very favorable, with generous showers the first part of the week, mostly fair weather the latter part, and moderate temperatures prevailing throughout the belt. Spring wheat ripened rapidly even northward to North Dakota, with quite general reports of well filled heads. Rain in the northern States was rather unfavorable for oat harvest, but much was cut general inward to the Lake region and to South Dakota; this crop shows general improvement in the more northern States. Flax did well in the central-northern area and was mostly in bloom in the Mississippi Valley and Gulf districts. The weather was favorable for rice in the Mississippi Valley and Gulf districts.

CORN.—Under the influence of moderately warm weather, normal sunshine and mostly sufficient soil moisture, corn made exceptionally good growth during the week. Progress, practically everywhere in the main producing sections, was reported as very good to excellent, though in some places where it had previously been too wet for cultivation, particularly lowlands in parts of the Ohio Valley, advance was poor, and there is still considerable complaint of weedy fields. The crop is now tasseling generally, with some silking well to the northern sections of the country. In the Southeast the crop shows improvement, with better weather, and, late planted did well in those portions of the Southwest where rain occurred, but deteriorated in some places where it remained droughty, especially in central and southern Texas.

COTTON.—With less rain in the eastern portion of the belt, beneficial showers in some western dry districts, and seasonable warmth, conditions in general during the week were favorable for the cotton crop. In the Carolinas progress was very good, with plants blooming rather freely in South Carolina, while in Georgia less rain, favorable warmth and more sunshine made a good growing week, with progress of the crop very good, and fruiting in the south; much cultivation was accomplished, though there were still complaints of grassy fields in some sections. In Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, progress was mostly fair to good, though poor in some sections, and plants are still generally late, with many poor stands reported in parts of the area.

In Arkansas progress was poor to only fairly good in some wet central and southeastern sections, but very good elsewhere, with squares forming and plants blooming rapidly, but uneven in size. In Louisiana the weather was favorable in the northwest, but rains in the east were unfavorable, with the general condition of the crop only fair. In Oklahoma most of the week was fair and warm and cotton made fair to good advance, but much of it is late and needs cultivation, though early plants are generally fruiting nicely. In Texas rains in the west and northwest were favorable and the progress of the crop generally was good to very good, except in some central, southern and southwestern portions where poor because of continued lack of moisture, with complaints of plants shedding and dying in these localities; elsewhere they are fruiting fairly well, with the general condition of the crop fair to very good, though still late.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures high and sunshine adequate; local showers. Very favorable for cultivation and crop growth; also for haying and threshing. Corn, cotton, tobacco and peanuts good to excellent, though rain needed in some localities of south-central.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Dry and warm, with normal sunshine, followed by scattered showers at close, favorable for farm work and crops. Progress of cotton very good and weather favorable for checking increase of weevil. Tobacco continued to improve; good progress in curing early crop. Peanuts doing well; truck and fruit plentiful.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Abundant rains in east and south, but scattered showers in high elevations, with warmth generally favorable for good development, but most crops rather sappy from previous excessive moisture. Tobacco good quality; curing continues. Progress of cotton very good and blooming rather freely. Corn, sweet potatoes, truck, and lesser crops improved and generally vigorous. General cultivation made good progress; much early corn laid by.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Marked diminution of rains, with temperatures above normal, made most favorable week of season and farmers accomplished much work, killed much grass, and cultivated crops thoroughly. Progress of cotton very good and looks much better; fruiting improved, bolls in south maturing; crop laid by clean in numerous counties, though still considerable grass in others. Growth of corn very good; much upland and early laid by; in silk and tassel.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton fair; frequent rains unfavorable and shedding badly in west; opening in central. Tobacco harvesting unfavorably affected by rain fore part; more favorable latter part. Late corn, cane, peanuts, sweet potatoes, and strawberries doing well, except too wet on some lowlands. Citrus, including satsumas in west, improved.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures averaged normal; showers light. Good progress of farm work in most sections, though fields continue grassy locally. Progress of corn, sweet potatoes, truck, pastures and minor crops mostly fair to good; corn and sweets still backward. Much rotting of peaches in north account previous wet weather. Progress of cotton mostly fair to good, though poor in some sections; crop still late; well cultivated in most sections, but still grassy in some; some shedding in southeast; blooming to extreme northwest.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Varied progress of cotton, but believed to be mostly fairly good; blooming freely throughout. Condition of early corn mostly poor but progress of late generally fair account frequent and timely rains. Progress of gardens and pastures fair.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Numerous local showers in east unfavorable for cotton and caused shedding and favored increased weevil activity in that area; comparatively warm and dry in northwest excellent for development and unfavorable for activity of weevil; condition of crop irregular but averages fair with some excellent, especially in northwest; fruiting well in all sections. Corn also irregular but generally very good. Showers favorable for rapid growth of cane, which is mostly laid by. Rice heading nicely.

Texas.—Houston: Good rains in west and northwest; mostly dry elsewhere. Pastures, late corn, feed crops and truck improved where rain, but deteriorated where dry; condition of late corn only fair. Progress and condition of rice very good. Progress of cotton good to very good, except in drier portions of central, southwest and south, where poor, with some complaints of shedding and plants dying; elsewhere fruiting very well and general condition fair to very good; picking and ginning made good progress with first bale from south-central counties; crop still somewhat late and plants rather small.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warm and mostly clear, with moderate to heavy general rains at close of week. Favorable for growth and cultivation of crops. Good progress in harvesting and threshing winter wheat and oats; nearly finished, except in extreme northwest. Progress and condition of corn fair to excellent. Progress and condition of cotton fair to good, but much of crop late and needs cultivation; early blooming and fruiting nicely in most sections; weather mostly unfavorable for insect activity.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton poor to fairly good in central and southeast due to continued rains, but very good elsewhere due to warmth and less moisture; crop squaring and blooming rapidly; good color, but uneven in size; cultivating rapidly. Progress of corn very good to excellent; much laid by; planting late corn in east. Very favorable for rice, meadows, pastures, fruit and truck.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Moderate temperatures and occasional scattered showers resulted in excellent progress of corn, although progress poor in some fields; much replanting of late corn. Cotton late with many poor stands, but recent progress excellent; squares numerous. Winter wheat harvest about over, while spring oats ready for cutting. Tobacco fair condition, but needs rain in some sections; elsewhere progress excellent.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Favorable week, with good gains in cultivation. Progress of corn on uplands excellent and condition very good, except laid by weedy; tasseling generally and most of crop now too large to cultivate; some lowland corn partly reclaimed from weeds, but irregular, yellow and condition poor. Sowing drowned lands to forage crops advanced. Growth of tobacco excellent; some topped. Cotton improved by high temperatures. Oat harvest finished; some threshing, but mostly delayed by pressure of other work; shocked grain dry.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Louisiana (State of).—Legislative Session Closes.—After having been in session since May 14, and after enacting 320 laws, including 19 constitutional amendments to be voted on in November, and killing 729 bills out of 784 introduced, the legislature brought its 1928 session to an end on July 12. The following is a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on at the November election, as published in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of July 13:

Authorizing the Orleans Parish Levee Board to issue \$15,000,000 of bonds to complete the improvement of the Pontchartrain lakefront.

Authorizing the New Orleans Dock Board to create industrial districts on the industrial canal and exempting industries on the canal from taxation for 10 years.

Levying an additional 1-mill tax to increase the salaries of the members of the New Orleans police and fire departments.

Levying an additional quarter-mill tax to pay Confederate veterans \$210 back pensions.

Confederate Pensions.

Providing pensions for widows of Confederate veterans who married prior to 1905 and who lived with veterans for 15 years before deaths of veterans.

Authorizing the city of Shreveport to donate land for an army airport.

Authorizing the school board of Allen parish to levy a special tax not to exceed 16 mills for school purposes.

Authorizing the school board of Grant parish to levy a special tax not to exceed 16 mills for school purposes.

Increasing the salaries of the judges of the first and second city courts of New Orleans from \$3,600 to \$5,000 a year.

Levying an additional 2-mill tax on gasoline and providing for a \$30,000,000 bond issue to pave main highways.

Change in Gas Tax.

Providing the gasoline taxes shall be assessed against all gasoline sold or consumed in Louisiana. At the present time the tax is collected only on gas sold in the state, which allows gasoline brought in from other states for private consumption to escape the tax.

Authorizing the city of New Orleans to expend \$500,000 a year on street paving.

Extending the time limit in which the New Orleans Public Belt railroad may build a bridge over the Mississippi river to July 1 1936.

Exempting from taxation for a period of 5 years all bridges constructed over the Mississippi river during the next 4 years.

Toll Bridges.

Authorizing the Highway Commission to construct bridges to be paid for by the tolls charged for their use.

Authorizing levee boards to levy a quarter-mill tax to pay for property, land and highways destroyed for the purpose of building levees and to pay for the restoration of streets destroyed by levee building.

Empowering the Legislature to organize navigation and river improvement districts for the purpose of obtaining, improving and maintaining navigation on rivers and streams by financial co-operation with the United States Government and levying an annual tax not to exceed one mill for not more than ten years when approved by a majority of taxpayers in any navigation district.

Permitting judges entitled to retirement on pension to serve until the following congressional election so as to eliminate the necessity of a special election.

Massachusetts (State of).—Legislature Adjourns.—After having been in session for 204 days, one of the longest legislative sessions in the State's history, the 145th Great and General Court of Massachusetts adjourned on July 23. The following is a summary of the legislative session as published in the Boston "Herald" of July 24:

Gov. Fuller approved 396 acts and 62 resolves.

He vetoed 20 acts and 5 resolves, was sustained on 16 acts and two resolves, and his vetoes overridden on four acts and three resolves.

He permitted five acts and one resolve to become law by declining to sign or veto them within the constitutional period of five days.

Among the major measures enacted were:

An East Boston vehicular tunnel bill, calling for an expenditure of \$10,000,000.

The Governor Square bill, regarded as the forerunner of constructive Elevated legislation.

The gasoline tax bill.

The bill extending public control of the Eastern Massachusetts street railway.

New Jersey (State of).—Rise in Tax Valuations.—The State Board of Taxes and Assessments has demanded that nineteen of the twenty-one counties in the State increase their assessments on real property from 4 to 15% in order to have them assessed at their true value. A special dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" of July 22 read as follows:

The State Board of Taxes and Assessments has sent out to nineteen of New Jersey's twenty-one counties orders that their assessments for taxing purposes must be increased from 4 to 15%.

The order was issued as the result of a preliminary state equalization table prepared by the board. It was found that Atlantic and Passaic counties were the only ones where realty was assessed at 100% of its true value.

The assessed value of property in the state was estimated at \$5,270,458,975, while the true value was said to be \$5,523,105,221.08. Personal property is valued at \$701,439,032.

The assessed value of realty and the percentage of increase as proposed were:

Atlantic, \$405,600,386; no increase. Bergen, \$376,050,590; 8%. Burlington, \$58,891,444; 10%. Camden, \$294,975,859; 4%. Cape May, \$92,306,546; 5%. Cumberland, \$42,249,917; 5%. Essex, \$1,255,977,573; 4%. Gloucester, \$59,009,230; 5%. Hudson, \$923,380,094; 4%. Hunterdon, \$22,883,671; 5%. Mercer, \$254,642,770; 5%. Middlesex, \$158,403,143; 15%. Monmouth, \$194,808,165; 15%. Morris, \$89,637,605; 15%. Ocean, \$41,988,363; 5%. Passaic, \$475,433,075; no increase. Salem, \$26,175,675; 4%. Somerset, \$54,045,570; 7%. Sussex, \$28,549,767; 4%. Union, \$375,501,591; 5%. Warren, \$34,887,941; 5%.

Assessed value of personal property was:

Atlantic, \$15,902,104. Bergen, \$44,308,648. Burlington, \$9,353,322. Camden, \$29,957,613. Cape May, \$4,887,656. Cumberland, \$9,313,246. Essex, \$223,288,489. Gloucester, \$8,634,905. Hudson, \$119,697,460. Hunterdon, \$5,983,163. Mercer, \$32,523,606. Middlesex, \$27,595,914. Monmouth, \$18,832,084. Morris, \$11,824,665. Ocean, \$3,760,708. Passaic, \$50,279,382. Salem, \$7,718,130. Somerset, \$7,925,322. Sussex \$3,585,491. Union \$56,944,037. Warren, \$9,123,142.

Beginning August 1, it was announced that meetings would be held with boards of freeholders and county tax boards, and that increases would be required unless it was found that the assessed value represented the true value. Charles E. Cook, secretary of the board, added that any increase in assessments should result in a decrease in rate, the increase being applicable only for county and state taxes.

Salt River Valley Water User's Association (P. O. Phoenix) Ariz.—Injunction Denied.—We are informed by our western correspondent that Judge F. C. Jacobs of the District Court at Phoenix on July 10 denied a temporary

injunction that was sought by Bruce W. Wood et al, minority shareholders, to restrain the above association from selling a \$5,100,000 issue of 5% dam construction bonds for the Stewart Mountain development.

San Paulo (State of), United States of Brazil.—\$15,000,000 6% Gold Bonds Offered.—A syndicate headed by Speyer & Co. and including Blair & Co., Inc., the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, the Equitable Trust Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co., offered the present week for public subscription at 94.50 and accrued int. yielding over 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ % an issue of \$15,000,000 6% external sinking fund gold bonds of the State of San Paulo. The bonds are dated July 1 1928 coupon in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500 registerable as principal and mature on July 1 1968. Prin. and int. payable, without deduction for any present or future Brazilian taxes, in New York in United States gold coin at the office of Speyer & Co. or of J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., or, at the option of the holder, in London in Sterling, at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4.8665 to the Pound Sterling.

According to the official offering circular: Cumulative sinking fund, sufficient to repay all of these bonds at or before maturity, to be applied to the semi-annual redemption of bonds by lot at par, the first redemption to be on Jan. 1 1929. Not subject to call before July 1 1938, except for Sinking Fund. Callable as a whole for redemption at 102%, on that date, or on any interest date thereafter, upon six months' previous notice. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Texas, State of (P. O. Austin).—Proposed Constitutional Amendments.—Governor Dan Moody has issued a proclamation calling a general election on Nov. 6. The proclamation includes 3 proposed amendments to the State Constitution. The Dallas "News" of July 14 set them forth as follows:

To authorize Confederate pensions regardless of when the pensioner came to Texas, or, in case of a widow, regardless of her age or time of marriage.

To exempt from taxation parsonages, educational and physical development institutions.

To permit the Legislature to outline duties for a State board of education to be named by the Governor and to permit terms of office of school officials to be six years.

Tucuman (City of), Argentine Republic.—\$3,396,000 7% Gold Bonds Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons and H. M. Byllesby & Co., jointly, are offering for public subscription \$3,396,000 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of the City of Tucuman, at 96.50 and accrued int. to yield over 7.30%. Dated June 1 1928. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 registerable as to principal only. Due June 1 1951. Prin. and int. payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness, free from all present and future taxes of the Argentine Republic or any taxing authority thereof or therein, at the principal offices of E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston, New York or Chicago, paying on sixty days' notice. Fiscal Agency agreement between the city, Central Union Trust Co. of New York, trustee, and E. H. Rollins & Sons as Paying Agent.

We learn from the offering circular that: A cumulative semi-annual sinking fund is provided, calculated to redeem the entire issue by maturity by purchase at or below par, or by drawings at par. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Adams), Decatur County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,600 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % school bonds offered on June 30—V. 126, p. 3802—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Greensburg, at a premium of \$19.50 equal to 100.10. Due semi-annually on May and Nov. 15. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis.....100.09
Farmers State Bank, St. Paul.....100.00

AIKEN, Aiken County, S. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The four issues of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon bonds, aggregating \$324,500, offered on July 25—V. 127, p. 293—were not sold as all bids were rejected. The issues are described as follows:

\$125,000 drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 from July 1 1933 to 1957 inclusive.

92,500 paving bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1933 to 1952; \$5,000, 1953 to 1956, and \$2,500, 1957.

\$2,000 past indebtedness bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1952; \$5,000, 1953 to 1956, and \$2,000, 1957.

25,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1933 to 1957 inclusive.

Dated July 1 1928. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York. They will be reoffered.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,200 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon road bonds offered on July 25—V. 127, p. 442—were awarded to the Old National Bank of Fort Wayne, at par and accrued interest. Bid unconditional. Dated July 16 1928. Due \$1,230, on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1948 incl. A conditional bid submitted by the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, offered a premium of \$13.00.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,300 6% ditch improvement bonds offered on July 7—V. 126, p. 3959—were awarded to Blanchet, Bowman & Wood of Toledo, at a premium of \$56.30, equal to 101.06, a basis of about 5.66%. Due as follows: \$530, Oct. 1 1929; \$530 April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1933, incl., and \$530 April 1 1934.

ALLEN PARK, Mich.—NO BIDS.—No bids were submitted on July 24 for the purchase of \$327,880 6% special assessment improvement bonds scheduled to have been sold—V. 127, p. 442. The bonds mature serially in from 1 to 5 years.

ALLIANCE, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Elsie H. Whittingham, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$9,000 5% special assessment South Seneca Ave. improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Oct. 9 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1931, incl., and \$7,000, 1932 to 1936, incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 1% of the bonds offered, is required.

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Anderson), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$105,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on July 18—V. 127, p. 293—was awarded to Benjamin Dansard & Co. of Detroit as 4 3/4% bonds, for a \$283 premium, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 4.72%. Dated July 1 1928. Due from July 1 1931 to 1936, inclusive.

ARDMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ardmore), Carter County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on July 28, by G. M. Fraser, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of an issue of \$135,000 school bonds.

ARKANSAS CITY, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$21,551.42, offered for sale on July 23—V. 127, p. 442—were awarded to local investors for a \$66 premium equal to 100.30. The issues are divided as follows: \$20,000 4 1/4% refunding bonds and \$1,551.42 4% improvement bonds.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, N. C.—BOND SALE CONTEMPORATED.—Mayor Gallatin Roberts has announced that the city will borrow approximately \$1,500,000 next October in order to carry out its 1928-1929 program of operation. The Mayor is reported as having said that \$1,000,000 will be borrowed in short-term notes on anticipation of revenue and \$500,000 in bonds for public improvement work.

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer, until 11 a. m. August 1, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$100,000 temporary loan dated Aug. 2 1928 and maturing on Feb. 9 1928.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clarence A. Brooks, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. Aug. 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$7,200 4 1/4% Pearl E. Fisher et al Columbus Township road improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 16 1928. Denom. \$360.00. Due \$360 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Elmer E. Shonkwiler, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$13,400 4 1/4% coupon road bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Denom. \$672. Due \$672 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, inclusive. Principal and interest payable at the office of the above-mentioned official.

BERKELEY, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. G. Baker, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) August 2, for the purchase of an issue of \$47,000 paving bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 6%. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

BONIFAY, Holmes County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% coupon bonds, aggregating \$50,000, offered for sale on July 16—V. 127, p. 294—were awarded to the State Board of Education. The issues are divided as follows: \$40,000 sewer bonds. Due from Apr. 1 1933 to 1953. 10,000 water bonds. Due on Apr. 1 1958.

BOWLING GREEN, Wood County, Ohio.—BONDS WITHDRAWN FROM MARKET.—The following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$9,250 scheduled to have been sold on July 24—V. 127, p. 294—have been withdrawn from the market according to the City Auditor: \$8,000 Fairview Ave. improvement bonds. Due \$800 Mar. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive. 1,250 Crim St. sewer bonds. Due \$125 March 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated March 1 1928.

BOWLING GREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bowling Green), Ky.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is a complete list of the bidders and their bids for the \$90,000 issue of coupon school bonds awarded on July 18—V. 127, p. 443—to the Bowling Green Trust Co. of Bowling Green as 4 1/4%, at 102.31, a basis of about 4.30%:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Rate, Premium. Includes entries for J. J. B. Hilliard & Son of Louisville, Almstead Bros. of Louisville, Bohmer-Reinhart & Co. of Cincinnati, etc.

BOX ELDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brigham), Utah.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$146,000 tax anticipation notes was recently awarded to the Beneficial Life Insurance Co. of Salt Lake City as 4.20%.

BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Bellport) Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Harriet Gould, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 8, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 coupon or registered school bonds—rate of interest not to exceed 4 1/2% to be stated in a multiple of 1/2 of 1%. Dated June 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$7,500, June 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Bellport National Bank. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer Board of Education, for \$3,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

BROWNSVILLE, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/2% serial park bonds was registered by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, on July 19. (A previous issue of park bonds was registered on June 25—V. 127, p. 137)

CAMDEN, Benton County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on July 30 for the purpose of voting upon the following issues of bonds: \$56,000 sewer and \$37,000 water bonds.

CAPE MAY, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% school bonds offered on July 24—V. 127, p. 294—was awarded to the New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Insurance Co. of Newark, taking \$104,000 bonds (\$105,000 offered) paying \$106,105.99 equal to 101.063 a basis of about 4.89%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due Aug. 1, as follows: \$3,500, 1929 to 1967 incl.; and \$2,500, 1968. The Merchants National Bank of Cape May, offered \$105,699.20 for 105 bonds.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—U. S. Hoffman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$4,750 4 1/4% road construction bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$475. Due \$475 on Nov. 15, from 1929 to 1938 incl.

CHARDON, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. A. Austin, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 2, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$11,201.46 10,301.46 Moffett Ave. special asst. improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,301.46, 1929; \$1,000, 1930 to 1936, inclusive; and \$2,000, 1937. 900.00 Moffett Ave. Village's portion improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1929; and \$400, 1930. Dated Aug. 1 1928. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer for 5% of the bonds offered, is required.

CHICAGO, ILL.—CITY COMPTROLLER RESIGNS POST.—Charles C. Fitzmorris resigned his position as City Comptroller on July 12 after he warned the aldermen against making excessive appropriations. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of July 21 commented on the action as follows: Charles C. Fitzmorris has resigned as city comptroller, it was learned yesterday. He resigned on July 12, as was announced, after giving the city council warning of a big deficit which may reach \$5,000,000 by the end of the current year. Fitzmorris, a former newspaper man, who became secretary to Mayor William Carter Harrison in 1911 and remained as secretary to Mayor William Hale Thompson, who made him chief of police, is president of the Globe Coal Company, and announced he would devote all his time to that enterprise, which is one of the corporations controlled by George F. Getz, chairman of the mayor's advisory committee. Mr. Fitzmorris recently declared that the appropriation of about \$650,000 for a preliminary study of subway plans, asked by M. J. Flaherty, chairman of the board of local improvements, was illegal, in his opinion, and appropriated too late, and further illegal because it was ordered transferred from the traction fund without a referendum. He declared he would refuse to authorize the transfer to Flaherty. His friends believe he resigned rather than precipitate a serious quarrel in the mayor's circle of advisors. Altogether, the council voted additional appropriations of \$2,573,000

after the city comptroller had warned the aldermen that a deficit of \$3,500,000 would result if they continued the rate at which they were authorizing expenditures by the departments.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—A \$10,000,000 issue of 4 1/4% 20-year bonds will be offered for sale on Aug. 16, according to the New York "Evening Post" of July 27.

CLARK COUNTY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Vancouver), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 4, by C. A. Pender, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$5,325.70 issue of drainage bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due in from 2 to 12 years. Bidders will state whether they will supply the printed bonds. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the County Treasurer's office, at the State Treasurer's office in Olympia, or at the State's fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

CLARKS, Merrick County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$23,600 issue of 4 1/4% refunding bonds was purchased recently by James T. Wachob & Co. of Omaha.

CLARKSBURG, Harrison County, W. Va.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$60,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual bridge bonds to be offered for sale at 8 p. m. on Aug. 7—V. 127, p. 294—is due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1934; \$4,000, 1935 to 1939 and \$5,000, 1940 to 1944, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the National City Bank in New York City.

CLAY COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Green Cove Springs), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on July 19—V. 127, p. 294—were not sold, according to advices received from P. L. Tippins, Superintendent of the Board.

CLAYTON COUNTY (P. O. Elkader), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on July 24 (V. 127, p. 443) was awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport as 4 1/4% bonds for a premium of \$1,501, equal to 100.5003, a basis of about 4.38%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from 1934 to 1943 incl. Optional after 1933.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The City on August 4, will sell eleven issues of 4 1/2 and 5% bonds aggregating \$1,879,000—V. 127, p. 443. We are in receipt of the following:

Financial Statistics of the City of Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 2, 1928. Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes items like Bonds outstanding, Street improvement notes, Total indebtedness, etc.

*The City of Cleveland has never defaulted payment of its bonds, notes or interest.

*These bonds and notes are paid by special assessments levied upon property abutting on streets improved by paving and sewers. CLINTON, Sampson County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on July 30, by F. L. Turlington, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of 5 1/2% public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928 and due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1953; \$4,000, 1954 and \$5,000, 1955 to 1958, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Bray Bros. of Greensboro will supervise the preparation of the bonds. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will approve legality of bonds. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Earl McDonald, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Aug. 4, for the purchase of an issue of \$23,040 4 1/4% road imp. bonds. The bonds mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

COBLESKILL, Schoharie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—George E. Fake, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. July 30 for the purchase of an issue of \$24,800 5% Elm Street paving bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Registered bonds in denoms. of \$1,000, one bond for \$800. Due Aug. 1, as follows: \$4,800, 1929; and \$5,000, 1930 to 1933 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

COLLETON COUNTY (P. O. Waltherboro), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$265,000 issue of highway bonds offered for sale on July 21 (V. 127, p. 295) was awarded to the South Carolina National Bank of Columbia as 5% bonds for a premium of \$2,915, equal to 101.10.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Howard S. Wilkins, City Clerk, for the purchase of \$226,800 promissory notes on an interest basis. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Denoms. \$5,000 with the exception of one note for \$6,800. Payable Feb. 15 1930 at the office of the agency of the City of Columbus in New York. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 1% of the notes offered is required.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Guaranty Co. of New York, was awarded on July 25, a \$100,000 temporary loan maturing on Dec. 3 1928 on a 4.84% discount basis. Other bids were as follows: Bidder— Shawmut Corp. 4.89% S. N. Bond & Co. 4.90% First National Bank (Boston) 5.07%

CONEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Aug. 7, by L. E. Hallowell, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$17,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1929 to 1945, inclusive. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the County Clerk, must be enclosed. Conejo School District was organized Mar. 19 1877, and has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously for more than fifty years.

The assessed valuation of taxable property within this district is \$727,810. The total bonded indebtedness, including this issue, is \$17,000. The estimated population is 500.

CONKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Conklin), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Chenango Valley Savings Bank of Binghamton, was recently awarded an issue of \$40,000 school bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2% at 101.89. The bonds are in denom. of \$1,000 and mature serially in from 1 to 20 years.

COKEVILLE, Putnam County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 4, a special election will be held for the purpose of voting upon the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for the enlargement and improvement of the city hydro-electric power plant.

CORSICA, Douglas County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 issue of 5% coupon water works bonds offered for sale on July 16—V. 127, p. 295—was awarded to a Mr. Geo. L. Chesley of Armour for a \$60 premium, equal to 101, a basis of about 4.87%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 1 1933, 1938 and 1943. The only other bidder was the Corsica State Bank of Corsica offering par for the issue.

COSHOCKTON, Coshockton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$43,130.75 special assessment improvement bonds offered on July 23—V. 126, p. 4117—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$122, equal to 100.28. The bonds are dated Mar. 1 1928 and mature semi-annually on March and Sept. 1, from 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Pottawattomie County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Three issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$230,000, will be offered for sale at public auction by Bertha C. Smith, City Treasurer, at 10 a. m. on July 27. The issues are as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1940; \$127,000 funding bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1940; \$7,000, 1941 to 1943, and \$8,000, 1944 to 1948, all inclusive. Optional after July 1 1929.

73,000 flood protection bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1935; \$4,000, 1936 to 1945 and \$5,000, 1946 to 1948, all incl. Optional after July 1 1929.
 30,000 sewer bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1940 and \$1,000 from 1941 to 1948, all incl. Optional after July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish legal approval. A \$4,600 certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. (This report is more detailed than V. 127, p. 295.)

COUNTY LINE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Center), Colo.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—We are now informed that the sale of the \$15,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds that was scheduled for sale on July 23 (V. 127, p. 299) was postponed until Aug. 11. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 1 1928. A \$500 certified check is required.

CRUGER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cruger), Holmes County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—An \$8,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by local investors.

CUMBERLAND, Allegany County, Md.—BOND SALE.—Colston, Heald & Trail of Baltimore were awarded on July 25 \$250,000 4½% Memorial Hospital bonds at a premium of \$7,840, equal to 103.136, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1957.

DAVIES COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,075 4½% Manford Overton et al road construction bonds offered on July 21—V. 127, p. 295—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$7,500. Dated July 15 1928. Due in equal amounts on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Myron A. Stevens, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) August 1 for the purchase of the following issues of bonds to bear interest at the rate of 6%:
 \$16,500 special asst. sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$3,500, 1932; and \$4,000, 1933.
 1,500 general obligation bonds. Due \$300 Oct. 1 1929 to 1933 incl.
 38,000 special asst. sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1929 and 1930; and \$8,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.
 3,700 general obligation bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$700, 1929 to 1931 incl.; and \$800, 1932 and 1933.

Dated Aug. 1 1928. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required. All expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds to be borne by purchaser.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$275,000 school bonds—rate of interest not to exceed 5%. Dated August 1 1928. Due Aug. 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1929 to 1953 incl.; and \$10,000, 1954 to 1958 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the District Treasurer, for \$2,000 is required.

Financial Statement.
 Assessed valuation.....\$12,027,727.00
 Bonded debt.....None
 Population: 450.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$24,200 offered on July 24—V. 127, p. 443—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$257.60, equal to 101.05, a basis of about 4.28%:
 \$12,600 William Veercamp et al Marion Township road improvement bonds. Due \$630 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.
 11,600 D. W. Holcomb et al road improvement bonds. Due \$580 on May and Nov. 15, 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

Dated July 15 1928. The City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis, offered a premium of \$27.00 and the Merchants National Bank of Muncie offered a premium of \$125.24 for the bonds.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Leon), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of coupon primary road bonds offered for sale on July 20—V. 127, p. 295—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines as 4½% bonds, for an \$85 premium, equal to 100.042, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from 1934 to 1943 and optional after 1933. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidder	Rate	Premium
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co.	4½%	\$80.00
C. W. McNear & Co.	4½%	20.00
Wheelock & Co.	4½%	2,020.00

DENVER (CITY AND COUNTY OF) Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Aug. 14 by C. C. Schrepferman, President of the Board of Water Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$13,924,000 issue of 4½% coupon municipal refunding water, series 1927 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1927. Due on June 1 as follows:

1929	\$146,000	1942	\$250,000	1955	\$430,000
1930	152,000	1943	261,000	1956	448,000
1931	158,000	1944	272,000	1957	467,000
1932	165,000	1945	284,000	1958	487,000
1933	172,000	1946	296,000	1959	508,000
1934	179,000	1947	308,000	1960	529,000
1935	187,000	1948	321,000	1961	552,000
1936	195,000	1949	335,000	1962	575,000
1937	203,000	1950	349,000	1963	600,000
1938	212,000	1951	364,000	1964	625,000
1939	221,000	1952	379,000	1965	652,000
1940	230,000	1953	396,000	1966	680,000
1941	240,000	1954	412,000	1967	684,000

Prin. and int. (J. & D. 1) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the City and County or at Kountze Bros. in New York City. Principal of bonds only may be registered. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City will furnish legal approval. The Board of Water Commissioners will furnish printed bonds. A \$200,000 certified check, payable to the above Board, must accompany the bid.

Financial Statement—City and County of Denver

Assessed valuation for purposes of taxation, 1927	\$440,118,465.00
Floating debt	None
a Bonded Debt: Water bonds	\$21,573,600.00
Sinking fund (1923)	58,919.58
Court House bonds	21,514,680.42
Sinking fund	114,863.54
b Colfax Larimer viaduct bonds	385,136.46
Sinking fund	260,000.00
	260,000.00
Total	\$21,899,816.88
Less water bonds	21,514,680.42
Net bonded debt	\$385,136.46

a School bonds and bonds issued for local improvement districts not included. b Viaduct bonds will be paid Aug. 1 1928.

The City and County of Denver or State of Colorado have never repudiated any of their obligations.

There is no litigation pending or threatened concerning the validity of the bonds, the corporate existence of the boundaries of the municipality or the title of the present officers to their respective offices.

Although the above bonds are a direct obligation of the City and County of Denver, the Board of Water Commissioners has assumed payment of both principal and interest. The interest on Municipal water bonds, series 1918 (refunded by this issue of 1927) has been promptly paid from the earnings of the Water Board.

Under the Charter of the City and County of Denver the Board of Water Commissioners is granted all the powers of the City and County under the Charter and under the constitutional amendment creating Denver a home rule city, in all matters pertaining or incidental to the water works system and plant. The Board has full authority to fix rates. The Board's gross revenue in 1927 was \$2,382,506.37 from which was paid interest \$970,812, maintenance and operation \$703,335.31, leaving balance of \$708,359.06 available for payment of bonds as the same mature and for replacements, betterments and extensions. Since Jan. 1 1928, water rates have been increased to provide for contemplated extensions.

The average yearly increase of revenues from the plant during the past six years has amounted to approximately 5%.

DE SOTA TOWNSHIP (P. O. De Sota), Jackson County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago was recently awarded

an issue of \$25,000 6% road bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; and \$3,000, 1934 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

DOBBS FERRY, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4½% street improvement and public works building construction bonds offered on July 24—V. 127, p. 295—were awarded to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York, at 100.309 a basis of about 4.44%. Dated July 1 1928. Due July 1, as follows: \$9,500, 1929 to 1932 incl.; \$10,000, 1933 and 1934; \$9,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$1,500, 1939 and 1940; and \$1,000, 1941 to 1943 inclusive.

DOOLY COUNTY (P. O. Vienna), Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$29,000 issue of 5% road bonds was recently purchased by the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta at a price of 101.033, a basis of about 4.91%. Due on July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1937 to 1945 and \$1,000, 1946 to 1956, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

DOWDEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mountain View), Okla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$11,000 issue of school bonds that was recently purchased by the First National Bank of Mountain View—V. 127, p. 295—are 4½% coupon bonds and they were awarded at par. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928. Due in from 2 to 15 years. Int. payable on June & Dec. 1.

DUBUQUE COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dubuque), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until 11 a. m. on July 25, by J. A. Clark, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$26,200 issue of 5% semi-annual drainage bonds. Due from 1929 to 1936, incl. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago approved legality of bonds.

EAST GREENBUSH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. East Greenbush), Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles L. Beach, President Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 6 for the purchase of an issue of \$4,000 5% school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,800. Due \$1,800 Sept. 1 1929 to 1958 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Rensselaer. A certified check for 10% of the bonds offered is required. At a previous offering held on May 22 all bids were returned unopened pending decision of the State Educational Board as to the legality of the bonds—V. 126, p. 3487.

EDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eden), Riverside County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 6, by the County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$13,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Due from 1928 to 1936, incl.

EL CAMPO, Wharton County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. E. Otell, City Treasurer, until Aug. 6, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 5% semi-annual street improvement bonds.

ELIZABETHTON, Carter County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of \$225,000 in bonds for street, sidewalk and sewer improvements. (These are the bonds that were recently sold—V. 127, p. 138.)

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Buffalo), N. Y.—OFFICIALS DEFER ACTION ON \$6,000,000 BOND ISSUE.—According to the Buffalo "Courier Express" of July 21, county officials have deferred action until next week on a proposed \$6,000,000 bond issue, which was submitted for their approval on July 20. The postponement, it is stated, was caused by a disagreement as to the method of selling the bonds. Heretofore the bidder who offered the highest premium received the award. Members of the Board of Supervisors, are of the opinion that the method of Morris S. Tremaine, State Comptroller, in disposing of State obligations which is based upon the lowest interest-cost to the State should be adopted. The bonds according to the above-mentioned publication will be used as follows: \$2,000,000 for the greater motorway system; \$500,000 for county aid for town highways; \$500,000 for high way bridges; \$75,000 for resurfacing highways; \$1,500,000 for widening and reconstruction of State and county highways; \$500,000 for remodeling of city and county hall; \$500,000 for additions to the penitentiary and \$286,000 for county parks.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Gloucester National Bank of Gloucester was awarded on July 24, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 4.395% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 15 1928.

ETRIK SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Chesterfield), Chesterfield County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until 10 a. m. on Aug. 6, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 5% water and sewer bonds. Denoms. to suit purchaser. Due as follows: \$5,000 in 10, 15 and 20 years; \$10,000 in 25 years and \$25,000 in 30 years. Bond forms to be furnished by purchaser. Payable in Petersburg, Richmond or New York. A certified check for 2% of the issue must accompany the bid.

EUFAULA, McIntosh County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of 5% water works improvement bonds has recently been purchased at par by the City Treasurer. Due on June 1 1943.

FAIRVIEW, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, informs us that all bids received on July 16—V. 126, p. 3962—for the purchase of five issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$34,785 were for bonds to bear a rate of interest in excess of the rate stipulated in the advertisement, and were rejected. The bonds will be re-offered at a later date.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The B. M. C. Durfee Trust Co. of Fall River, was awarded on July 25, a \$1,000,000 temporary loan on a 5.125% discount basis. The loan matures on Dec. 20 1928.

FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Somerville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 issue of road and bridge bonds offered for sale on July 19—V. 127, p. 295—was jointly awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. and Ames, Emeric & Co., both of New York and the American National Co. of Nashville, as 4½% bonds, for a premium of \$2,400, equal to 100.40, a basis of about 4.725%. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1 1958.

FAYETTEVILLE, Washington, Ark.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 6% sewer bonds was recently awarded to local banks.

FERTILE TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Fertile), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$3,000 issue of school bonds was recently awarded to a local investor as 4½% bonds, at a price of 102.33.

FITCHBURG, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. was awarded on July 27 a \$300,000 temporary loan on a 4.725% discount basis. The loan matures on Dec. 14 1928.

FLEMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Flemington, R. F. D. No. 2), Taylor County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Aug. 14 by W. E. Tomblin, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated April 1 1928. Due from April 1 1930 to 1954 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the National City Bank in New York. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany bid.

FLORENCE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Florence), Fremont County, Colo.—MATURITY BASIS.—The \$18,000 block at a price of 100.29—V. 127, p. 444—is due in 1950, giving a basis of about 5.98%.

FORT WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allen County, Ind.—NO BIDS.—No bids were submitted for the \$290,000 4% coupon school bonds scheduled to have been sold on July 24—V. 127, p. 138—according to the Superintendent Board of Education. The bonds are dated July 31 1928, and mature July 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1932 incl.; \$12,000, 1933 to 1945 incl.; \$14,000, 1937 to 1940 incl.; \$7,000, 1941 to 1944 incl.; \$19,000, 1945 to 1947 incl.; and \$21,000, 1948.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,200 4½% road improvement bonds offered on July 23—V. 126, p. 4118—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$43.80 equal to 100.28 a basis of about 4.46%. Dated May 15 1928. Due \$760 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. Other bids were as follows:
 Bidder City Securities Corp. Premium
 Meyer-Kiser Bank \$18.00
 7.50

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Lee, Higginson & Co. of Boston, were awarded on July 26, at 101.78, a basis of about 4.05% the following issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$144,000: \$100,000 school and addition bonds. Due \$5,000, Aug. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. 44,000 Original Street bonds. Due \$4,400, Aug. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Principal and interest payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Preston), Ida.—BONDS CALLED.—The following bonds have been called for payment: \$67,000 Independent School District No. 1 bonds, consisting of \$30,000 dated July 1 1913; \$20,000 dated July 1 1915 and \$17,000, dated July 1 1916. Called for July 20 1928 at the Dept. of Public Investments in Boise. 6,000 6% School District No. 5 bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1914; optional in 1924 and due in 1934. Called for Aug. 1 1928 at Kountze Bros. in New York City.

FREMONT COUNTY (P. O. Sidney), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$162,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on July 20—V. 127, p. 444—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines as 4 1/4% bonds, for a \$25 premium, equal to 100.015, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$16,000 from 1934 to 1942 and \$18,000 in 1943. The only other bidder was C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago offering par.

FREMONT, Dodge County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$140,000 4 1/4% semi-annual paving bonds has recently been jointly purchased by the Omaha Trust Co. and the U. S. Trust Co., both of Omaha at a price of 100.009, plus legal and printing expenses.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Black, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$75,000 road and bridge improvement bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4% and mature serially in from 1 to 10 years.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Wauseon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. L. Watkins, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 6 for the purchase of an issue of \$8,886.24 5% road impt. bonds. Dated July 15 1928. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,886.24, 1928; \$1,000, 1929, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1932 incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quincy) Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 11, by C. H. Gray, County Superintendent, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$110,000, as follows: \$100,000 5 1/2% special tax school district No. 1 bonds. Due on July 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1935 and \$5,000, 1936 to 1952, all incl. 10,000 6% special tax school district No. 5 bonds. Due \$500 from July 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Int. payable semi-annually.

GALLUP, McKinley Co., N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$80,000, offered for sale on July 21—V. 126, p. 4118—were awarded at par to Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co. of Denver. The issues are divided as follows: \$40,000 sewer bonds, \$25,000 water bonds and \$15,000 street improvement bonds. Due in 1958 and optional after 1948.

GLEN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 19—V. 127, p. 138—was awarded to J. S. Rippl & Co. of Newark as 4 1/2%, taking \$333,000 bonds (\$340,000 offered), paying \$340,506.99, equal to 102.25, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1951 incl.; \$15,000, 1952 to 1958 incl., and \$8,000, 1959. The following bids were also received:

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Bonds Bid for, Int. Rate, Price Bid. Includes L. F. Rothchild & Co., Bloomfield National Bank, H. L. Allen & Co., National City Co.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$63,250, unsuccessfully offered on June 20—V. 126, p. 4118—re-offered on July 18 and awarded to the United States Nat'l Co. of Denver, as follows: \$57,000 paving district No. 20 bonds as 5s, at a price of 95.11. Dated July 1 1928. 8,250 sidewalk district No. 10 bonds as 6s, at a price of 95.05, a basis of about 6.61%. Dated July 1 1928. Due on July 1 1940 and optional at any time.

GRAYSON COUNTY (P. O. Sherman) Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$245,000 issue of 4 1/4% serial road bonds that was sold on July 9—V. 127, p. 444—was registered on July 16 by State Comptroller G. N. Holton.

GREENBURGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Elmsford), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Stephens & Co. and Batchelder, Wack & Co., both of New York, jointly purchased on July 19 an issue of \$390,000 school bonds as 4.40s, at 100.293, a basis of about 4.37%. The bonds mature as follows: \$10,000, 1933 to 1953 incl., and \$15,000, 1954 to 1965 incl.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. July 31 for the purchase of an issue of \$6,560 4 1/4% road improvement bonds. The bonds mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938 incl.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George R. Hudson, County Auditor, until 2 p. m. Aug. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$23,000 4 1/4% land purchase bonds. The bonds mature on May and Nov. 15 commencing with 1929. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George R. Hudson, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$45,000 4 1/4% road construction bonds. Due on May and Nov. 15, from 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Commissioners, for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Mrs. Mary E. Wilton, Secretary Board of Education, until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 school building bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 5%. The bonds mature Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1944 incl.; and \$2,000, 1945 to 1949 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for 5% of the bonds offer is required.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,400 4 1/4% road construction bonds offered on July 18—V. 126, p. 4119—were awarded to the Ohio Bank & Savings Co. of Findlay, at a premium of \$37.50, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.32%. Dated April 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,400, 1929; and \$2,000, 1930 to 1932, incl. The First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, offered a premium of \$8.88 for 5% bonds.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 10, for the purchase of an issue of \$30,470 5 1/4% road bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,470, 1929; \$4,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; and \$3,000, 1933 to 1937 incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$500 is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 8, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,200 5 1/4% road bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$1,200, 1929, and \$1,000, 1930 to 1933, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$250 is required.

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, York County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Western National Bank, was awarded on July 7, an issue of \$25,000

4% school bonds at par. The bonds are dated May 1 1928 and mature on May 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1932 to 1947, incl.; and \$1,000, 1948. Prin. and interest payable at the office of the District Treasurer.

HARDEE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Wauchula) Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 6% school bonds offered for sale on July 17—V. 126, p. 4119—was awarded to Bumpus & Co. of Detroit at a price of 98.27, a basis of about 6.24%. Dated June 1 1928. Due from June 1 1931 to 1945 incl. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name of Bidder, Price Bid. Includes First National Bank of Arcadia, Prudden & Co. of Toledo.

HARDEMAN COUNTY (P. O. Bolivar), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 31, by the County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$500,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon semi-annual road bonds.

HARMONY, Butler County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 4% sewerage disposal bonds offered on April 9—V. 126, p. 2198—have since been sold, according to the Borough Secretary. The bonds are dated Apr. 1 1928 and mature \$500 on Oct. 1 1931 to 1950, inclusive.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Logan) Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$170,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on July 24—V. 127, p. 445—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$145, equal to 100.085, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from 1934 to 1943 and optional after 1933. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Rate, Premium. Includes Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago, White-Phillips Co. of Davenport.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Joseph E. Murphy, Village Clerk, until 5 p. m. Aug. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$24,000 coupon or registered sewer extension bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, 1933 to 1944, inclusive. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First National Bank, Hastings-on-Hudson. A certified check, payable to the order of the Village for \$1,000, is required.

HEMPSTEAD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Garden City), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene R. Courtney, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. Aug. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$140,000 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Due \$5,000, July 1 1929 to 1956, incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

HOOD RIVER, Hood River County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon water bonds offered for sale on July 16 (V. 126, p. 3063) was awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane at a price of 99.172, a basis of about 4.64%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$5,000 from July 1 1933 to 1937 incl. The other bids and bidders were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes Security Savings & Trust Co., Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Butler Banking Co., Peirce, Fair & Co.

HOUNSFIELD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sacket Harbor), Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Northern New York Securities Corp. of Watertown, was awarded on June 11, an issue of \$15,000 school bonds to bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2%. The bonds are dated June 1 1928 and mature \$500 on June 1 1929 to 1958, inclusive. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Northern New York Trust Co., Watertown, or at the Equitable Trust Co., New York. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 25 a special election will be held for the purpose of voting on a proposed bond issue of \$2,950,000 to cover the costs of the rearrangement of streets and arterials preliminary to the construction of a proposed new terminal passenger station. According to the Houston "Post" of July 22 the money will be apportioned as follows:

- Improvement projects provided for in the bond issue, should it be voted favorably upon; are: Widening and straightening of Washington Ave., Preston and Franklin Aves., \$1,750,000. Construction of necessary sanitary sewers, \$200,000. Permanent paving, \$600,000. White Oak bayou improvement project, \$200,000. Proposed macadamizing of streets, \$200,000.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—H. L. Kerlin, County Treasurer, informs us that the three issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$22,300 offered on July 17—V. 127, p. 139—were not sold.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. Lee Kerlin, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Aug. 9, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/4% bonds: \$11,200 Howard Township road construction bonds. Denoms. \$560. Due \$560 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive. 8,400 Center Township road construction bonds. Denoms. \$420. Due \$420 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive. 2,700 Harrison Township road construction bonds. Denoms. \$135. Due \$135 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive. All of the above bonds are dated June 15 1928.

HOXIE, Lawrence County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of improvement bonds has recently been purchased at par by M. W. Elkns & Co. of Little Rock.

HUNTINGTON-GREENLAWN WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Huntington) Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Richard W. Hawkins, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$65,000 coupon or registered water bonds. Rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% or multiple thereof. Principal and interest payable at the Bank of Huntington, Huntington. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$1,200 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Paul G. Weber, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 28, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,000 4 1/4% road improvement bonds. The bonds mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938, incl.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$88,000 offered on July 20—V. 127, p. 296—were awarded to the Farmers Trust Co. of Indianapolis, the only bidder, at a premium of \$3.00: \$60,000 Issue No. 1 park district bonds. Due \$3,000, Jan. 1 1930 to 1949 incl. 28,000 Issue No. 2 park district bonds. Due \$1,400, Jan. 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

Dated July 1 1928. According to the "Indianapolis News" of July 21, the Trust Co. agreed to submit bids for the purchase of the following issues to be sold at 11 a. m. (Central standard time) Aug. 8. Tenders should be addressed to Sterling R. Holt, City Controller: \$42,000 4 1/4% Issue No. 3 park district bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$2,000, Jan. 1 1930 to 1950 incl. \$14,000 4 1/4% Municipal Bridge bonds of 1928, first issue. Dated June 15 1928. Denoms. \$500. Due Jan. 1 1933. 10,000 4 1/4% Municipal Bridge bonds of 1928, second issue. Dated July 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 1933. Principal and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the bonds offered is required. The two issues of bridge bonds were originally scheduled to have been sold on July 10—V. 126, p. 4119.

IRISH CORNER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT (P. O. Lewisburg), Greenbrier County, W. Va.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$107,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds that was awarded to Poor & Co. of Cincinnati at a price of 101—V. 127, p. 445—is more fully described as follows: Dated July 1 1928. Due as follows: \$3,500, 1929 to 1957; and \$5,500 in 1958, giving a basis of about 4.90%.

JACKSON, Hinds County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$177,000 5% refunding water works improvement and refunding sewerage extension, paving and sidewalk bonds was awarded on July 17 to a group composed of the Merchants Bank & Trust Co., the Jackson-State National Bank, the Capitol National Bank and A. K. Tigrett & Co., all of Jackson, for a premium of \$3,090, equal to 101.745%.

JACKSON, Madison County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$51,000 issue of semi-annual paving bonds offered for sale on July 24—V. 127, p. 296—was awarded to R. W. Spragins & Co. of Jackson as 4 3/4% bonds, at a discount of \$280, equal to 99.45, a basis of about 4.85%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due serially in 10 years.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Independence), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. H. Fayman, County Treasurer, until 11 a. m. on Aug. 3, for the purchase of a \$1,000,000 issue of 4% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 15 1928 and due on July 15 as follows: \$55,000, 1933 to 1936; \$60,000, 1937 to 1940; \$65,000, 1941 to 1944, and \$70,000, 1945 to 1948, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City or at the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York. Benjamin H. Charles of St. Louis will furnish legal approval. (This corrects report as given in V. 127, p. 296.)

JANESVILLE, Bremer County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 issue of 4 1/2% water system bonds offered for sale at public auction on July 7—V. 127, p. 139—was awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at par. No other bids were submitted.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Aug. 2, for the purchase of an issue of \$9,000 road improvement bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Steubenville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Commissioners until 12 m. Aug. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$22,952.21 5% road improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 and 1930; \$3,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; and \$3,952.21, 1936. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners for \$1,000 is required.

JEFFERSON PARISH (P. O. Gretna) La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 24, by Wm. Henning, Secretary of the Police Jury, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 excess revenue bonds.

KEISER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Keiser) Mississippi County, Ark.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$100,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds scheduled for June 29—V. 126, p. 4119—was postponed due to the school survey by the State and County.

KEOKUK COUNTY (P. O. Sigourney), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$165,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on July 25—V. 127, p. 445—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4 1/2% bonds, for a \$255 premium, equal to 100.154, a basis of about 4.46%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from 1934 to 1943, incl. and optional after 5 years.

KITTSOPAN COUNTY (P. O. Hallock), Minn.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The two issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$43,000, awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis at a price of 101.104—V. 127, p. 445—are due as follows: \$24,000 ditch bonds. Due on July 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1934 and 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1938; \$1,000, 1939; \$2,000, 1940 and 1941; \$1,000, 1942; \$2,000, 1943; \$1,000, 1944; \$2,000, 1945; \$1,000, 1946 and \$2,000 in 1947 and 1948.

19,000 ditch bonds. Due on July 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1934 to 1936; \$2,000, 1937; \$1,000, 1938 to 1940; \$2,000, 1941; \$1,000, 1942 to 1944; \$2,000, 1945; \$1,000, 1946 and 1947; and \$2,000 in 1948. Basis of about 4.40%.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Evansville), Vanderburg County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Hensz, trustee, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Aug. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$26,000 5% school bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due semi-annually from 1929 to 1941 inclusive.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,200 4 1/2% road improvement bonds offered on July 25—V. 127, p. 297—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$7.50. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due \$260 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, incl. No other bid submitted.

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL CITY, Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 4% school building bonds offered on July 21—V. 127, p. 297—were awarded to the City Trust Co. of Lafayette, at par. Dated April 15 1928. Due as follows: \$12,500 July 15 1929; \$12,500 Jan. and July 15 1930 to 1933, incl.; and \$12,500 Jan. 15 1934.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—H. K. Groves, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 6, for the purchase of an issue of \$116,000 5% highway bonds. Dated June 15 1928. Denoms. \$800 and \$500. First maturity May 15 1929. Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) Aug. 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$107,350 5% County and property owner's share improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$5,000, April and \$5,250, 1929; \$5,000, April and Oct. 1 1930 and 1931; and Oct. 1, \$5,000, April and \$6,000, Oct. 1 1932 to 1933 incl.

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Aug. 2, by J. E. Sims, Town Manager, for the purchase of an issue of \$195,000 6% general improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the National City Bank in New York City. Private sale may be resorted to. A certified check for 2% par of the bid must accompany the bid.

Financial Statement.

Total value of all property (estimated).....	\$7,500,000
Assessed valuation for taxation.....	5,102,605
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	195,000
Special assessment debt (included in above).....	None
Water works debt (included in above).....	70,000
Sinking fund.....	None at present time
Floating debt (not included in this issue).....	None
Tax rate.....	10 mills
Population (1920): No town here. Population now: 500 (approximately).	

LANGLADE COUNTY (P. O. Antigo), Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$95,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon, series B, highway improvement bonds offered for sale on July 25—V. 126, p. 4119—was not sold as all bids were rejected. Dated May 1 1927. Due from May 1 1929 to 1941 incl.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—At the Sept. primaries the voters will be asked to approve a \$350,000 bond issue the proceeds of which would be used to complete a paving program. The bonds if authorized are to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5% and to mature in 15 years.

LAVALETTE, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Gordon D. Homer, Borough Clerk, until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 7, for the purchase of an issue of 5% borough hall bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a prem. of \$1,000 over \$28,000. Dated May 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, May 1, 1930 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Toms River. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

LENOX CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lenox), Cook County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc. of Atlanta. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1, as follows: \$1,000 from 1938 to 1947 and \$2,000 from 1948 to 1957, all incl. Prin. and int. (Mar. 1) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

LEONI TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The Secretary Board of Education, will sell at public auction on July 30 at 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) an issue of \$5,000 school bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5%. Dated

April 1 1928. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1930 and 1931; \$2,000, 1932; and \$3,000, 1933 to 1959 incl. No sealed bids will be received.

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Bellefontaine) Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,745 ditch bonds offered on July 25—V. 127, p. 446—were awarded to Blanchet, Bowman & Wood of Toledo as 5 1/8%, at a premium of \$4.76. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$445, Mar. and \$700 Sept. 1 1929, and \$700 Mar. and Sept. 1 1930 to 1933 incl. The First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, offered a premium of \$4. for 5 1/2% bonds.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were to be received until 10.30 a. m. on July 31, by Robert Dominguez, City Clerk, for the purchase of the following seven issues of bonds aggregating \$6,500,000, but announcement came on Monday that the date of the sale had been deferred: \$2,000,000 electric plant, election of 1926, class F bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$50,000 from Aug. 1 1929 to 1968, incl. To be delivered as soon after Aug. 1 1928 as possible.

2,000,000 water works, election of 1926, class E bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due \$50,000 from Dec. 1 1929 to 1968, incl. Delivery on or before Dec. 15 1928.

500,000 electric plant, election of 1926, class C bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1928 and due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$13,000, 1929 to 1964 and \$8,000, 1965 to 1968, all incl. To be delivered on or about Oct. 15 1928.

500,000 water works, election of 1926, class D bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1928 and due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$13,000, 1929 to 1964 and \$8,000, 1965 to 1968, all incl. To be delivered on or about Oct. 15 1928.

500,000 4 1/2% water works, election of 1925, Colorado River supply, class G bonds. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1, as follows: \$14,000, 1929 to 1963 and \$10,000, 1964. Delivery on or before Dec. 15 1928.

500,000 4 1/2% water works, election of 1926, class C bonds. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1, as follows: \$14,000, 1929 to 1963 and \$10,000 in 1964. Delivery on or before Dec. 15 1928.

500,000 4 1/2% electric plant, election of 1926, class E bonds. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1, as follows: \$14,000, 1929 to 1963 and \$10,000 in 1964. Delivery on or before Dec. 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Split bids will not be considered. No bids for less than par will be considered. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Bowery and East River National Bank in New York City. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish legal approval to purchaser. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid. With reference to the postponement of the date of the sale, Edward H. Collins had the following to say in the New York Herald Tribune for July 24:

An unusual occurrence in connection with a municipal bond sale was recorded yesterday when the City of Los Angeles advertised an offering of \$6,500,000 bonds in the morning and postponed the sale in the afternoon.

Details of the present plans of Los Angeles officials for the offering of the obligations were not included in the private advices which arrived here late yesterday. All that these contained was the announcement that the offering had been put off for two weeks and that the bonds would be readvertised. In view of comment in municipal bond circles concerning the original set-up, it seems highly probable that the officials have been advised to revise the latter and that the postponement of the sale may be preliminary to such a move.

According to the official advertisement of the Los Angeles sale which appeared here yesterday morning, it was to be offered on July 31 and was to consist of four issues bearing not more than 5% interest and three issues bearing 4 1/2%, as follows: \$2,000,000 electric plant bonds, class F; \$500,000 electric plant bonds, class C; \$500,000 water works bonds, class D; \$500,000 water works bonds, class E; \$500,000 water works bonds, class G; \$500,000 electric plant bonds, class E; and \$500,000 water works bonds, Colorado River supply, class C. The last three issues enumerated are the 4 1/2% bonds. On the other four issues the bidder was to name the rate. Par or more must be offered for the bonds, and no split bids would be received. The stipulation in the advertisement which caught the eyes of municipal bonds dealers, however, was this:

"First enumerated \$2,000,000 issue of bonds to be delivered as soon after August 1 1928, as available; second and third above enumerated issues of bonds, totaling \$1,000,000 to be delivered on or before October 15 1928; and the remainder of said bonds to be delivered on or before Dec. 15 1928."

The Bond Dates.

A casual reading of the announcement of the issue might leave the impression that what the City of Los Angeles was proposing was simply sale on the basis of "delayed delivery." This would be the case were the bonds dated the same as the time of sale or close to it, but a description of the three issues reveals that the delivery dates mentioned correspond with the dates of the bonds themselves. In other words, the city is proposing to sell these three issues, aggregating almost half the total amount of the offering, on terms which would shoulder the bankers purchasing them with the hazards of the market over a period of from two to five months without affording them any compensating advantage. Bankers purchasing bonds for delayed delivery ordinarily are in the position of being able to call for the latter as they wish them. In this case the bankers would be committing themselves on a \$3,000,000 piece of business without any idea of what conditions might be when the date for delivery came around and without any means of anticipating adverse changes in the market. On such terms it is equally probable that many bankers would steer clear of them entirely; it is bonds could do so only on terms which would adequately compensate them for the gamble involved.

Delayed Delivery Desirable.

This is not a propitious moment for a municipality to come into the market for bonds under the best of conditions, but if borrowing must be undertaken then it certainly behooves the borrower to make the terms of the would be as attractive as possible. Under the circumstances Los Angeles that "delayed delivery" of the bonds might be provided for in the generally accepted meaning of the phrase.

This could be accomplished most readily perhaps, by leaving the delivery dates where they now stand, but antedating the bonds so that they become interest bearing from August 1 or August 15, and by permitting the purchaser of the bonds to demand delivery of them when he wished. Such a set-up would mean that the purchaser would be relieved of carrying \$1,000,000 of the bonds until Oct. 1 and \$2,000,000 until Dec. 1, the city, in effect carrying them for him at their full price and coupon rate.

MCKENZIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Schafer) N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Aug. 30, by Amelia Breuing, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$2,500 issue of certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Marcia E. Barton, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Aug. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$36,500 road improvement bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and to mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, were awarded on July 25, the following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$224,000 at 97.618 a basis of about 4.33%.

\$150,000 street and sewer bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1943 incl., and \$6,000, 1944 to 1948 incl.

50,000 highway bonds. Due \$5,000, July 1 1929 to 1938 incl.

24,000 school bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1932 incl., and \$1,000, 1933 to 1948 incl.

Dated July 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston or at the Amoskeag Trust Co., Manchester. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MANSFIELD, De Soto Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 14, by the Mayor, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 6% semi-annual public utility improvement bonds.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. L. Kelly, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$48,000 5% street improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April and Oct. 1. A certified check, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 2% of the bonds offered, is required.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Landes, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 6 for the purchase of an issue of \$6,050 5% sewer bonds. The bonds mature as follows: \$550 March, and \$500 Sept. 1 1929; \$500 March and Sept. 1 1930; and \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1931 and 1932. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for \$250 is required.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. E. Robinson, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 30, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$21,000: \$9,800 road bonds. Due \$490 May and Nov. 15, 1929 to 1938 incl. 6,800 road bonds. Due \$340 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. 5,000 road bonds. Due \$250 May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated July 1 1928

MARLIN, Falls County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$38,000 issue of 5% semi-annual sewage disposal bonds offered for sale on July 24—V. 127, p. 298—was awarded to Garrett & Co. of Dallas at par. Due in 40 years and optional in 10 years.

MARTINSVILLE, Henry County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on July 19—V. 127, p. 139—was awarded to the Old Dominion Fire Insurance Co. of Roanoke as 5% bonds at par. Dated Oct. 1 1928 and due on Oct. 1 1933.

MARYLAND (State of) P. O. Annapolis.—BOND SALE.—The following issues bearing interest at the rate of 4% and aggregating \$1,070,000 offered on July 25—V. 126, p. 4120—were awarded to Alexander Brown & Sons of Baltimore, at \$8,771, a basis of about 4.16%: \$920,000 general construction bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due Aug. 15 as follows: \$54,000, 1931; \$56,000, 1932; \$58,000, 1933; \$61,000, 1934; \$64,000, 1935; \$67,000, 1936; \$70,000, 1937; \$73,000, 1938; \$76,000, 1939; \$80,000, 1940; \$83,000, 1941; \$87,000, 1942, and \$91,000, 1943.

150,000 Fifth Regiment Armory Plaza loan bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; \$10,000, 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$12,000, 1938; \$13,000, 1939; \$14,000, 1940 and 1941, and \$15,000, 1942 and 1943.

The bonds are being offered to the public for investment at 99.50 and interest yielding from 4.04 to 4.18%, according to maturity. About one-half of the bonds were reported sold on July 25 according to the "Herald-Tribune" of July 26. An official list of the bids received follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Bonds Bid For, Rate Bid. Includes Alexander Brown & Sons, Mackubin, Goodrich & Co., Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., etc.

Financial Statement table with rows: Assessed valuation (1927), Bonded debt, Less sinking funds, Net bonded debt, Total net bonded debt, Population (1920 census).

MAUD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maud), Pottawattomie County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$65,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds has recently been purchased by Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City at a price of 101.21.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte) N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. N. Hood, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, until noon on Aug. 3, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,200,000 bond anticipation notes. Denom. \$10,000 unless specified to the contrary. Int. rate is to be bid upon at par. Due on Feb. 9 1929. These notes will anticipate a fully authorized issue of court house and jail bonds that is to be sold in January and delivered on Feb. 9 1929. Prin. and int. is payable at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York. Chester B. Masslich of New York City will furnish legal approval. A \$2,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Garver, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11.30 a. m. (Eastern standard time) July 30, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$27,250: \$17,250 road improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,250, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 and 1930; and \$2,000, 1931 to 1937, inclusive. 10,000 road improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Dated Aug. 1 1928. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Treasurer of \$500 for each issue, is required. Legality approved by Squire Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston, was awarded on July 23, a \$400,000 temporary loan offered on that date—V. 127, p. 446—on a 4.64% discount basis. Due \$200,000, Dec. 17 1928 and \$200,000, Jan. 15 1929.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Stanton) N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. on Aug. 7, by the County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of coupon road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5 1/4%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$5,000 from July 1 1931 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at point suitable to purchaser. June 11, Dorsey, Oakley & Driscoll of Minneapolis will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Louis H. Sacher, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, until 2 p. m. Aug. 3, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$11,800: \$8,000 Hoenie and Pickenbrock road bonds. Due \$500, Mar. and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1933 incl. 2,000 Murlin road bonds. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1929 to 1932 incl. 1,800 Konrath road bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$300, 1929; and \$500, 1930 to 1932 incl. Dated July 15 1928. A certified check for \$300 is required.

MIDDLE COASTAL HIGHWAY (Comprising Counties of Dillon, Florence, Williamsburg, Colleton, Beaufort and Jasper) (P. O. Columbia, S. C.)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. on Aug. 10 by Wade Stackhouse, Chairman of the Board of Coastal Highway Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$400,000 issue of 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% coupon coastal highway bonds. Principal only of bonds may be registered. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$44,000 from 1931 to 1938 incl. and \$48,000 in 1939. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 1) payable in New York in gold. General joint obligations of the six counties, issued under Act No. 756 of the Acts of 1926. The payment of these bonds is secured not only by a sufficient levy on all taxable property in the six counties (the primary fund for payment), but also by a so-called reimbursement agreement between the counties and the State Highway Commission of South Carolina, the bonds being issued for the construction of State highways. Approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City will be furnished. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the above Board, is required.

MILTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$335,000, offered on July 24 (V. 127, p. 446) were awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, at 100.849, a basis of about 3.89%: \$240,000 school bonds. Due \$12,000 Aug. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. 95,000 sewer bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$6,000, 1935 to 1940 incl.; \$3,000, 1941 to 1945 incl., and \$2,000, 1946. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes R. L. Day & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Estabrook & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., Curtis & Sanger.

MINEOLA, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$665,000 offered on July 23—V. 127, p. 298—were awarded jointly to George B. Gibbons & Co. and Roosevelt & Son, both of New York, as 4.40s, at a premium of \$7,880.25, equal to 101.18 a basis of about 4.32%: \$650,000 sewer bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1933 to 1946 incl., and \$20,000, 1947 to 1968 incl. 15,000 fire apparatus bonds. Due \$3,000, July 1 1929 to 1933 incl. Dated July 1 1928. The following bids for 4.40% bonds were also received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes Estabrook & Co. & Phelps, Fenn & Co., Bancitaly Corp.; Remick, Hodges & Co. & Dewey, Bacon & Co., Gibson, Leaf & Co., National City Co.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders are now offering the bonds to the public for investment at prices to yield 4.20%. The assessed valuation for 1927 is reported as \$9,660,605 and the net bonded debt as \$827,700. The bonds it is stated are legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY (P. O. Sioux Falls), S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$59,776.58 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-annual drainage ditch bonds offered on July 14—V. 126, p. 4120—was not sold as no bids were received for the issue.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—MATURITY.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$474,800 awarded on July 16—V. 127, p. 447—mature as follows: \$252,500 Road District No. 47 bonds as 4 3/4s to the First National Bank of Monroe, at 100.277; mature May 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1929 to 1933, inclusive; \$26,000, 1934; \$25,500, 1935; \$26,000, 1936, and \$25,000, 1937 and 1938.

222,300 Road District No. 44 bonds awarded as 5s to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, at 100.314; mature May 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1929 to 1933, inclusive; \$23,000, 1934; \$22,300, 1935; \$23,000, 1936, and \$22,000, 1937 and 1938. Dated July 3 1928.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Stroudsburg), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon road improvement bonds offered on July 23—V. 127, p. 447—were awarded to R. M. Snyder & Co. of Philadelphia at a premium of \$700, equal to 101.40, a basis of about 4.15%. Due June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1944, and \$20,000, 1950 and 1956. Other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes A. B. Leach & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., M. M. Freeman & Co.

MONROE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Clark County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Township Trustee, until 10 a. m. Aug. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$36,000 4 1/2% school building bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$500. Due serially from 1929 to 1943, inclusive.

MONROEVILLE, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters at the November elections will pass on a proposal to issue \$146,000 bonds; the proceeds to be expended for the construction of a new high school building. Preparations are under way for the selection of a suitable site for the structure, which will be equipped with all modern improvements.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton) Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$108,800 4 1/2% sanitary sewer bonds offered on July 19—V. 127, p. 298—were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$228, equal to 100.20, a basis of about 4.485%. Dated July 20 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,800, 1929; \$7,000, 1930 and 1931; \$9,333, 1934 and 1943; \$2,000, 1944 and 1945, 1947 and 1948, and \$1,000, 1946.

MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monticello) Wright County Minn.—INT. RATE—MATURITY.—The \$50,000 issue of school bonds that was recently purchased at par by the State of Minnesota—V. 127, p. 447—bears interest at 4% and is due on July 1 1948.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Aug. 17 (Pacific time) by Joseph W. Beveridge, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$8,000 from Sept. 1 1934 to 1958, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the State's fiscal agency in New York City or at the office of the County Treasurer. These bonds are issued for the purpose of raising funds with which to construct permanent roads within the County of Multnomah, Oregon, and are a part of an issue of \$2,500,000 bonds authorized by the voters of the county at a special election held on the 21st day of May 1926, for said purpose. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish legal approval. County Clerk will furnish the required bidding forms. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the County Clerk is required.

MUSCATINE COUNTY (P. O. Muscatine), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on July 19—V. 127, p. 298—was awarded to the Muscatine State Bank of Muscatine, as 4 1/2% bonds, for a premium of \$1,476, equal to 101.23, a basis of about 4.36%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$12,000 from May 1 1934 to 1943, incl.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel Dearborn, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) July 31, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$60,000: \$35,000 sewer bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1938, incl., and \$1,000, 1939 to 1943, incl. 25,000 highway bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938, incl., and \$1,000, 1939 to 1943, incl. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer or at the First National Bank, Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement July 15 1928 table with rows: Assessed valuation for year 1928, Bonded Debt, Bridge bonds, Fire department bonds, Refunding bonds, Funding bonds, School bonds, Sewer bonds, Comfort Station bonds, Paving and road bonds, Highway bonds, Garage bonds, Sinking fund, Net debt.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. A7 (P. O. Natchitoches) La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Aug. 6 by Addie Taunz, Secretary of the Police Jury, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928 and due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$500, 1929 and 1930; \$1,000, 1931 to 1939; \$1,500, 1940 to 1945 and \$2,000, 1946 to 1948 all incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 1) payable at the Parish Treasurer's office or at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Approving opinions of B. H. Charles of St. Louis and B. A. Campbell of New Orleans will be furnished. A \$1,000 certified check payable to the President of the Police Jury, is required.

Financial Statement table with rows: Assessed valuation (approximately), Bonded debt, Population of district (estimated), Area of district (acres).

f \$14,000 5% coupon sanitary sewer improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$500, 1929 to 1932 incl.; and \$750, 1933 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Miamisburg. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

WHARTON COUNTY (P. O. Wharton), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until July 31 by John Norris, County Judge, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of 5½% semi-annual special road bonds.

WHARTON COUNTY (P. O. Wharton), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$100,000 4¼% serial road refunding bonds was registered by State Comptroller G. N. Holton on July 16.

WHEELER COUNTY (P. O. Wheeler), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, on July 19, registered an issue of \$180,000 4¼% serial road, series E bonds.

WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2.30 p. m. on July 30, by C. C. Ellis, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of 4¼% coupon bonds aggregating \$170,000 as follows:

\$150,000 forum bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$15,000 from 1929 to 1938 inclusive. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$2,000 from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Int. is payable semi-annually. All bids are 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 or part of said bonds and whether he will take such portion thereof as has not been taken by the State School Fund Commission.

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 bids. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

WILLOWICK (P. O. Willowick) Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. Dettman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$115,000 6% special assessment sewer improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1934, incl., and \$6,000, 1935 to 1949, incl. Principal and interest payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Willowick. A certified check for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

WILMERTON, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Shiring, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) Aug. 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 4¼% coupon borough bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1938 and 1943; \$8,000, 1948; \$2,000, 1949 to 1951, incl., and \$1,000, 1952. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

WINONA, Montgomery County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 7 by W. F. Blackston, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$12,000 issue of 5½% semi-annual road bonds.

WOODBURY COUNTY (P. O. Sioux City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 issue of coupon primary road bonds offered for sale on July 25—V. 127, p. 450—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, as 4¼% bonds, for a premium of \$510 (plus bonds and printing) equal to 100.275, a basis of about 4.43%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from May 1 1934 to 1943, incl. Optional after 5 years. The other bidders were as follows:

Bidder	Rate.	Price.
Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines	4¼%	100.272
Toy National Bank of Sioux City	4¼%	Par.

WOODHULL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodhull) Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—R. F. DeVoe & Co. of New York, were awarded on July 21, an issue of \$60,000 school bonds, at 100.629, a basis of about 4.45%. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4½% and mature as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1952, incl; \$2,000, 1953 to 1962, incl., and \$3,000, 1963 to 1967, incl.

WYANDOT COUNTY (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. P. Kraft, President Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11.30 a. m. Aug. 4, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,627.51 4¼% road improvement bonds. Dated July 2 1928. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$677.27 1929; and \$550, 1930 to 1938, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Auditor, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,813.63 5% special assessment street improvement bonds offered on July 25—V. 127, p. 143—were awarded to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$244.05, equal to 100.57, a basis of about 4.81%. Dated July 1 1928. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,813.63, 1930; and \$9,000, 1931 to 1934, incl.

has issued certificates authorizing the sale of bonds. The date shown is the day on which the certificate was issued and the amount given is the sum authorized:

June 26.—The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.—"South Vancouver School Extraordinary Loan By-Law No. 1602, 1928." By-law No. 1602, \$28,000, payable in twenty years, with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 26.—The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.—"South Vancouver School Extraordinary Loan By-Law No. 1603." By-law No. 1603, \$28,000, payable in twenty years, with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 27.—The Corporation of Point Grey.—"Local Improvement Loan Consolidation By-law No. 337, 1928." By-law No. 337, 1928, \$259,318.16, payable in fifteen years, with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 27.—The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.—Local Improvement Consolidation, By-law No. 1585, \$132,231.03, payable in thirty years, with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 27.—The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.—Local Improvement Consolidation, By-law No. 1586, \$11,823.98, payable in twenty years, with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 27.—The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.—Local Improvement Consolidation, By-law No. 1587, \$50,387.51, payable in ten years, with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 27.—The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.—By-law No. 956, "The City of North Vancouver Local Improvement Debture Consolidation By-law No. 2 1928," \$26,075.22, payable in twenty years, with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 28.—Corporation of Point Grey.—"Local Improvement Loan Consolidation By-law No. 390, 1928. \$27,602.59 payable in ten years with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 28.—Corporation of Point Grey.—"Local Improvement Loan Consolidation By-law No. 391. \$57,913.81, payable in fifteen years with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 28.—Corporation of Point Grey.—"Local Improvement Loan Consolidation By-law No. 392. \$3,302.17 payable in thirty years, int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

June 28.—The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.—West Vancouver Marine Drive Reconstruction Money By-law 381. \$90,000 payable in twenty years, with int. at 4¼% payable half-yearly.

June 28.—The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.—"West Vancouver Addition to Municipal Hall By-law No. 382. \$12,000 payable in fifteen years with interest at 4¼% payable half-yearly.

July 3.—Corporation of Point Grey.—"Schools Loan By-law No. 342." \$480,000 payable in forty years with int. at 5% payable half-yearly.

NELSON, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Wasson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$240,000 electric light power plant bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4½%. Dated June 30 1928. Payable in 20 years as to both principal and interest at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Nelson.

NORTH YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND ISSUE APPROVED.—The Council recently approved the issuance of \$100,000 hydro-electric debentures according to the July 20 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto.

POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids submitted on July 9 for the purchase of \$41,500 5% bonds awarded to Rene T. Leclerc of Montreal, at 98.81—V. 127, p. 450.

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Rene T. Leclerc	98.81
L. G. Beaubien & Co.	98.81
Versailles, Vidricaire and Boulais	98.29

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURES SOLD AND AUTHORIZED.—The items published below are taken from the July 20 issue of the "Financial Post."

Sales.—The following is a list of debentures reported sold by the local government board from July 7 to July 14:

Golden Rod S. D. No. 1757, \$3,500, 15-years., 5½%, Prince Albert sinking funds; Mooney S. D. No. 1939, \$2,000, 10-yrs., 5¾%, Houston, Willowby & Co.; Kinbrae S. D. No. 73, \$4,500, 15-yrs., 5¼%, Regina P. S. sinking funds; Scandia S. D. No. 676, \$4,300, 10-yrs., 5%, J. Johanson, Stockholm; Chester, R. M. No. 125, \$6,000, 10-yrs., 5¼%, Regina P. S. sinking funds.

Authorizations.—The following is a list of authorizations granted by the local government board from July 7 to July 14:

Schools.—Union Jack, No. 1906, \$3,500; Prince of Wales, No. 2719, \$3,500; Creekvew, No. 652, \$3,000; Alkerton, No. 142, \$1,500; Yankee Ridge, No. 1377, \$4,800; Moose Mountain, No. 162, \$3,500; Pleasant, No. 571, \$1,000; Sprayville, No. 1620, \$4,000.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$109,000 improvement bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4½% offered on July 18—V. 1927, p. 302—were awarded to the Bank Canadian National of Montreal, at 93.40. The bonds mature in 40 annual installments.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until July 26, by the School Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 school bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4½%. The bonds are dated May 1 1928 in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500 mature serially in 30 years and are payable at Shawinigan Falls, Montreal and Quebec.

WALTHAM, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—The municipality of Waltham and Bryson, A. Carroll, Secretary-Treasurer, will sell at 2 p. m. Aug. 15, an issue of \$19,122.5% bonds. The bonds are dated Dec. 4 1926, are in denoms. of \$1,000 and multiples thereof, and are payable at Chapeau. Sealed bids are requested.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

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