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The Financial Situation.

Two statements of brokers' loans made their appearance the present week, namely, the monthly statement issued by the New York Stock Exchange, and the regular weekly return as compiled under the direction of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. Both statements have one point in common in showing that it seems to be impossible to hold these loans down or to bring about any reductions in the magnitude of the totals except temporarily. The statement which has attracted the most attention is that of the New York Stock Exchange, the figures here showing an addition for the month much larger than expected and also much larger than the weekly returns of the Federal Reserve had indicated as likely.

The Stock Exchange figures show an addition for the month of no less than \$214,089,826, bringing the total once more up to above \$5,000,000,000, the exact amount being \$5,051,437,405. The previous occasion when the aggregate ran in excess of \$5,000,000,000, and when a high record total was established, was at the end of May when the aggregate stood at \$5,274,046,281. On the other hand, the Federal Reserve figures for the four weeks ending Aug. 29 (before the appearance of this week's return for a week later) actually recorded a net decrease of \$24,248,000, the increases in some of the weeks having been offset by decreases in other weeks. To be sure, the Stock Exchange figures cover the full 31 days of the month, while the Federal Reserve figures for the four weeks cover only 28 days of the month, but that does not appear sufficient to explain the wide discrepancy.

It is now being recognized that the Stock Exchange figures are much more comprehensive than

the Federal Reserve compilations, which latter, however, are as extensive as it is possible to make them. The Federal Reserve figures relate only to the 45 reporting member banks in New York City and that they are all inclusive as far as these 45 banks are concerned appears from the fact that they show not only the loans to brokers and dealers made by the reporting member banks "for their own account," but also those "for account of out-of-town banks" and those "for account of others." It is difficult to perceive how the returns could well be made more extensive. But the Stock Exchange returns go further and cover all borrowing by Stock Exchange members, not only from or through the 45 member banks included in the Federal Reserve returns, but also all borrowing from all other banks and banking institutions.

Specifically the Stock Exchange figures show net loans by Stock Exchange members on collateral contracted for and carried in New York, representing (1) "net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies" and (2) "net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign loan agencies or others in the City of New York." The Stock Exchange is to be congratulated upon giving out information in such a complete and comprehensive form. On the other hand, no fault is to be found with the Federal Reserve returns, inasmuch as they, too, are made as comprehensive as possible, whatever defect on that score they contain resulting entirely from the fact that they must necessarily be confined to member banks of the Reserve system, the Reserve Board having no jurisdiction or control over banks not included in the membership of the Reserve, and there being quite a number of these, some of them of large size.

The matter attracts attention now in view of the action of the New York Clearing House Association at the end of last March in discontinuing its weekly summaries of condition of all Clearing House banks and trust companies, including quite a number of institutions that do not report to the Federal Reserve. The only plea or justification ever offered for the suppression of the valuable body of information embraced in the New York Clearing House time-honored weekly summaries was that Federal Reserve authorities put forth such elaborate and all-embracing statistics that there is really no longer any need for the continued compilation and publication of the Clearing House statements. We have repeatedly shown that this plea was without force or merit, and it may serve a useful purpose to recall now some of the facts in disproof of the plea mentioned by us on former occasions, particularly the facts brought out in a very extended article on the subject appearing in our issue of May 26. An invaluable weekly record is now denied the public,

which previously had been regularly furnished for the entire existence of the Clearing House organization, a period of about three-quarters of a century. The Clearing House figures, because based on a more extended membership, covered a broader ground and should on that account alone have been continued.

There are now 45 banks and trust companies in the list of reporting member banks in New York City for which figures are furnished by the Federal Reserve Bank, but be it noted that the following important trust companies are entirely absent from the list, namely, the State Bank & Trust Company, which last Saturday showed \$59,668,000 of time deposits and \$34,260,000 of net demand deposits; the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, which had \$2,447,000 of time deposits and \$36,824,000 of demand deposits; the Lawyers' Trust Company, which had \$2,476,000 of time deposits and \$20,000,000 of demand deposits; also the Colonial Bank, which had \$7,143,000 of time deposits and \$27,128,000 of demand deposits. These are all institutions of considerable size which were regularly included in the Clearing House return, but are missing in the member bank returns of the Federal Reserve. The supplementary statement which it was the custom of the State Banking Department to furnish and which formed an inseparable part of the weekly figures contained of course a host of other State banking institutions which do not appear in the Federal Reserve list. Not all of these are small institutions. Some are of considerable size. Among them may be mentioned the Empire Trust Co., which on June 30 reported deposits of \$73,250,164; the Chelsea Exchange Bank with deposits of \$20,771,358; the County Trust Co. with deposits of \$18,045,091; the Bronx County Trust Co. with deposits of \$22,527,476; the American Union Bank with deposits of \$14,383,342; the Bronx Borough Bank with deposits of \$22,113,330, and the Cosmopolitan Bank with deposits of \$10,445,774. No wonder the Federal Reserve story of brokers' loans is incomplete in view of all these omissions.

But what a commentary all this offers on the action of the New York Clearing House in suppressing the former weekly summaries. No stronger proof could be offered to show that the Federal Reserve member bank returns do not answer as a substitute for the information which it was the custom of the Clearing House to furnish, and furthermore that the Clearing House returns were far from being "useless" as claimed in the explanation issued from the Clearing House. The simple truth of the matter is that the two separate statements—that of the Clearing House and that of the Federal Reserve Board—supplemented and complemented each other, besides which, each had a value peculiarly its own. In the circumstances we repeat what we said in our previous article that no impartial and well informed student of affairs can fail to reach the conclusion that the Clearing House made a grave and very regrettable mistake when in very precipitate fashion it abandoned its old-time policy of compiling and publishing its invaluable weekly returns.

The present week's statements of the Federal Reserve reveal no new tendencies, but show in every particular a continuance of the old tendencies, mostly of an unhealthy character. Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) for the week

ending Sept. 5 (five days later than the Stock Exchange statement) record a further augmentation in amount of \$54,061,000, after the \$34,017,000 increase the preceding week, bringing the grand total up to \$4,289,209,000, on which basis comparison is with \$3,206,299,000 at the corresponding date (Sept. 7) of 1927. During the past week loans for account of out-of-town banks were reduced from \$1,535,163,000 to \$1,521,723,000 and loans "for account of others" fell from \$1,907,219,000 to \$1,860,707,000, while, on the other hand, loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account ran up from \$792,766,000 to \$906,779,000—which is quite a departure from previous experience in that respect.

The further expansion in brokers' loans has also brought with it a further increase in the borrowing of the member banks at the Federal Reserve Banks, the discount holdings of the twelve Reserve institutions having risen further during the week from \$1,038,773,000 to \$1,080,117,000. On Sept. 7 last year the discount holdings of the twelve Reserve banks aggregated only \$449,484,000. New borrowing was especially pronounced at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where the discount holdings rose during the week from \$292,522,000 to \$350,202,000. This latter is almost double the discount holdings of the New York Federal Reserve Bank a year ago, the amount Sept. 7 1927 having been only \$176,688,000. The twelve Reserve institutions also increased their holdings of acceptances during the week from \$184,299,000 to \$186,796,000, though reducing their holdings of U. S. Government securities from \$208,964,000 to \$206,385,000. Altogether, total bill and security holdings the present week are \$1,474,288,000 against \$1,433,026,000 a week ago, showing a growth during the week in the amount of Reserve credit in use of \$41,262,000. On Sept. 7 last year total bill and security holdings of the twelve Reserve banks were \$1,146,570,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation ran up further during the week from \$1,650,996,000 to \$1,701,035,000, while gold reserves fell from \$2,618,809,000 to \$2,609,149,000.

The present tense condition of the money market is reflected in this week's action of the Treasury Department in fixing an unusually high rate of interest on a new issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, announced on Sept. 6, to the amount of \$525,000,000 "or thereabouts." The certificates, running for nine months from Sept. 15 1928 to June 15 1929, will bear 4½% interest. In this, its September financing, the Treasury Department makes provision for the retirement of the outstanding remainder of the Third Liberty Loan bonds, which mature Sept. 15 1928. The new certificates (subscription books were opened Sept. 7) are offered at par and accrued interest, and the Treasury will accept in payment for the new certificates, at par, Third Liberty Loan bonds. Subscriptions for which payment is tendered in Third Liberty Loan bonds will be allotted in full up to the amount of the offering. Secretary Mellon, in his statement of Sept. 6 announcing the offering, indicates that about \$970,000,000 of Third Liberty Loan bonds are still outstanding and become payable on Sept. 15 1928. He goes on to say:

The final redemption of the Third Liberty Loan brings to a close the vast operations begun by the Treasury in 1927, which, in the course of eighteen months, have resulted in the refunding or retirement of over five billions of Liberty Loan bonds accompanied by important reduction in interest

charges. Of \$5,264,000,000 of Second and Third Liberty Loan bonds outstanding in February 1927, all but \$20,000,000 of which bore a 4¼% rate of interest, about \$1,300,000,000 will have been retired from sinking fund and surplus. The balance have been replaced by bonds bearing 3¾% interest, by three-five year notes bearing 3½% interest, all with maturity or call dates convenient for sinking fund purposes, and by short term certificates, including the issue now offered, all maturing on quarterly tax payment dates.

As we noted in a paragraph in our article on "The Financial Situation" last week (page 1152) Secretary Mellon in July invited subscriptions to Treasury bonds bearing only 3¾% interest; these bonds mature June 15 1943, but are subject to redemption at the option of the United States on and after June 15 1940. The new Treasury bonds, as we pointed out, represented a combined offering for cash, and an exchange for the Third Liberty Bonds. The fact that the exchange subscriptions were relatively light, notwithstanding the Treasury Department offered as a special inducement for making the exchange double interest for a certain definite period was commented upon by us a week ago, as was likewise the fact that the \$250,000,000 cash offering of these Treasury bonds proved a decided success. Nevertheless, as we showed, these new Treasury bonds from the very first sold at a discount. Dealings in the new Treasury bonds began on the Stock Exchange on July 18 and the best price on that day was 99@99 8-32; later in the month (on July 27) they got down to 98 20-32, and in August sold as low as 98. The offering of the Treasury Bonds in July followed two short term offerings in June of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, one of the series running for six months, bearing interest at 4% per annum, and the other, with a maturity of nine months, carrying 3⅞%. This week's new offering of nine months Treasury certificates, as stated above, bears 4½% interest—a material advance.

The stock market this week has retained all the broad characteristics of a bull movement, with the tone buoyant, transactions large and many extensive further advances in prices, yet with heavy sales to realize profits which the market absorbed with great readiness, though with occasional yielding in prices. The further rise has included within its embrace nearly all the different stocks and groups of stocks. Dealings last Saturday were on a very extensive scale, the dealings aggregating for the half-day session in excess of 2,000,000 shares, the precise total being 2,119,860 shares. Monday was Labor Day and a holiday. On Tuesday the list showed considerable irregularity, with many increases, but also numerous decreases, the latter the result of selling to realize profits which the market, as already indicated, took well, portraying its bullish characteristics. There was also some short selling occasioned by a renewed rise in money rates, the renewal charge being 7½% with an advance in the general rate later in the day to 8%. Among the conspicuous advances on that day was a rise of 21½ points in Warner Bros. "A" stock, while Baltimore & Ohio in the railroad list scored an advance of 3⅝. General Motors rose 2 points; Packard Motor 1¾, and Texas Corp. 1½. Sears-Roebuck showed a net decline of 1⅜ and Radio Corp. stock of 2 points. On Wednesday great buoyancy once more prevailed, though call money ruled at 7½% all through the day. Radio Corp. now enjoyed a net advance of 9 points;

Texas Corp. advanced 4½ points more; General Motors 3¼ points and Chrysler 2¼ points. On the other hand, Baltimore & Ohio lost 1½ points of its advance of the previous day and Amer. Tel. & Tel. advanced ½ on top of the previous day's advance of 1⅝. The unexpectedly large increase in the Stock Exchange August report on brokers' loans furnished bear ammunition which carried a number of stocks slightly lower.

On Thursday the market again displayed considerable irregularity under the influence of an advance in money rates on call to 8%. U. S. Steel, however, was a prominent feature with an advance for the day of 1½ points to a new high record for the year. Montgomery Ward enjoyed a net advance of 2 points. Radio Corp. fell back 5¾; General Motors 3⅛ and Chrysler 1¾. On Friday the activity and buoyancy swept everything before it, some of the advances for the day being: Montgomery Ward 13¾, Sears-Roebuck 5⅛, American Sugar 3⅝, U. S. Steel 3⅛, Chrysler 2⅝, and Consolidated Gas 2 points. The further increase in brokers' loans in the statement given out by the Federal Reserve after the close of business on Thursday served as a basis for some new short selling, but this made comparatively little impression. The Stock Exchange call loan rate was 7½% the entire day. The volume of business kept expanding day after day. The sales on Tuesday aggregated 3,724,850 shares; on Wednesday 4,420,920 shares; on Thursday 4,489,320 shares, and on Friday 4,622,000 shares. In the Curb Market sales on Tuesday totaled 504,700 shares; on Wednesday 627,015 shares; on Thursday 755,520 shares, and on Friday 687,100 shares. Among the stocks that established new high records for the year besides U. S. Steel, already mentioned, may be enumerated the following: Allis-Chalmers, Amer. Linsed, Amer. Radiator, Associated Oil, Atlantic Refining, Calumet & Hecla, Chile Copper, Chrysler, Continental Can, Hupp Motor Car, Internat. Harvester, Internat. Nickel, Kennecott Copper, Montgomery Ward & Co., Republic Iron & Steel, Sears-Roebuck & Co., Stewart-Warner, Texas Corp., Timken Roller Bearing, Union Carbide & Carbon and Warner Bros. Pictures cl. A. In the railroad list Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pac. pfd., Chic. Rock Island & Pacific, and St. Louis Southwestern established new high figures for the year.

General Motors closed yesterday at 205 as against 203¼ the previous Friday; Radio Corporation at 219¼ against 216; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 236¼ against 220¾; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at 181½ against 181⅞; General Electric at 166⅞ against 167; Allied Chemical & Dye at 198 against 203½; Sears-Roebuck at 154 against 149½; American Can at 107⅞ against 110½; Int. Harvester at 296½ against 295¼; Int. Nickel at 124¼ against 118¾; Stewart Warner at 104 against 99¼; Union Carbide & Carbon at 167¼ against 172⅞; Consolidated Gas (new shares) at 82½ against 79; Paramount Famous Lasky at 145⅞ against 143. The copper stocks were reactionary; Kennecott Copper closed yesterday at 97⅞ against 98½ the previous Friday; Anaconda Copper at 75½ against 76⅞; Cerro de Pasco at 80 against 82; Greene-Cananea at 118 against 120⅞; Cal. & Hecla at 31⅝ against 29½; Chile Copper at 48½ against 50½; Granby Copper at 59⅞ against 59¾, and American Smelting & Refining at 246¾ against 249. Among the independent steel shares, Bethlehem Steel closed yesterday at 63⅞ against

62½ the previous Friday, and Ludlum Steel at 62½ against 63.

In the motor group reference has already been made to the repeated advances of Chrysler stock; this closed yesterday at 104¾ against 102½ the previous Friday; Studebaker at 79¾ against 78¾; Packard at 84½ against 83; Nash at 94⅞ against 90¾; Hudson at 83¼ against 83 and Hupp at 72¾ against 69. The rubber shares were somewhat irregular and U. S. Rubber common closed yesterday at 38½ against 38⅞ the previous Friday and the pfd. at 73 against 72½; Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed at 63⅞ against 62¾, and B. F. Goodrich at 80½ against 82⅞. In the oil group Atlantic Refining closed yesterday at 167⅞ against 169 the previous Friday; Marland Oil closed at 39½ against 37¼, and Standard Oil of N. J. at 45⅞ against 45.

The railroad stocks showed no conspicuous features except that St. Louis-Southwestern attained a new high for the year as already stated, though it closed yesterday at 106½ against 109⅞ the previous Friday; New York Central closed at 174⅞ against 177; Baltimore & Ohio at 114¾ against 113¼; Chesapeake & Ohio at 189 against 187½; Atchison at 194¼ against 194⅞; Canadian Pacific at 214 against 212¾; Great Northern at 100 against 100⅞; Northern Pacific at 98½ against 99¼; Wabash at 82¼ against 81¼; Union Pacific at 196¼ against 197; Southern Pacific at 125 against 125; New York Chicago & St. Louis at 127 against 126; St. Louis-San Francisco at 115⅞ against 117½; Milw. & St. Paul pfd. at 53¾ against 54⅞; Rock Island at 122½ against 125; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 41¾ against 43¼, and Missouri Pacific at 74 against 73⅞.

Insolvencies in the United States in August were more numerous than was to be expected for that month and involved a very heavy total of indebtedness. There was a considerable increase in the number of business defaults over July, which is quite unusual, while in no preceding August have the failures been so high. Commercial defaults according to the reports of R. G. Dun & Co., numbered 1,852 and the total indebtedness shown was \$58,201,830. These figures compare with 1,723 failures in July involving \$29,586,633 of liabilities, and 1,708 in August 1927 for \$39,195,953. The increase in number last month over July was 7.4%, whereas for the preceding five years, 1923 to 1927 inclusive, the average number of mercantile defaults in August showed a decline of 3.1% from July. In 1923, however, the number of failures in August was also larger than in July. As to the liabilities for August the amount is the largest for any month back to March 1924.

It is noteworthy that the heavy increase in defaulted indebtedness reported for the month just closed was mainly due to a number of large defaults in the brokerage class, where an increase in the number of failures and the amount of liabilities for that month is shown compared with August of last year. As a matter of fact this is true in the case of all three divisions into which this record is separated. For the manufacturing section August failures numbered 493 with a total indebtedness of \$16,877,179. Defaults in trading lines were 1,247 for \$19,096,017, and for agents and brokers the number was 112, involving the very large sum of \$22,228,634. The increase as to the indebtedness for the latter was

more than 132%. There were 13 defaults in August included in the brokerage division, reporting a total of indebtedness amounting to \$20,909,000, leaving for the other 99 failures in that class a total of liabilities of only \$1,320,000, an average for each failure of about \$13,300. For the manufacturing division the 493 defaults in August compare with 438 for August 1927, involving \$14,921,067. As to traders the 1,247 defaults reported last month compare with 1,174 a year ago for \$14,702,047 of indebtedness, while for agents and brokers there were 96 in August 1927, owing a total \$9,572,839, the latter being much above the average amount reported for this division.

The increase in the number of defaults in the manufacturing class, was largely among manufacturers of clothing, of machinery and tools and bakers, but there was also some increase in the iron and steel divisions, in furs, hats and gloves, and in printing and engraving. On the other hand fewer defaults occurred last month than a year ago among manufacturers of leather goods, which includes shoes, and in the lumber class. As to the increase in the liabilities of the manufacturing division, this was in part traceable to some failures in the cotton goods division, to an increase among bakers, and in worsted goods. On the other hand liabilities were less in August this year than a year ago in machinery and tools, and in the drug class and in leather lines.

As to the trading section, the increase in the number of failures last month was mainly in the large grocery class, in hotels and restaurants and in furniture lines. Insolvencies among general stores showed quite a decline in number last month; also, in the divisions embracing dealers in shoes and leather goods, and in dealers in jewelry. Liabilities were heavier this year for hotels and restaurants, for dealers in furniture and in jewelry, but were less in the dry goods lines.

The larger failures in August, that is, those where the indebtedness in each instance exceeded \$100,000, numbered 64, and the amount involved was \$39,967,200. In August of last year there were 54 of these larger defaults, for which the total liabilities were \$20,554,200. There was an increase this year in the number of the larger manufacturing failures and the indebtedness also was somewhat heavier. The same thing was true as to the larger defaults in trading lines. The greater part of the liabilities for these larger failures, however, was in the division embracing agents and brokers, as has previously been noted, the total last month for this class exceeding 50% of the total of all liabilities for the larger defaults.

During the eight months of the current year 16,403 commercial failures have been reported in the United States with total liabilities of \$339,236,869. For the corresponding period of the preceding year, there were 15,750 similar defaults owing \$363,873,445. The increase in the number of defaults was 4.1%, but the indebtedness shows 6.8% reduction.

Trading was generally more active on the European Stock Exchanges the past week, although movements were confined to narrow limits and prices as a whole got nowhere in particular. The holiday at New York Monday caused some uncertainty in the principal markets in England and on the Continent, with the result that a good deal of irregularity was displayed at the opening of the week. Greater confidence developed in subsequent sessions, with the

cheerful tone bringing about animated trading in sections of the various lists. On the London Stock Exchange, British Funds displayed both activity and strength the first two days. A few conspicuous advances were registered in industrial issues, particularly in the internationally quoted phonograph stocks, but these gains were again wiped out on realizing sales. Communication shares were firm and oil issues were steady, but rubbers lost ground as prices for the commodity declined. As trading progressed Wednesday and Thursday, dealings in Victor and Columbia Phonograph gained in volume and excitement, until the dividend and bonus proposals of the latter company were made known. Although price swings were wide, the net change was small. Tobacco shares and Mond Nickel were strong toward the end of the week, with artificial silk issues showing uncertainty with occasional spells of weakness. Further weakness in the phonograph shares developed in the trading yesterday, but the industrial list otherwise was firm. Renewed strength was noted in the gilt-edged section on reports of a possible relaxation of money tension at New York.

The Paris Bourse started off with a good deal of vigor Monday and Tuesday, with customers returning from holidays and the volume of trading increasing measurably. An abundance of money and cheerful advices from London and New York, combined to induce operations by professional speculators. Although the volume of trading remained heavy Tuesday, a certain tendency to mark time was noted, and this developed into dullness Wednesday and finally into a bearish movement Thursday. Selling was general both on the Bourse and on the Paris Curb, only bank shares escaping the pressure. The Berlin Boerse opened rather weak Monday, but the situation changed quickly with buying orders rapidly overtaking the offerings. A small boom developed in Reichbank shares and in potash stocks, with heavy inquiry reported from foreign sources. The movement spread to a few industrial issues Tuesday, but nervousness was apparent over the reports from Geneva, where Chancellor Mueller was attempting to arrange for evacuation of the Rhineland. When covering operations were attempted Wednesday, a decline resulted which quickly took in the entire list. Business dropped off materially Thursday in the industrial section, but the upward movement in Reichbank shares and in Potash stocks was resumed.

Adherence to the general treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, which was signed by the fifteen original Governments at Paris August 27, has already been formally indicated by twenty-six of the forty-nine additional Governments invited to participate by France and the United States on Aug. 28. No single Government has given an unfavorable indication of any kind, and it thus appears probable that the affirmative response will be unanimous. In such event, sixty-four States, including every Government that can possibly be regarded as a military power or capable of causing international strife, would be included in the list of nations condemning recourse to war and agreeing to settle disputes by pacific means only. The actions of the executive heads of the fifteen original signatory and twenty-six invited Governments are subject, of course, to ratification by the treaty-making

Parliamentary bodies of the respective Governments, but whether such ratification be forthcoming in every instance or not, the moral effect of this great movement is so powerful as to be hardly capable of exaggeration. Moreover, in the majority of instances it appears likely that ratification will be readily granted. Much depends, in this respect, on the United States Senate, as several great powers, with the League of Nations in mind, are reported to be determined to await United States ratification before acting themselves. Senator William E. Borah, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expressed confidence in Washington, Wednesday, that the treaty would be ratified by the Senate at its next session, beginning in December. It will devolve upon Mr. Borah to guide the treaty through the various stages of ratification.

The acceptance of the Soviet Russian Government, which was the only principal power not included among the original signatories, was indicated Aug. 31 in a note by Maxim Litvinoff, Commissar for Foreign Affairs, to M. Jean Herbet, French Ambassador to Moscow. Asserting that it has, since its very inception, labored indefatigably for peace and for universal disarmament, the Soviet Government remarks in its note that it "cannot fail to express its deepest regret as to the absence in the Pact of Paris of any obligations whatsoever in the domain of disarmament." The text of the compact itself is criticized in the note as insufficiently definite and clear. "In the opinion of the Soviet Government," M. Litvinoff continues, "there must be forbidden not only wars in the form of the juridical meaning of this word, but also such military actions as, for instance, intervention, blockade, military occupation of foreign territory, foreign ports, etc." In addition the Soviet Government "considers that among the unpeaceful means forbidden by the compact must also be included such as the refusal to re-establish peaceful and normal relations, or the rupture of these relations between peoples, because such actions mean the suspension of peaceful methods in solution of disputes and by their very existence contribute to the creation of an atmosphere favorable to the breaking out of wars." The Soviet, finally, took vigorous exception in the note to the reservations made in the diplomatic correspondence by the British Government in regard to "certain regions," where Britain is especially interested, and by the French Government in regard to previous obligations under the League Covenant and the Locarno treaties. "Nevertheless," M. Litvinoff concluded, "inasmuch as the Pact of Paris . . . gives the Soviet Government a new chance to put before all the participants of the compact a question most important for peace, that is, the question of disarmament, the solution of which is the only guarantee of prevention of war, the Soviet Government expresses its willingness to sign the Pact of Paris."

A formal visit to Dublin by United States Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3 caused considerable gratification throughout the Irish Free State. Mr. Kellogg journeyed to Paris in the latter part of August in connection with the signing of the general treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy. He accepted the invitation of President William T. Cosgrave of the Irish Free State to return the formal visit paid the United States by that Executive recently, and made

fast passages from Cherbourg to Dublin and return on the United States Cruiser Detroit. Appropriate functions were held in Dublin in connection with the visit. Throughout England and Ireland, however, the question was raised as to why the Secretary did not visit England as well. Mr. Kellogg denied repeatedly that any significance attached to the omission, but his remarks did not lead to an abatement of the discussion. Reasons suggested by English newspapers for the omission ranged all the way from a fancied desire of Mr. Kellogg's to administer an "object lesson" to the London Government as to the growing importance of the Dominions, to an imagined connection between the visit and the Irish-American vote. Mr. Kellogg boarded the S.S. Leviathan at Cherbourg, Tuesday, for his return journey to New York.

Unusual interest attached to a meeting at Geneva, Sept. 5, between Foreign Minister Aristide Briand of France and Chancellor Hermann Mueller of Germany, for the admitted purpose of discussing the continued occupation of the Rhineland by Allied troops. Ministers of the successive German Governments have for some time spared no effort in seeking to induce complete and prompt evacuation. The 60,000 troops that remain in the Rhineland are almost entirely French, with only a sprinkling of British and Belgian forces. For this and other reasons, the belief prevails that Britain would look with favor on immediate withdrawal. Moreover, M. Briand is also believed to favor withdrawal before the ultimate date of 1935 stipulated in the Treaty of Versailles. Late in August, Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, took occasion to call on Premier Poincare in Paris and discuss the matter directly with the head of the French Government. Reports from Paris at the time indicated that little satisfaction was given Dr. Stresemann by M. Poincare. Dr. Stresemann being ill, Chancellor Mueller then decided to go to Geneva himself to deliver an address on the subject before the full Assembly of the League of Nations and to continue the pourparlers with M. Briand. The two plenipotentiaries met in M. Briand's hotel on Sept. 5.

Information on what took place was given by the French Minister to Wythe Williams, special correspondent of the New York Times, according to a special cable to that journal. "M. Briand explains," the dispatch said, "that soon after introducing the subject, Chancellor Mueller realized that no actual negotiations were possible unless the Reich was willing to offer certain definite concessions. The talk then developed much along the lines of the famous Briand-Stresemann pourparler at Thoiry, which resulted in the Locarno agreement. Just as Dr. Stresemann departed from Thoiry promising to make concrete offers, so Chancellor Mueller tonight left the Hotel Bergyes likewise promising that concessions would be offered within the next few days. M. Briand explained to the Chancellor that he alone was not in a position to negotiate a matter that was still before the Conference of Ambassadors. Herr Mueller then agreed to present his proposals to Lord Cushendun, Signor Scialoja and M. Hymans, the delegates of Britain, Italy and Belgium. Following these interviews, he will again be received by M. Briand." In connection with these negotiations for evacuation of the Rhineland, it has been reported with great persistence that Germany, in return for prompt evacua-

tion, is prepared to take the lead at Washington in urging a settlement of the international debt problem which will carry with it the determination of the reparations total.

The Ninth Assembly of the League of Nations began at Geneva Monday morning in an atmosphere of amiability and good will, but with several stormy matters on the horizon. Hjalmar J. Procope, Foreign Minister of Finland, acted as temporary Chairman of the meeting and expressed warm praise of the general treaty for the renunciation of war which was signed at Paris Aug. 27. After perfunctory consideration of routine matters on the first day, Herluf Zahle, Danish Minister at Berlin, was elected President of the Assembly. On the following day a full plenary session of the Assembly was held to debate the report of the League Council on the work of the past year, but no orator could be found willing to discuss the report. Only on Thursday morning did any discussion develop, delegates from China, Holland and Sweden then rising successively to praise the Kellogg pact. Osten Unden, of Sweden, also criticized the Preparatory Commission of the League of Nations for its dilatoriness in achieving results. "As the matter stands," M. Unden said, "the work of preparing a draft convention has not reached the stage enabling a date to be fixed for a general disarmament conference. Yet no one can fully realize that a delay is dangerous if the Preparatory Commission does not achieve some definite results in the near future. Public opinion will soon be ready to conclude from that failure that disputes and rivalry still exist between Governments in spite of the League Covenant and Locarno treaties and in spite even of the Kellogg pact." In the meantime, the German Chancellor, Herr Mueller, made known that he had an important speech to deliver before the Assembly. This address, according to indications, will deal with the continued occupation of the Rhineland by 60,000 French, British and Belgian troops. There were also indications that the eight-year dispute between Poland and Lithuania over the former Lithuanian capital of Vilna would come before the Assembly.

Chancellor Mueller addressed the Assembly yesterday afternoon, expressing the conviction that unless the League of Nations solved the disarmament problem it would mean failure of the League itself. Germany, the Chancellor added, could not indefinitely continue disarmed while other nations have the right to build up powerful military and naval machines. He rebelled against the idea that only victors in war could rightfully maintain armaments, and added a hope that the Anglo-French naval compromise agreement would result in a reduction of sea forces. The Assembly applauded him heartily when he said that never in the history of the world have conditions been more favorable to peace. His own Government, he said, would adhere to the foreign policy of friendliness laid down by Foreign Minister Stresemann, and expressed agreement in principle in the Kellogg-Briand pact renouncing war as an instrument of national policy. The Assembly was also addressed late yesterday by Mineichiro Adachi, Japanese Ambassador to Paris. The Japanese delegate explained that his Government viewed the Anglo-French compromise agreement with considerable hope because "an accord on the naval problem between any of the naval powers is likely to be

effective in accelerating the reduction of armaments."

The Dawes Plan, whereunder German reparations are administered and cash payments transferred, entered upon its fifth year, beginning Sept. 1, when maximum payments are required. With the advent of the fifth year the full normal annuity of 2,500,000,000 gold marks (about \$600,000,000) is due from Germany. The ending of the fourth year was signalled by a statement issued in Berlin Aug. 31, by S. Parker Gilbert, Agent General for Reparations Payments, to the effect that all payments for the past year of the Plan had been "fully and punctually made, as they became due." Mr. Gilbert stated, moreover, that "transfers have been made during the year to an amount substantially equivalent to the year's receipts." In the fifth and in subsequent years Germany is supposed to deposit to the Agent General's account, 1,250,000,000 marks from the budget; 290,000,000 marks from the proceeds of the transfer tax; 300,000,000 marks interest on her industrial debentures, and 660,000,000 marks interest on her railroad bonds. The increase from the fourth year total of 1,750,000,000 marks falls entirely upon the German budget which hereafter must contribute a total of 1,250,000,000 marks to the reparations payments instead of the 500,000,000 marks of the preceding year. It is on this point that the greatest dubiety is expressed in Germany as regards collection, all commentators in the Reich agreeing that the State Treasury cannot afford so heavy a burden. Nor has the German Government yet made clear how it proposes to meet this obligation.

With the completion of the four years' of rising payments Germany has made total payments under the Plan of 5,470,000,000 marks in cash and deliveries in kind. This total does not include German gold payments made to France, Great Britain and Belgium before the adoption of the plan, concerning which there are still unadjusted controversies between the German Government and the Allied creditors. The huge total thus collected has been transferred successfully, Mr. Gilbert remarking on Aug. 31, that all but 7,000,000 marks of the fourth year annuity had been turned over to the creditors. Cash transfers during the fourth year aggregated 460,000,000 marks. The transfer problem nevertheless remains the most seriously menacing element of the plan, according to German critics. It is pointed out in Berlin that since the plan became operative on September 1, 1924, reparations payments have been met chiefly through recourse to foreign loans, of which Germany has absorbed more than 10,000,000,000 marks, while paying somewhat more than half this sum in cash and deliveries in kind. Economists in Germany are virtually unanimous in declaring that the most effective test for determining the Reich's ability to meet the standard annuity would be rigid dependence on its own economic resources without recourse to foreign financing. Under such a test, it is declared, the provisions for safeguarding German currency would rapidly be called into use. There is little desire in Germany, however, to have this test applied, and economists and financiers in the Reich, accordingly, are giving renewed attention to the recent recommendations of Mr. Gilbert that Germany's ultimate reparations liability be definitely determined, both for the benefit of her own economy and in the interests of the creditor powers.

Rumors long current regarding the establishment of a monarchy in Albania were confirmed Sept. 1 when President Ahmed Bey Zogu was unanimously proclaimed "King of the Albanians" by the National Assembly in Tirana. From the middle of August onward, the official Albanian press agency reported periodically that "great demonstrations" were being held by the Albanian populace in favor of the coronation of Zogu. The establishment of the monarchy was somewhat anticipated by reports that the Albanians would rise "spontaneously" on Aug. 25 to demand Zogu's accession to the throne. The long-planned announcement was finally made Sept. 1, Zogu, according to a Tirana dispatch to the Associated Press, "appearing profoundly moved and showing signs of nervousness as he mounted the Parliamentary Tribune to take the oath." The new sovereign of the smallest of the Balkan States took a double oath, once on the Bible and once on the Koran. He is a Mohammedon, but had guaranteed the country complete freedom of worship. On his journey from the Assembly Hall to the Palace, the young ruler "rode through densely thronged streets while Albanian and Italian guards formed a barrier against the possibility of a hostile act." A three-day festival followed the proclamation, during which fleets of Italian airplanes circled over the diminutive capital and showered it with paper streamers and confetti. Italy recognized the new regime on Sept. 2, being the first nation to do so.

The new King appointed M. Kosra Premier last Sunday and asked him to form a Cabinet. During the past week the entire diplomatic corps at Tirana, with the exception of the Italian Minister, carefully refrained from committing themselves by any act which might be construed as recognition of the new regime. Some anxiety was expressed in the neighboring State of Yugoslavia over the assumption of the title "King of the Albanians" by the new monarch, as many Albanians are living in the borders of Yugoslavia. Albanian officials, however, were understood to have given assurances to the Belgrade Government that the title is more academic than real, Tirana never having claimed sovereignty over Albanians living in other countries. In an interview granted the Associated Press Thursday, the new King stated there was "but one reason" for the conversion of the Government into a monarchy. "The change was made," he said, "in accordance with the spirit and wish of the Albanian people, whose political foundation has ever been its division into chieftainships of baronies, each of which recognized a supreme chief over itself." The coronation ceremony will probably be held December 24. Albania is a small mountainous country with a population of about 850,000. During the last two years it has come more and more under the influence of the Rome Government, until to-day it is hardly more than an Italian vassal State.

A final and unqualified statement that he will not, under any circumstances, remain President of Mexico after the expiration of his term Dec. 1, nor ever return to that office thereafter, was made by President Plutarco Elias Calles Sept. 1 in his address at the opening of the Thirty-third Congress of Mexico. The statement was made before a brilliant gathering, tense with the interest created by the extraordinary situation which has existed since the assassination on July 17 of the Mexican President-

elect, General Alvaro Obregon. No provision is made by the Mexican Constitution for the succession of the Presidency in such an emergency, and despite repeated semi-official statements, the belief has persisted in some quarters that President Calles would remain in office for a two-year provisional term. "Neither by accepting prorogue of office, nor by accepting the appointment of Provisional President, will I seek the prolongation of my term," President Calles announced last Saturday. "My resolution constitutes a positive and unchangeable fact, that never for any reason or under any circumstances, shall I return to the Presidency of the Republic."

President Calles stated with great emphasis, moreover, that the day of one-man rule of Mexico by means of a military dictatorship is a thing of the past. "The void created by General Obregon's death," he said, "brings into prominence needs and problems, both political and administrative, and the period in which we now find ourselves postulates every day with greater urgency the need to conduct our Government along new lines and with new methods. For the first time in Mexican history the Republic faces a situation whose dominant note is the lack of a leader of military power, which is going to make it finally possible for us to direct the policy of the country into truly institutional channels, striving to pass once for all from our historical condition of one-man rule to the higher, more dignified, more useful and more civilized condition of a nation of laws and institutions." Regarding the appointment by Congress of a Provisional President, Senor Calles urged that no effort be made to seek "outstanding or dictatorial persons, as there are none." For his own part, he said he would be willing to accept a minor post, so as to continue to discharge his duties "as a man of the revolution."

In the course of his address, President Calles also referred with obvious pleasure to the improved relations with the United States that followed the appointment, last December, of Dwight W. Morrow, as United States Ambassador to Mexico City. "It is my pleasant duty to inform the country," he remarked, "that at the end of my term of office, I leave the Government free from any serious difficulty with the neighboring Republic; the situation that was before so uneasy and tense, that even appeared for a moment grave and serious, has been settled in its fundamental issues. Relations with the United States, after the removal of mistrust and misunderstanding, have suffered a radical change and are established now on the firm ground of understanding, co-operation and sincere cordiality. The Government at Washington provided an agent of good-will and high aims, with full powers, to settle a long and useless contention. Not many months elapsed without obtaining fruitful results." The message of President Calles was received with high praise throughout Mexico, while the Army heads indicated that they would follow the recommendations and refrain from political participation in the selection of a Provisional President.

Almost equally as important as the declaration of the Mexican Executive, is the report on Mexican finances submitted to the Mexican Congress Monday by L. Montes de Oca, Minister of Finance in President Calles's Cabinet. The report points out that in the year ended July 31, 1928, the public finances improved considerably, reflecting accurately the favorable general economic status of the Republic. A

balanced budget was announced by Senor de Oca, the estimated income of 290,000,000 pesos for the fiscal year having been exceeded by 10,000,000 pesos. The receipts from the income taxes have shown a continuous increase during the current year, he added. "The value of banking transactions has also increased," the report said. "Since the end of 1927 to date there has been an improvement in round figures of 12,000,000 pesos in loans, 11,000,000 in sight deposits and 11,000,000 in fixed deposits. In general there is increasing public confidence in credit organizations."

The bases on which the Minister of Finance considers Mexican economic and financial stability can be made permanent were summarized in a Mexico City dispatch to the New York "Times" as follows: Mexico must comply loyally with her payments on foreign obligations; the National Railways of Mexico must be reorganized as a private enterprise; extraordinary financial powers so often voted to Mexican Presidents must be a thing of the past, and the State's Departments must live strictly within their budget appropriations without the vicious system of supplementary grants. "Senor de Oca," the dispatch added, "in reviewing Mexico's money situation, emphasizes the efforts which have been made to place before the International Committee of Bankers the true local situation, detailing how Federal salaries are now paid when due, how the Government is paying cash for its merchandise, and how the Treasury has become financially sound, except for its foreign indebtedness payments." The further significant statement was made that "Students of the financial situation see in de Oca's report the first admission that Sir Henry Thornton, after a study of the railway situation, advised the drastic remedy of the system being removed from Government control to private management. This recommendation has done much to clear up the mystery of the report which it is known Sir Henry made to President Calles after his detailed study of the railway situation here."

Relations between China and Japan, after an acrimonious exchange late in July and early in August over the renewal of the Commercial Treaty of 1896, appear to be definitely on the mend. The new Nanking Government in a note to Tokio, had insisted on its right to abrogate the treaty, which right, in turn, was denied by Japan. Tokio at the same time took steps to prevent the union of Manchuria, where there are important Japanese interests, with the rest of China. The exchange of notes was carried further on Aug. 28 by Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister of the Nanking regime, who sent a new and more conciliatory note to Tokio. Two important points were emphasized in this document, according to a Shanghai dispatch to the New York "Times," namely, that Nanking's firm contention that Japan must, like other powers, agree to send delegates forthwith to negotiate a new commercial treaty, and, secondly, that Nanking's abrogation of the present compact and declaration of provisional regulations on July 7 "are not measures discriminatory against the Japanese, but promulgated for the maintenance of political and commercial relations between China and all countries whose treaties with China have expired." This was followed Sept. 4 by an intimation of the Nationalist Foreign Minister that Mr. Yada, the Japanese Consul General, is return-

ing to Shanghai with instructions to open conversations looking toward early settlement of the major problems confronting Tokio and Nanking. Tokio dispatches indicated at the same time that the Japanese Government has decided to accept the Nationalist Government's demand that the question of treaty revision be opened between the two countries. Consul General Yada, incidentally, recently created a sensation in Japan by issuing a statement taking China's side of the questions of treaty revision and Manchuria. His return to Shanghai, therefore, is considered all the more significant.

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, Holland and Sweden; 4% in Belgium, and 3½% in France and Switzerland. In London open market discounts remain at 4¼% for short and 4¼@4 5-16% for long bills, the same as on Friday of last week, and on the two previous Fridays. Money on call in London was 4¼% on Tuesday, but down to 3⅛% yesterday. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3¼% and in Switzerland at 3 7-16%.

The Bank of England continues to add to its gold reserve, another large gain being reported in this week's statement, given out by the Bank on Wednesday. Due to this gain, which amounted to £709,388, and a contraction in note circulation of £73,000, the net addition to the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department amounted to £783,000. The ratio of reserve to liabilities suffered a sharp decrease this week, going from 52.54% down to 47.67%; at this time last year the ratio stood at 29.85% and two years ago at 29.23%. Last week's percentage (52.54%) was the highest for this year, comparing with a low for the year of 21.95% on June 4. Public deposits fell off £742,000 for the week, but "other" deposits gained £14,081,000. Loans on Government securities rose £8,595,000 and loans on other securities, £4,013,000. The Bank's gold holdings, which now total £176,576,650, are said to be the largest in the history of that institution. In the corresponding week last year the total was £151,880,444 and two years ago, £155,393,226. Note circulation aggregates £135,367,000, against £137,026,035 in 1927. The Bank of England's discount rate remains unchanged at 4½%. Below we furnish comparison of the various items of the Bank of England return for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1928. Sept. 6.	1927. Sept. 7.	1926 Sept. 8.	1925. Sept. 9.	1924. Sept. 10.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	135,367,000	137,026,035	140,303,400	144,195,765	124,731,730
Public deposits.....	18,486,000	21,177,701	13,005,014	13,232,361	10,842,481
Other deposits.....	109,384,000	94,745,086	106,161,230	115,771,427	111,395,944
Gov't securities.....	37,736,000	57,437,780	31,993,159	37,910,890	40,758,443
Other securities.....	47,456,000	42,141,700	70,605,107	72,431,077	76,320,315
Reserve notes & coin	60,959,000	34,604,409	34,839,826	36,931,999	23,442,227
Gold and bullion.....	176,576,650	151,880,444	155,393,226	161,377,764	128,423,957
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	47.67%	29.85%	29.23%	28½%	19¼%
Bank rate.....	4½%	4½%	4½%	4½%	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 regular weekly statement issued Sept. 6, for the week ending Sept. 1, the Bank of France reports an increase in note circulation of 1,067,000,000 francs, raising the total to 61,386,056,585 francs

the highest figure ever recorded by the Bank. Note circulation the previous week aggregated 60,319,056,585 francs and the week before, 60,553,056,585 francs. On the other hand creditor current accounts dropped 1,409,000,000 francs and current accounts and deposits fell 1,271,000,000 francs. Gold holdings which dropped 10,330,825 francs during the week, now total 30,351,342,290 francs. French commercial bills discounted also showed a decrease amounting to 735,000,000 francs while credit balances abroad rose 177,676,744 francs, bills bought abroad 534,000,000 francs, and advances against securities 105,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the banks return for the past three weeks.

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Sept. 1 1928.	Aug. 25 1928.	Aug. 18 1928.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
Gold holdings.....Dec.	10,330,825	30,351,342,290	30,361,673,115	30,269,449,483
Credit bals. abr'd. Inc.	177,676,744	14,241,299,169	14,064,322,425	13,567,864,069
French commercial				
bills discounted.....Dec.	735,000,000	2,826,585,436	3,561,585,436	2,199,585,436
Bills bought abr'd. Inc.	534,000,000	17,707,626,030	17,173,626,030	16,916,626,030
Adv. agst. secur. Inc.	105,000,000	2,043,570,265	1,938,570,265	2,005,570,265
Note circulation.....Inc.	1,067,000,000	61,386,056,585	60,319,056,585	60,553,056,585
Creditor current				
accounts.....Dec.	1,409,000,000	15,981,597,607	17,390,597,607	15,383,597,607
Current acc'ts and				
deposits.....Dec.	1,271,000,000	3,426,484,438	4,697,484,438	4,369,484,438

In its statement for the fourth week of August, the Bank of Germany reports an increase in note circulation of 703,437,000 marks raising the total of that item to 4,673,034,000 marks. Note circulation for the corresponding week last year amounted to 3,934,724,000 marks and for the year before, 3,225,078,000 marks. On the other hand other daily maturing obligations dropped 67,368,000 marks and other liabilities, 16,250,000 marks. On the other side of the account gold and bullion rose 7,221,000 marks bills of exchange and checks 636,097,000 marks and advanced 101,746,000 marks, while reserve in foreign currency dropped 16,504,000 marks, silver and other coin 20,525,000 marks, notes on other German banks 17,559,000 marks and other assets 70,657,000 marks. Deposits abroad and investments remained unchanged. A comparison of the various items of the banks return for three years past is given below.

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Aug. 31 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.	Aug. 31 1926.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	7,221,000	2,248,130,000	1,852,671,000	1,492,818,000
Of which depos. abr'd. Unchanged		85,626,000	66,543,000	197,608,000
Res'v in for'n curr. Dec.	16,504,000	194,908,000	157,309,000	497,606,000
Bills of exch. & checks. Inc.	636,097,000	2,608,408,000	2,661,635,000	1,251,509,000
Silver and other coin.....Dec.	20,525,000	90,846,000	80,936,000	116,383,000
Notes o.oth. Ger. bks. Dec.	17,559,000	9,622,000	8,683,000	8,545,000
Advances.....Inc.	101,746,000	128,882,000	67,057,000	100,088,000
Investments.....Unchanged		93,819,000	92,261,000	91,424,000
Other assets.....Dec.	70,657,000	490,341,000	479,518,000	687,793,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Inc.	703,437,000	4,673,034,000	3,934,724,000	3,225,078,000
Oth. daily mat. oblig. Dec.	67,368,000	564,628,000	723,820,000	541,874,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	16,250,000	220,202,000	375,345,000	119,341,000

There were numerous evidences in the New York money market during the short week just ended, of a continuance of the high rates for funds recently established. Daily borrowings continued to prevail at 7½% to 8%, this figure contrasting with the 3% to 3½% charge of this time last year. Renewals on every one of the four days from Tuesday to Friday were at 7½%, and this rate remained in effect in most of the trading, but 8% was charged for new loans Tuesday and Thursday. Withdrawals were substantial, amounting to about \$25,000,000 Tuesday, \$20,000,000 Wednesday, \$20,000,000 Thursday and \$25,000,000 Friday. Time loans were officially quoted at 6½% in all sessions, but bankers showed

increasing indisposition to put out funds in the time loan market at this figure, a distinct trend being reported toward demand loans in preference to maturity dealings. The banks are apparently reluctant to tie up funds for long periods at the prevailing rate, and this gave rise to predictions that higher time loan rates would shortly appear. They were partially borne out in the late trading Thursday and Friday, when some deals in maturity funds at $6\frac{5}{8}\%$ were rumored.

On top of these indications came the announcement yesterday of higher interest rates on short-term notes than have been paid by the Treasury since 1923. On nine-months notes the Treasury will pay $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, Washington dispatches referring to this as an "exceptional interest rate." Apart from these developments, however, the impression gained ground this week that efforts would be made by the Federal Reserve authorities to avert any strain in the money market incidental to the movement of crops and the revival of trade in the fall. An expansion in credit requirements of about \$200,000,000 usually occurs in connection with these developments, and it was reported Wednesday that the Reserve banks would meet these requirements through the purchase of bills and securities. It was strongly intimated at the same time that Federal Reserve policies had not changed, and that any open market operations that might take place would be only in connection with the seasonal influences calling for increased commercial credit.

Several compilations of loans to brokers and dealers against stock and bond collateral were made public this week, and both showed heavy increases in this class of borrowing, despite the fact that the total borrowings are already extremely high. The monthly tabulation of the New York Stock Exchange revealed an increase for August of \$214,062,826. The weekly report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is based on returns by 45 member banks, showed an increase for the week ended Wednesday night of \$54,061,000. At the beginning of this week the new Clearing House rules governing "loans for account of others" were placed in effect. These regulations provide for a minimum of \$100,000 in loans thus placed and for higher service charges. As a result there was thought to be considerable shifting about of corporation funds, reports indicating that some concerns were placing their funds through institutions not connected with the Clearing House. Gold exports for the week ended Wednesday, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, amounted to \$227,000, while imports were \$251,000.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day the renewal rate on Tuesday (Monday having been Labor Day and a holiday) was $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, but as the day advanced the charge on new loans rose to 8% . On Wednesday all loans were at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ including renewals. On Thursday the renewal charge was still $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, but some money was again loaned at 8% . On Friday all loans were again at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$. For time loans the rate throughout the week has been $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ for all maturities from 30 days to six months with the market dull and practically no offerings. For commercial paper names of choice character maturing in four to six months continue to be quoted at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $5\frac{3}{4}\%$, with prime names of short maturity selling at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$. For names less well known the quotation

is $5\frac{3}{4}\%$. The rate for New England mill paper is $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ @ $5\frac{3}{4}\%$.

Rates for banks' and bankers' acceptances were on Tuesday reduced $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% for bills of all maturities, and the posted rates of the American Acceptance Council for prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks are now $4\frac{5}{8}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for bills running 30 days and also for bills running 60 and 90 days, $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{5}{8}\%$ asked for 120 days, and 5% bid and $4\frac{7}{8}\%$ asked for 150 and 180 days. The posted rate of the Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances has continued at $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ throughout the week. Open market rates for acceptances have also been reduced for the longer maturities and are now as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY.					
	180 Days		150 Days		120 Days	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	5	$4\frac{7}{8}$	5	$4\frac{7}{8}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{5}{8}$
	90 Days		60 Days		30 Days	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{5}{8}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{5}{8}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{5}{8}$
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks						$4\frac{3}{4}$ bid
Eligible non-member banks						$4\frac{3}{4}$ bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Sept. 7.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	5	July 19 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
New York	5	July 13 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Philadelphia	5	July 26 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Cleveland	5	Aug. 1 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Richmond	5	July 13 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Atlanta	5	July 14 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Chicago	5	July 11 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
St. Louis	5	July 19 1928	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Minneapolis	$4\frac{3}{4}$	Apr. 25 1928	4
Kansas City	$4\frac{3}{4}$	June 7 1928	4
Dallas	$4\frac{3}{4}$	May 7 1928	4
San Francisco	$4\frac{3}{4}$	June 2 1928	4

Sterling exchange has been dull throughout the week and in Thursday's and Friday's market was under pressure, when cable transfers sold at a new low for the year of $4.85\frac{1}{8}$. The market on the whole averaged fractionally lower than a week ago, giving further indications that the seasonal pressure against London was gathering force. The range this week has been from $4.84\frac{3}{4}$ to 4.85 for bankers' sight, compared with $4.84\frac{7}{8}$ to 4.85 1-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from $4.85\frac{1}{8}$ to 4.85 11-32, compared with $4.85\frac{1}{4}$ to $4.85\frac{3}{8}$ a week ago. The decline this week makes the prospect of gold imports from England more likely. The gold import point for sterling, figured at the Bank of England selling price for gold of 84s. 11 5-16d. per fine ounce, and calculating loss of interest at 5% for 8 days, is 4.85084 for cable transfers. At the open market price for gold in London, the import point is slightly higher. According to the "Wall Street Journal," the only factor preventing a general expectation of gold imports from both England and Paris in the coming weeks is the strong support which both units have received recently from the central banks of England, France and the United States. Despite the fact that sterling exchange this week, as during the past three weeks, has been ruling lower than in the first half of August, the rate appears to have been pegged. Because of the seasonal pressure, sterling would normally have worked considerably lower but for central bank cooperation. Several times during the past few weeks strong buying has appeared every time sterling threatened to go below $4.85\frac{1}{4}$. The market here believes that this buying did not come from sources which usually indicate action by the Bank of England,

but from institutions thought to be acting for the Federal Reserve Bank. London advices frequently stated during the past few weeks that the Federal Reserve banks have been increasing their holdings of sterling bills. One London dispatch stated in regard to the buying of sterling bills for the Federal Reserve banks: "At first sight such purchases might seem curious in view of the higher discount rates at present ruling in New York. It has to be remembered, however, that owing to the discount on forward dollars, there is a gain on the "swap" on exchange in favor of America, offering American buyers of sterling bills the equivalent of an additional $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% per annum on their purchases." However, aside from any prospect of gain in such operations, it is believed that the Reserve banks would support sterling bills rather than see a return flow of gold to this country on a large scale. It is even asserted in well-informed quarters that the American banking authorities have intimated that engagements of gold for import would not be welcomed. Unless sterling is supported by central bank co-operation there can be no doubt that the rate would work much lower within the next few weeks. High money rates continue to depress the exchanges, although, as stated here last week, whatever funds the London banks might have been disposed to place in New York to take advantage of these rates, have undoubtedly been lodged here some weeks ago. The high rates certainly help, however, to keep American balances in London at a minimum. The season of greatest commercial pressure on sterling is just beginning. New York bankers state that sterling grain bills have been coming into the market and that remittances from abroad for purchases of acceptances or other types of investment here have caused additional pressure. Bills rates in London are lower than in New York, but the premium on sterling futures wipes out most of the advantages of financing in sterling bills.

This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £709,288. On Tuesday the Bank of England received £750,000 in sovereigns from South Africa. On Thursday the Bank received £100,000 in sovereigns from Arabia and sold £10,000 to an un-stated designation. On Friday the Bank of England exported £18,000 in sovereigns to Holland and £10,000 in sovereigns to Spain. A cable dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" from its London bureau on Wednesday stated: "Customs returns show that from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3 exports of gold from England amounted to £183,994, of which £122,440 went to Germany. It is believed that the £500,000 gold which was bought by an unknown buyer in London open market on Tuesday was not taken for German account, but in behalf of one of the European central banks. Gold arrivals in London next week will include £507,000 in sovereigns and £410,000 in gold bars from South Africa; and in the following week £305,000 in sovereigns and £909,000 in gold bars. It is expected that the sovereigns will go direct to the Bank of England, but with the exchanges in their present condition it is likely that the bars will be secured for shipment to Germany or America."

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Aug. 30-Sept. 5, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$251,000, of which \$110,000 came from Ecuador, \$74,000 from Colombia, and \$67,000 from miscellaneous Latin American ports. Gold exports totaled

\$227,000, of which \$125,000 was shipped to Straits Settlements, \$52,000 to Germany, and \$50,000 to Mexico. There was no Canadian movement of gold either to or from New York. Canadian exchange continued at a premium throughout the week, ranging from 1-16 of 1% to 7-64 of 1%. Canadian bankers expect the usual rise in exchange to cause exports of gold from New York to Montreal before the autumn export season in Canada closes. With normal conditions, such would almost certainly be the case, but the money rate level in New York makes conditions abnormal. It is believed that Canadian banks have large sums in the collateral loan market in New York, the withdrawal of which would force exchange higher. The money will be left in New York, however, as long as collateral rates remain high and the Canadian crop movements can be financed without its aid.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling was steady on Saturday last in an exceptionally quiet market. Bankers' sight was 4.84 29-32@4.85; cable transfers 4.85 9-32@4.85 11-32. On Monday there was no market in New York, owing to the Labor Day holiday. On Tuesday the market was dull and steady. Bankers' sight was 4.84 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.84 31-32; cable transfers 4.85 7-32@4.85 9-32. On Wednesday the market continued quiet and steady. The range was 4.84 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.84 31-32 for bankers' sight and 4.85 7-32@4.85 9-32 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was under pressure. The range was 4.84 13-16@4.84 15-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 3-16@4.85 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. On Friday the market was again under pressure, selling down to a new low for the year. The range was 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.84 $\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 4.85 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4.85 3-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations yesterday were 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ for demand and 4.85 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84 $\frac{5}{8}$, 60-day bills at 4.80 15-16, 90-day bills at 4.79 3-16, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.80 15-16, and seven-day grain bills at 4.84. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 $\frac{5}{8}$.

The Continental exchanges have been dull and ruled fractionally lower than last week. This applies only in a small way to German marks, and mark exchange has been in greater demand from this end than any of the leading Continentals. Mark exchange has been ruling from 23.81 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 23.82 for bankers' sight and at from 23.83 to 23.82 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, which compares with dollar parity of 23.82. The weakness is partly in sympathetic relation to sterling exchange and is of course partly seasonal. It is the more surprising that marks show weakness in view of the large increase in gold imports by German interests during the past few weeks. The German gold imports were touched upon in the above discussion on sterling exchange. It will be noted that this week \$52,000 in gold was exported to Germany from New York. This makes the fourth consecutive shipment of the same size in the past four weeks from New York. The latest Reichsbank statement shows an increase in gold holdings of 7,221,000 marks, bringing the total to 2,248,100,000 marks, compared with 1,852,671,000 marks a year ago. Last week's increase in the bullion holdings of the Reichsbank by no means accounts for the large importations during the past month. London comment on the German gold imports says: "It is true, of course, that Germany's power to attract gold is not based on a genuine recovery of her export trade, but the

exchange is still being powerfully supported by heavy short-term borrowings abroad. There is thus a certain artificiality in the present position."

French francs, while showing some inclination toward weakness, continue for the most part at the recently prevailing price of 3.90½ for cable transfers, where the Bank of France support has been in evidence for some weeks. Were francs any lower, gold could come into this country from France with profit to the importer. But, as in the case of sterling, the central banks are working in concert to prevent this. The premium on future francs is partly arbitrary, being fixed by the Bank of France. Bankers state that it has been raised recently to discourage French lending here. The buying of francs at 3.90½ has been proceeding from sources believed to be acting for the Bank of France. That institution will probably continue to support the exchange, for its holdings of foreign valuta are still unwieldy. Hence gold imports from France, while highly probable, were the exchange free, are not expected. This week the Bank of France shows a loss in gold holdings of 10,330,835 francs. Italian lire have been steady. Bankers in close touch with Italy state that recent small reductions in interest rates paid on deposit accounts by Italian banks do not presage any further reduction in Italian money rates, either in official discount rates or in rates on various types of commercial loans.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.23 on Friday of this week, against 124.28 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.90¼, against 3.90 5-16 a week ago; cable transfers at 3.90½, against 3.90 9-16, and commercial sight bills at 3.90, against 3.90. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.90 for checks and 13.90¾ for cable transfers, as against 13.90 and 13.90¾ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.82 for checks and 23.83 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.82 and 23.83 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23¼ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23½ for cable transfers, as against 5.23⅝ and 5.23⅞. Austrian schillings have not changed from 14⅞. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.9615, against 2.96; on Bucharest at 0.61, against 0.61; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29¼ for checks and at 1.29½ for cable transfers, against 1.29 and 1.29½.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have been quiet and present no special new features having a bearing on the market. Holland guilders have shown greater fluctuation than the rest of the neutrals and have ruled fractionally higher than a week ago, leaving the rate a few points above dollar parity. As stated here last week, pressure on the guilder had continued more or less for several weeks and is largely a seasonal tendency. In addition to this factor, the Amsterdam banks are sending funds abroad to take advantage of higher money rates in London, Berlin and New York, as well as in minor European centres. The Scandinavian exchanges have been dull, with Swedish exchange showing a tendency toward ease as compared with recent weeks. As noted here two weeks ago, the Swedish Riksbank increased its rediscount rate from 4% to 4½%. The upward move was partly the result of the development of stringency in the United States, but was probably due more to an unfavorable turn in the

Swedish balance of trade. It will be recalled that in the early part of the year Sweden enjoyed the stimulus of a low bank rate, the Riksbank maintaining its rate in line with that of France and Switzerland at 3½%. On April 30, however, the gradual falling away of the exchange, together with the steady contraction of the Riksbank's holdings of foreign balances, forced the rate up to 4% and again to 4½%. Swedish exchange, while now below dollar parity, is nevertheless at a premium over sterling. Labor troubles in the staple industries have hampered the export trade, while the upward movement of money rates in New York has had a stiffening influence on the Swedish money market. Recent changes in money rates in Stockholm are interpreted as preparations for meeting the season of autumn pressure.

Spanish pesetas continue an object of speculative trading and the Spanish foreign exchange committee has difficulty in maintaining the rate. The peseta closed yesterday a few points lower than a week ago. Dispatches from Madrid stating that the cereal crops in Spain are so small this year that heavy imports will be required caused a moderate drop, but official pegging operations prevent a sharp decline.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.07¼, against 40.07 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.09¼, against 40.09, and commercial sight bills at 40.04½, against 40.04. Swiss francs closed at 19.25 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.25¾ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.25¼ and 19.26 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.67 and cable transfers at 26.68, against 26.68 and 26.69. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.76 and cable transfers at 26.77, against 26.76 and 26.77, while checks on Norway finished at 26.66½ and cable transfers at 26.67½, against 26.68 and 26.69. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.57 for checks and at 16.58 for cable transfers, which compares with 16.60½ and 16.61½ a week earlier.

Argentine paper pesos continue under pressure, and current quotations are near the level at which gold can flow from Argentina to New York. The gold point on the peso cannot be calculated with accuracy, as there are factors in the expenses which would vary with each shipment, due partly to interruptions in connection with withdrawals of metal from the Conversion Office. The season of extreme strength in Argentina is only a few weeks off. Meanwhile it is doubtful, even though exchange should drop still lower, that gold will flow from Buenos Aires either to London or New York. Argentine paper pesos closed yesterday at 42.15 for checks, as compared with 42.15 on Friday of last week, and at 42.20 for cable transfers, against 42.20. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.93 for checks and at 11.96 for cable transfers, against 11.92 and 11.95. Chilean exchange closed at 12.10 for checks and at 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12.10 and 12.15, and Peru at 3.98 for checks and at 3.99 for cable transfers, against 3.98 and 3.99.

The Far Eastern exchanges have been steadier than in several weeks. Japanese yen have on the whole shown greater firmness than in other recent weeks. However, the Japanese unit has a long way to go before recovery to dollar parity of 49.85 can be reached. While the yen is said to be firmer, it is only by comparison with the extreme weakness shown for months past. All the Far Eastern ex-

changes, though, are more buoyant than they were, owing to an improvement in the Chinese political situation. Neither this improvement, however, nor the lessening of tension in the Chino-Japanese situation has proceeded far enough to promote international trade to a point where the exchanges might show marked activity. Japanese interests continue to send money abroad, owing to the low rates of interest in Japan and to the superior attraction of the security markets in London and New York. Of course, this influence is in no way helpful to the yen quotation. The silver exchanges have been ruling fractionally lower, owing to the decline in the price of spot silver. This decline is attributed partly to Indian selling and to the improvement in the political situation in the East. Part of the decline is ascribed to the steady release of silver by France in accordance with her stabilization plan. Chinese centres continue to absorb all the silver offered and these takings are attributed to the greatly improved outlook for peaceful conditions there. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 45.86@46 1/8, against 45.42@45 1/2 on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 49.80@50 1-16, against 49.80@50 1/8; Shanghai at 64 1/4@64 3/8, against 64 9-16@64 7/8; Manila at 49 3/4, against 49 3/4; Singapore at 56 1/4@56 1/2, against 56 3-16@56 1/2; Bombay at 36 1/2, against 36 1/2, and Calcutta at 36 1/2, against 36 1/2.

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, SEPT. 1 1928 TO SEPT. 7 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Sept. 1.	Sept. 3.	Sept. 4.	Sept. 5.	Sept. 6.	Sept. 7.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.40796		1.40791	1.40830	1.40785	1.40854
Belgium, belga	1.39055		1.39051	1.39044	1.39045	1.39036
Bulgaria, lev	0.07197		0.07195	0.07202	0.07181	0.07177
Czechoslovakia, krone	0.29624		0.29626	0.29620	0.29620	0.29621
Denmark, krone	0.26815		0.26813	0.26790	0.26675	0.266718
England, pound sterling	4.852784		4.852400	4.852122	4.851940	4.851160
Finland, marka	0.25173		0.25176	0.25173	0.25167	0.25163
France, franc	0.39040		0.39045	0.39042	0.39039	0.39041
Germany, reichsmark	2.38259		2.38298	2.38257	2.38257	2.38257
Greece, drachma	0.12940		0.12944	0.12946	0.12944	0.12947
Holland, guilder	4.00883		4.00886	4.00975	4.00985	4.00915
Hungary, pengo	1.74207		1.74319	1.74217	1.74258	1.74194
Italy, lira	0.52368		0.52364	0.42360	0.52350	0.52330
Norway, krone	2.66796		2.66798	2.66787	2.66773	2.66715
Poland, zloty	1.12070		1.11975	1.12063	1.12020	1.12015
Portugal, escudo	0.45089		0.44880	0.44865	0.44925	0.44862
Rumania, leu	0.06113		0.06112	0.06104	0.06108	0.06093
Spain, peseta	1.68119		1.68086	1.68078	1.68085	1.68070
Sweden, krona	2.27652		2.27648	2.27641	2.27628	2.27606
Switzerland, franc	1.92561		1.92559	1.92560	1.92568	1.92559
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.17597		0.17589	0.17597	0.17594	0.17594
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	0.65875		0.65875	0.65750	0.655208	0.654583
Hankow tael	0.659583		0.65875	0.65833	0.655625	0.654583
Shanghai tael	0.645089		0.644732	0.642678	0.641428	0.640803
Tientsin tael	0.677083		0.675208	0.675833	0.673541	0.673750
Hong Kong dollar	0.497857		0.497321	0.497500	0.497500	0.497678
Mexican dollar	0.468000		0.465500	0.465500	0.464250	0.465000
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	0.467916		0.466250	0.467083	0.465833	0.466250
Yuan dollar	0.464583		0.462916	0.463750	0.462500	0.462916
India, rupee	0.362939		0.363041	0.363037	0.363050	0.362938
Japan, yen	0.457208		0.456275	0.458166	0.458900	0.458888
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	0.560000		0.560000	0.560000	0.560000	0.560000
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	1.000512		1.000347	1.000577	1.000950	1.001019
Cuba, peso	0.999812		1.000000	0.999875	0.999750	0.999312
Mexico, peso	0.477125		0.477333	0.478000	0.478166	0.478666
Newfoundland, dollar	0.998062		0.997937	0.998250	0.998656	0.998625
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	0.957931		0.957609	0.957034	0.956678	0.956868
Brazil, milreis	1.19279		1.19254	1.19220	1.19210	1.19209
Chile, peso	1.20743		1.20865	1.20738	1.20736	1.20698
Uruguay, peso	1.023569		1.022590	1.021569	1.021319	1.021444
Colombia, peso	0.970900		0.970900	0.970900	0.970900	0.970900

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, Sept. 1.	Monday, Sept. 3.	Tuesday, Sept. 4.	Wednesday, Sept. 5.	Thursday, Sept. 6.	Friday, Sept. 7.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 101,000,000	\$ Holiday	\$ 128,000,000	\$ 111,000,000	\$ 88,000,000	\$ 111,000,000	\$ Cr.539,000,000

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	Sept. 6 1928.			Sept. 8 1927.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 176,576,650	£ —	£ 176,576,650	£ 151,880,444	£ —	£ 151,880,444
France	a242810738	d —	242,810,738	147,260,559	13,680,000	160,940,559
Germany	b 103,125,200	c994,600	103,114,600	89,306,400	994,600	90,301,000
Spain	104,341,000	28,255,000	132,596,000	103,902,000	27,930,000	131,832,000
Italy	54,093,000	—	54,093,000	46,817,000	3,849,000	50,666,000
Netherl'ds.	36,244,000	1,872,000	38,116,000	32,189,000	2,307,000	34,496,000
Nat'l Belg.	22,993,000	1,250,000	24,243,000	18,807,000	1,177,000	19,984,000
Switzerl'd.	17,976,000	2,145,000	20,121,000	17,739,000	2,680,000	20,419,000
Sweden	12,761,000	—	12,761,000	12,285,000	—	12,285,000
Denmark	10,100,000	606,000	10,706,000	10,121,000	718,000	10,839,000
Norway	8,166,000	—	8,166,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Tot. wk.	794,186,588	35,122,600	829,309,188	633,487,403	52,635,600	691,123,003
Prev. week	792,367,897	35,062,600	827,430,497	636,733,783	52,627,600	689,361,383

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 £4,281,800. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

Governor Smith and the Eighteenth Amendment.

Political spokesmen of all shades of opinion appear to have agreed in regarding Governor Smith's statement in reference to prohibition as quite the most significant part of his speech of acceptance. On none of the other topics which he discussed, with the exception of the tariff, was any very marked difference of principle or policy to be observed between his position and that of Mr. Hoover. Where Mr. Hoover, however, stood for a strict enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, and held out no hope of a modification of the present enforcement policy save in an intimation that abuses in the administration of the system would be investigated and corrected, Governor Smith came out unreservedly for a change in the Eighteenth Amendment which would radically alter the present system, and substitute for Federal prohibition a qualified control of the liquor business by the States wherever such control was desired by a State. The importance of the proposal is so great, and the change of practice which it would inaugurate so far-reaching, as to make worth while a careful examination of the plan to which Governor Smith stands committed.

The proposal itself may best be stated in Governor Smith's own words. After declaring his belief in temperance and reverence for law, and asserting that "today disregard of the prohibition law is insidiously sapping respect for all law", he points out that the remedy lies in "the fearless application of Jeffersonian principles. Jefferson and his followers foresaw the complex activities of this great, widespread country. They knew that in rural, sparsely settled districts people would develop different de-

sires and customs from those in densely populated sections, and that if we were to be a nation united on truly national matters, there had to be a differentiation in local laws to allow for different local habits." Gov. Smith accordingly suggests that "some immediate relief would come from an amendment to the Volstead law giving a scientific definition of the alcoholic content of an intoxicating beverage. The present definition is admittedly inaccurate and unscientific. Each State would then be allowed to fix its own standard of alcoholic content, subject always to the proviso that that standard could not exceed the maximum fixed by the Congress."

Beyond this change, some change should also be made in the Constitution. "I personally believe," said Governor Smith, "in an amendment to the Eighteenth Amendment which would give to each individual State itself, only after approval by a referendum popular vote of its people, the right wholly within its borders to import, manufacture or cause to be manufactured and sell alcoholic beverages, the sale to be made only by the State itself and not for consumption in any public place. . . . Such a change would preserve for the dry States the benefit of a national law that would continue to make inter-State shipment of intoxicating beverages a crime. It would preserve for the dry States Federal enforcement of prohibition within their own borders. It would permit to citizens of other States a carefully limited and controlled method of effectuating the popular will wholly within the borders of those States without the old evil of the saloon. . . . I may fairly say even to those who disagree with me that the solution I offer is one based upon the historic policy of the Democratic party, to assure to each State its complete right of local self-government. I believe it is a solution which would today be offered by Jefferson, or Jackson, or Cleveland, or Wilson, if those great leaders were with us."

This is the Smith plan. Precisely what does it contemplate, precisely how is it to be set in operation, and to what extent is it in accord with either Democratic theory or with any other sound conception of the constitutional relations between the Federal Government and the States?

The proposal to write into the Volstead act a scientific definition of the alcoholic content of an intoxicating beverage is, frankly, absurd. Such a definition presupposes a scientific definition of intoxication, and the medical profession, the only body whose opinion on that subject could claim any scientific value, has consistently refrained from attempting to define the quantity of alcohol necessary to produce intoxication. What is intoxicating for one person may be without the least discernible effect for another; what is intoxicating for one person under certain physical conditions or circumstances may have no intoxicating effect upon the same person under different circumstances. A man engaged in strenuous physical exertion will often consume and assimilate an amount of alcohol which, to a man of sedentary occupation, would be disastrous. What Governor Smith desires, of course, is an amendment of the Volstead act which would permit the manufacture and sale of liquors with a higher alcoholic content than is now allowed, but no such higher limit, at whatever percentage point it might be fixed, would represent any scientific treatment of the problem of intoxication. It would be only a relaxa-

tion, doubtless highly desirable, of the extreme rigor of the present law, and in practice would represent a concession to those who, while willing to see national prohibition continued in other directions, desire the return of light wines and beer; but science should not be asked to bear the responsibility for a change which, if it were made, would mean nothing more than a more generous application of the rule of thumb.

The second part of Governor Smith's plan, that which proposes to allow the States to exercise a measure of control over the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages within their own borders, is open to serious objections at a number of points. What Governor Smith desires is, again, entirely clear. He wishes to recover for the States the right of self-government and control of sumptuary matters of which the Eighteenth Amendment deprives them. To that extent his proposal makes a very keen appeal to all those who see, in the expansion of Federal powers, an encroachment upon the constitutional rights of the States which has gone far to defeat the original purpose of the Constitution, and which every believer in democracy feels should be stoutly resisted. The change which Governor Smith proposes, on the other hand, while one which, if it were inaugurated, would obviously afford some relief from the present rigor, is not only open to objections on grounds of practicability, but would itself, if it were adopted, continue identically the same policy of Federal encroachment against which Governor Smith, Governor Ritchie of Maryland, and many other champions of State rights earnestly protest.

If the proposal of Governor Smith were adopted, we should then have in the United States two systems of liquor control, each of which is in essence the negation of the other. The Constitution would declare, in one and the same breath, that the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation or exportation of intoxicating liquors as beverages is prohibited throughout the United States and all territory subject to its jurisdiction, but that it is not prohibited in any State whose people choose to adopt a qualified system of manufacture and sale. It can hardly need demonstration that such a declaration, giving effect to two systems each of which is radically opposed to the other, would inevitably tend to sharpen rather than allay the controversy over the use of alcoholic beverages which has given us the present prohibitory regime, and subject every State that elected to exercise its constitutional option to a continuance of the same campaign of political pressure and propaganda which for more than a generation has labored to make the country bone dry. Governor Smith, in his speech of acceptance, declared that the method which he proposed "would re-establish respect for law and terminate the agitation which has injected discord into the ranks of the great political parties which should be standing for the accomplishment of fundamental programs for the nation." To us it seems that the method would have the contrary effect. It would increase the opportunities for breaking the Federal law, enormously increase the difficulties of adhering to national prohibition in States bordering on other States in which the manufacture and sale of liquors was permitted, and intensify an agitation which already, in the present campaign, appears to have relegated all other national issues to second place.

Constitutionally, however, there is a weightier objection. The basic criticism of the present system is that it deprives the States of the right of self-government in an important domestic matter. The same criticism would still hold if Governor Smith's remedy were applied. In place of the absolute prohibition now imposed upon the States, there would be imposed another equally contrary to the constitutional intent. No State would be permitted, as it was before the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment, to deal with the liquor traffic as it saw fit. It would be obliged in the first place, if it elected to permit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages, to accept the "scientific" definition of maximum alcoholic content adopted by Congress. The importation, manufacture and sale thereafter carried on must be by the State itself, presumably through agencies established for the purpose, and no sale could be made for consumption in any public place. All of this qualified liberty, moreover, must be preceded by a popular referendum on the question of accepting the constitutional alternative.

Obviously, these are very serious restrictions upon the power of the States to control a business carried on wholly within their own borders. Whether or not a State dispensary system of some kind may not be the best way of regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages is, as everybody knows, a question regarding which there is much difference of opinion, but even if its superiority were generally conceded, the imposition of such a system upon the States by a constitutional amendment would be, in principle, as clear an invasion of the rights which the Constitution reserves to the States as is the Eighteenth Amendment. Constitutionally, the only difference would be the substitution of one form of encroachment for another. It is hard to understand how Governor Smith can defend such a proposal as a "fearless application of Jeffersonian principles," or claim that it is "based upon the historic policy of the Democratic party to assure to each State its complete right of local self-government." There is, in fact, nothing Jeffersonian about it, and as little that accords with historical Democratic policy. What Jefferson feared, and what his followers long tried to prevent, was any encroachment whatever upon the reserved sphere of self-government by the States. It is not in support of a proposition which would tie the hands of the States by compelling them to deal with the liquor traffic in a particular way, and under the overshadowing influence of a prohibitory system imposed by the Constitution upon other States, that the names of Jefferson, Jackson, Cleveland or Wilson should be cited.

We have already commented at length (see the "Chronicle" for August 25, pages 995-997) upon the practical difficulties which have always to be met in amending the Constitution of the United States, and have pointed out that a change in the prohibitory system, if the country desires it, must be sought through the election of Senators and Representatives favorable to such a change, rather than in the championship of change by a Presidential candidate. It is interesting to observe, in a recent statement issued to its members by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, a recognition by that organization of the supreme importance of the Congressional and State elections in bringing about the change which the Association desires. We are una-

ble to see that the new method of control which Governor Smith has formulated would be any easier of attainment than an outright repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment itself. An amendment of that Amendment would have to go through identically the same process that every other amendment has gone through, and the same influences which put prohibition into the Constitution would assuredly exert themselves to prevent a change of the radical character which Governor Smith has suggested. The country could not have the Smith plan, or any other plan, if it wanted it, without amending the Constitution, and the difficulty in amending the Constitution is the great obstacle in the road. An almost equally insuperable obstacle would, we fear, be encountered if an attempt were made to enact a definition of the alcoholic content of an intoxicating beverage. The ultimate aim of prohibition, it should always be remembered, is not merely the abolition of the saloon, but the abolition of all use of intoxicants as beverages; and a change in the enforcement laws which raised the percentage of alcohol in beverages allowed to be made or sold would unquestionably be regarded by prohibition advocates as only a thinly disguised assault upon the citadel.

Governor Smith is certainly to be credited with generous intentions. He is as emphatically opposed to the return of the saloon as is Mr. Hoover, but he sees the evils of the present situation, he dreads the effect of a growing and widespread disregard of law, and he earnestly desires to restore to the States a power of control of which the Eighteenth Amendment has divested them. The loftiness of his motive and the genuineness of his interest are in no way to be impugned. It is the more regrettable that, in expounding his view of the matter, he should have committed himself to proposals which it would be extremely difficult to put into practice, and which, if they were adopted, would still leave in as unsatisfactory a condition as now a large issue of constitutional rights.

Limitless Campaign Contributions.

We presume there are likely as many men in one party as the other able and willing to give fifty-thousand dollars to a campaign chest. But what shall be said of four-million totals in an election? Is so large a sum actually needed? Will it accomplish any real good? What is it for and who receives it? And what can be said of the "purity of the ballot" so influenced? If we take the last first it must be admitted that no expression of opinion in a democracy can be independent and free that has to be generated by the use of money. Even the least objectionable phase, that of "getting out the vote," results in a material rivalry that tends from election to election to increase the amount needed. Take a single precinct. If this year the democrats in charge of the local machinery have more money for carriages et cetera than the republicans, the next time the republicans will not be found sleeping and will try to have a marginal excess. The use of money in any form is vicious.

But lest we expect too much of human nature we may pass this feature of the legitimate expense account. Its evils might be minimized by the parties joining in a common fund to bring out the vote, but that is not likely soon to occur. Non-partisans might unite in such a work; but then non-partisans are not an interested group, as a rule. A second

fault in the use of money is that it tends to constantly enlarge the machinery. Thousands of "workers," national, State, county and municipal, are not above taking pay for their services. The managers, captains and soldiers increase constantly. The managers are judged by the effectiveness of their plans. The captains are made responsible for their executive ability and held to account for the results. And the soldier-workers are not seldom of a character it is dangerous to defy. The spread of this system, as long as money is available, is unlimited. It has gone so far that in some instances workers called "watchers" are paid by the State. And there is hardly an element in the practice that tends to elevate the ballot.

The larger aspects of so-called legitimate expenditures are decidedly questionable. We recall a gubernatorial campaign in another State when, in an opposition paper on the morning of the election, a full page ad appeared setting forth the superior qualifications of a candidate the paper had fought for months before. The page was marked "advertising." It was perhaps legitimate on the part of the paper, the peculiar circumstances considered, but there was no time for an answering move. Little, it is believed, was accomplished by the trick. Yet the incident shows that campaign advertising is subject to manipulation; and certainly, it is subject to the use of money—the full purse "takes the cake." To set forth the fitness of candidates is not in itself objectionable—but, merely as news, thousands of columns are devoted free by the various publications to this end. And with the growing independent press, there will never be a dearth of this form of education.

There comes now into the picture for the first time on a large scale the new device of the "radio." It is a costly method of "reaching the public." With the addition of television it will become more costly. Thus we have the spectacle of expenditures on a vast scale and increasing all the time. Our modern penchant for organization, systematization, and even standardization, enters. An army of employees is at the will of the respective "headquarters." Funds are solicited over wide areas. It is useless to say that contributions are voluntary—solicitation need not be from person to person. There are other less direct and possibly more effective ways. And when the millions are gathered and dispersed, who can say what is actually accomplished? Publishing lists of names and amounts does not justify the means.

What we have most to consider is the influence in general on the electorate. Do these methods clarify the mind or confuse? Do they teach the voter self-reliant investigation, or does he await the biased and patented information thrust upon him by "canned" voices, copy-righted points, and circularized pamphlets. The franked speeches of Congressmen at times have well nigh become a scandal. And what with cartoon, caricature, and movietone, the voter is flooded with so-called "information" which when not actually erroneous, is over-emphasized and over-solicitous. Can an independent and thoughtful election proceed under this practice? If not, then the use of money must grow apace, and four millions now may easily become ten millions by 1932.

There is already evidence of choosing managers for their ability to raise money, for their availability to reach the mind, heart and pocket of wealth. So that it must appear that elections bear the taint of

being "bought" under the very best of these methods of campaign management. Buying the vote direct, as in the famous case of "blocks of five," it is believed is very greatly diminished. But to substitute indirect methods for direct is not a step in the right direction. What is needed is suppression of all use of money to influence voters. It cannot be done by law. Men will give to help out a friend seeking office as long as public opinion sanctions it. But when political education teaches the many evils which attend the use of huge sums, the actual waste and futility of these methods, revulsion and reform will come.

There is a spirit of American pride which can always be appealed to. We have had the picture of our ballots "falling like snowflakes." It is a figure of speech that pleases. We are proud of our elective system. Thus we guard our "liberty under law." Thus we protect our indefeasible rights. Thus we provide our system of popular rule. Thus we show forth the power of our representative democracy; **and thus we control majorities that must respect the rights of minorities.** Only by the free, thoughtful expression of choice, only by the independent selection of principles, can this be done. The use of large sums of money in *any* way in campaigns is a menace to the purity and power of our elections. Public opinion should frown on four-million-dollar campaigns now, lest we come to unwittingly embrace five millions, or more.

When Vacation Time Is Over.

Among our time-honored adages is: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." We recall no antonym to this saying. But we may ask, in these days of the fierce and swift pursuit of pleasures, what would all play and no work do to Jack? And so in these days of the early fall, as the wanderers come home, the thought is borne on us that there is nothing so becoming about a vacation as the ending of it. Those who have suffered the discomforts of a brief sojourn in "out-of-the-way" places, where the mosquitoes bite more abundantly than the fishes, where tented habitations are harried by the unwonted noises of the night, and where the lulling sound of the waves on the shore mingle with the raucous music of the radio and the siren calls of the hot-dog vendors, can testify that when at long last the leaves begin to fall, there is no place like "Home, Sweet Home"! Even an old-fashioned rest in a rocking chair on the back porch, though reactionary, and soporific, has its own appeal when vacation time is over. But Jack, the dear boy, older grown, it is true, does nothing by halves. He works hard at his playing.

Now it is superfluous, and thankless, to try to extract a little philosophy from our present customary modes of living. Why should we; and who should care; and why should anyone worry? But now that vacation is over, must we not admit that to come back to the old routine of "business" is a relief? Suppose vacation was the rule rather than work,—vacation with all its anticipations that somehow never materialize, vacation with all its arduous pursuit of adventure that so often never comes, vacation with its compelling duty of trying to extract pleasure and rest out of trial, disappointment and disaster, vacation so longed for, so brief, and so quickly relinquished,—what would we do with no home to come back to and no task to take up

again? Verily, Jack is not so burdened as he might be! Perhaps, and it is a dangerous thought to utter, vacations are chiefly valuable in that they teach us, as nothing else can, the value of home and the virtue of work. Routine, standardization, systematization and mass-production, *are* dull things in a yearning and unsatisfied world, but applied to the unwearied search for the novel in vacations that are patterned on the same old games at the same old resorts, with the "same old crowd," are far more dull and less gratifying.

Seers tell us that the earth has grown very small. Voices come to us from the antipodes. Men now circle the earth in the air, and will soon fly from pole to pole (when they do not fall in the sea), and what can it be to the cooped and cabined clerk, to seek the tame shades of the near-by wildwood, or to bathe in the briny waters of the ocean, perchance only forty miles away? Progress is spoiling the only recreation we have; and even the baseball score on the adjacent corner is making the bleachers costly, uncomfortable and superfluous. There is no doubt whatever that home is a good place when we have nowhere else to go. And if after two hectic if not hilarious weeks "abroad" we do come back pacified and quite willing to go to work in the same old way, must we be blamed for thinking vacations not quite what they are "cracked up to be"? No, like so much of our magnificent "advance," we are convinced once every year that there is more pleasure in pursuit than in possession. We all love "Jack." As proprietors of industries and enterprise we most cheerfully grant him the relief he asks in summer, but it is too much to expect us to follow him in his pilgrimage and see that he gets the worth of his vacation time. We are perhaps trying to extract pleasure out of suffering ourselves—in a secure retreat where there are no newspapers to vex and no telegrams to annoy. Vacations are to be borne, not bought. And at best, they are gentle reminders that all is not gold that glitters, and that frying bacon in a skillet over a fire of fagots is better suited to trappers, hunters, prospectors and guides than to members of the Country Club or the Golf Club!

But we intended to be very serious, and our pen runs away with us. We cannot ignore our dignified platitude that work is a blessing, not a burden. In our glorious inventive and machine age we are in danger of forgetting that we have any work at all to do. Our first quarter of the Twentieth Century, so wonderfully set forth by Mark Sullivan in his voluminous work, is about to give us a complete vacation from any and all work. We are daily made acquainted with the fact,—but no one can tell us what will be left for the next generation to accomplish. We do not much care so we have speed for ourselves. From the race to annihilate time and space we ask no vacation. In youth we worked hard to ice the hillside track so that we could flash downward, belly-buster style, and we defy any sobersides to stop us now. We may not be conscious that we *are* sliding down hill in the noble race of life, but who would ask a vacation in our machine-making and our increasingly rapid contribution to scientific discovery? "Tending store" and reading by the "evening lamp" may have been all right for our grandfathers, but of what avail when *we* can broadcast ragtime thousands of miles and by school-taught and systematic advertising make men buy goldfish when they only want mousetraps? No; the

"old" is out-of-date, reactionary, deadening and dolorous. We want no vacation from the stress and strain of buying every new trick device that comes along and is eagerly bought by our neighbors.

We notice, by the way, that our candidates for "the highest office in the gift of the people" in this Anno Domini 1928 are taking frequent "short vacations" before plunging into the "hard work of the campaign." But we have discovered no desire by either to take a vacation from office holding. Perhaps it is the fault of an exacting and cruel people. We do not know and do not say. But the fact, if it is a fact, suggests the thought that there are some occupations in this land of "equal opportunity for all" that do not cry out for vacations. The humdrum of "service" therein is never shunned. And if perchance there is an enforced vacation, it is arduously spent in trying to "get in again." It seems that this form of work is never denounced. However, by the same token, one or the other in this particular election *will* take a long vacation from which there is no returning. And that by a round-about way leads us back to our original thought that vacation time for the most of us is about over.

And how pleasant it is that unorganized society has fallen into the habit of "working for a living," and that throughout the length and breadth of the land countless forms of interdependent business are waiting for the vacation wanderers to return! What would it be to come home to the old town with nothing to do and to a home as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. The woods and the streams are inviting, elevating, inspiring. But we have passed the nomadic age when there was naught necessary but to fold our tents "like the Arab" and silently steal away. There are a few cranks who would return us all to nature in full fact and theory. But after a slight taste of this we are satisfied with even the small bedroom in the attic and the sound of the "rain on the roof" is welcome music after the bed of boughs and the canopy of the leaves. And when the morning comes, catching the car on the run is at least more purposeful than sitting around in half soaked garments wondering if the sun will ever deign to shine again. And then, when the shop or store or factory or office is reached, and one sees the old familiar faces again and receives a welcome that is simple and unalloyed, and buckles down to the task that though not wholly to one's taste is far better than walking the streets hunting a job with a prospect perhaps of sleeping in the park; *then* we realize that the home-coming is the best part of a vacation and that "work" and "business" combine to give us the best refuge man has so far conceived or established.

Dr. Wallas's Last Word to America.

To the great regret of the members of the Williamstown Institute, Professor Graham Wallas was called back to England by the serious illness of his wife. An arrangement was immediately made for him to gather up the teaching of his course in a last word before he left. This he did in a public address in which his great strength and the earnestness that has characterized all his work were charged with an emotional intensity that made it thrilling. It took on the form of an appeal, the appeal of long experience and maturest wisdom. We can give only the barest outline of it.

He drove directly at the question: Shall we go on feeling as our ancestors did that by the easy method of gradual change through trial and error and accidental success things are to turn out right; or shall we recognize that the world is to-day not only made conscious of itself, but is absolutely a new world, different from that which ever existed before? What is our real conception of our relations with its millions of our fellow men? To-day we talk together and hear together and now even see together. We try to keep separate, but we are vigorously engaged in so unearthing and consuming nature's raw materials of oil, coal, iron and the like, that, coupled with the skill with which the world is being brought under the industrial and economic organization of the temperate regions, whole nations may of necessity be transported even to other continents to share the life of the better circumstanced. The future of civilization may depend upon the intensity and earnestness with which the men and women of this generation ask themselves this question of their relations, their ideas, their conceptions, their ruling feelings towards other peoples.

Centuries ago a handful of Greeks after rolling back the Persian hosts set themselves to thinking out the conditions of the good life in the new world that then opened. Here in America the men of 1776 had to get rid of ideas brought from the old world, and build up a new set for our new world. Once more, within two generations, conditions of human life have changed, and to an unprecedented extent, and we are challenged to revise our thinking. Is it sufficient for men to follow their simpler instincts? Is the will of the people the voice of God, if each man votes in accordance with his own interests? When in 1823 Canning, writing from the Council of Verona, said: "Things are getting into a wholesome state again. Every nation for itself, and God for us all," does that answer for us? Or did Cobden in 1835 amplify it sufficiently for us when he said "Let governments have as little to do with one another as possible and let people have as much to do in trade with each other as is possible"? Has not that obviously ceased to be true? Commercial relations necessitate political relations, and these looked at from the point of self-interest alone produce the sacred egoism which leads to devastating war, as we have so terribly experienced.

Ambiguous general principles are dangerous. The ambiguity between legal rights and moral justification is harming the thinking of a whole continent. Again, when you use the word "principle" it means that you accept an easy generalization which you have taken no trouble to understand, and treat it as a simple and absolute word for all times; as at this moment it is used in England in the hands of a minister of state to settle the whole business of letting people into the country with the old-fashioned simplicity of general principles which attracted our ancestors of the 18th century. "Every nation for itself and God for us all," sounds perfectly simple, and one has only to say "It is best for the country," without a moment's thought of any disadvantage, however great, you may inflict on any one else. He would admit rich Americans to spend their money among us but would reject St. Paul on the ground that there was no demand for tent makers; and that he was an undesirable person. It was in this way easy to restrict the production of rubber in districts we control, in the interest of a handful of growers,

and think of no one else. It is simple, but it did not work. It is not that we have a monopoly of the simple minded ideas of 150 years ago. It is a habit of us all unless we make a terrific effort at thinking.

Fifty years ago we got into the way of thinking that progress is to come by the way of struggling. Statesmen held that life is a continual conflict, whether it is war or peace; that politics is only war conducted with other weapons, and that advance in the world must come by injuring other people. In little things no less than in great, the thought is intolerably dangerous. It fixes the tone and manner of intercourse to-day at all frontiers. It is in the air, and we little regard it. Call up the principles you think most sacred and self-evident and ask what they really mean. What did the men of Jefferson's day mean by equality while they held slaves? What do we mean when we deal with the people of Africa or even the Chinese? Do we mean that we will do what we can to secure to these people the comforts, the advantages and opportunities of life equal to our own; or if not, what do we mean? No one proposes absolute equality. But if we are going to use the word, for decency's sake let us try to be clear as to what we mean!

So with "liberty." It used to be as a principle self-evident. It is evident that there are two kinds of liberty: liberty of nations to do as they like, and liberty of individuals to do as each likes. What a change in the present relations of different nations would be required if we held to the first. And as to liberty of persons. What do we mean by that? Is it freedom in service as some would make it; freedom simply as a citizen limiting his operations to his proper share in the body politic? The State is supreme. But is one's duty limited; has he no duty toward people not belonging to his nation? May not the State be wrong? If so, shall he not by writing and talking have a duty to set it right? That is no easy question. It involves "how much," "how little," "what kind," and all other thoughts which are slowly discovered. We must build up a new freedom of speech and of the press, and a social tolerance among ourselves to make room for those who some day in refusing to conform may lead the whole world.

Or take the political principle almost identical in our minds with the idea of democracy, that the majority shall rule. When in the League of Nations we had to pay lip service to this, we had to create the Council, in which every member has an absolute veto, and, since all sorts of reputations and customs limit and control the assembly, in fact the big nations do not allow themselves to be outvoted by the smaller ones. In the old days of the 1850's it looked so easy. Tennyson could sing of the "Parliament of the World," and "the common sense of most," holding "a fretful realm in awe." Yet in the face of the changes that have been made in the League in its enlargement, we have to ask: Are we ready to render the service which at this moment mankind most needs? We have to examine not only our common expressions and habits of thought, but our institutions as well, and see whether not only by national efficiency but by the service they may do to the peace and good of the world the existing Governments are to be judged. Everybody has an opinion about autocratic rulers and their lands, but when we look at ourselves how slow we are to amend our

inherited institutions! It has taken us in England two years to adjust our House of Lords to meet present-day requirements. An English statesman, Sir Henry Maine, said that the Senate of the United States is "the one great successful invention in the history of political science"; but is certainly is proving a very uncomfortable body in its working in connection with international affairs. Your diplomatic representatives have told me that they "had to sign upon the dotted line"; for months afterwards when the treaty comes before the Senate "heaven only knows what will happen there."

One of the great discoveries of the 17th century was Grotius's conception of international law. And we have American Presidents and statesmen saying, one that the United States may in a case in hand be forced "to exercise an international police power," and another that it is under international obligation to recognize rights acquired under its laws by citizens of another State." But is this true? It might be good that there should be such an international law, but it cannot be until all the nations concerned agree to it. Nations may need to act; but it may be disastrous to call such action in accord with international law. If even your Supreme Court is accepted as saying what is international, and the Hague Court also defines international law, there are two bodies defining it and two sets of law on certain high questions of policy; and consequently no international law exists. President Coolidge may say as he did a year ago that it is international law that we have no right to interfere in the domestic dealings of other nations with their own citizens, but equally established that our Government has rights and duties toward our citizens and their property wherever they may be located. This may be stated as the policy of the United States, but it is fatal if stated without qualification as international law. With two systems of international law the armed vessels of two States searching vessels on the high seas may feel called upon to act in a way frightfully dangerous.

It may be that safety lies to-day, in view of our uncertainties, in the drawing together of the thinkers of the world. Every man of science reads every discovery which every great scientist makes in any land. By a splendid tradition such a discoverer would disgrace himself if he did not with all reasonable speed publish his discoveries to the world. That scientific organization is spontaneous; it has no fleets, no law courts, no Government, but it may nevertheless have more effect in developing human life than any other form of international organization. Sir Ronald Ross at his microscope examining the infected mosquito knew that he was working for all mankind. Why should not all nations make their philosophies, their art, their history as good as possible and as easy as possible for all mankind to enjoy it?

Why should an American scientist, or chemist, or physicist, or for that matter your press, be "first of all American." In the service of mankind, every American, and not your architects and your dramatists alone should be bound to pursue that beauty, those ideas, those productions which to-day go so easily around the world. You can talk to the world; you can stir by the cinema and the autophone and radio the minds and feelings and souls of children and men of all kinds everywhere; why should it not be their duty to see that artistic sincerity enters into all business and all intercourse?

"Perhaps some time in the far future after the great treaties have gone back into history, it may be that the greatest service America has rendered the world was when in some little village of the West, or perhaps some slum in Chicago or Philadelphia, a little boy was helped to grow up who thought with such intensity and felt with such freshness that his words went like flames round the world, and gave the world a conception of the kind of life which it is good for men to live."

Read all this as delivered with the intensity of a great man, a statesman and a scholar, summoning his soul as he strove to utter his last word.

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Sept. 7 1928.

There is some improvement in general trade in this country. That is plain. It is not very marked; in fact, it is only moderate. But the Fall trade, retail and jobbing, is more promising and the industries likewise. Cooler weather and the opening of schools throughout the United States give a stimulus to retail trade. That is especially true of drygoods, clothing and shoes, as well as radio goods and hardware. The great activity in the stock market with transactions running above 4,000,000 shares a day, with notable advances at times in prices are regarded by many as in some sort a sign of the times. Certainly such activity does not seem to indicate anything like uneasiness in the country. However, excesses in stock speculation may be deplored, there is no denying it indicates a feeling that the great industries of the United States have a favorable outlook. The activity in stocks seems the more remarkable in the face of call money rates of $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8%. It is noteworthy, too, that the feeling in the country, even on the eve of a Presidential election, is more cheerful than it was a year ago. At that time industry was ebbing. Now the tendency is rather to increase. The prospects point to good crops of grain and cotton and a corresponding increase in the buying capacity of the agricultural community. A straw which seems to show which way the wind is blowing is the fact that the sales of ten chain store organizations for August increased 7.2% over those of

last year and for eight months increased 10.3% over the like period last year. There is a better business doing in some descriptions of cotton goods, notably print cloths, and prices are firmer.

This is partly due to the gradual rise of raw cotton prices during the week. Prices are admittedly very irregular for woolsens and worsteds, as was shown by the opening of the American Woolen Co.'s men's wear lines of semi-staple and fancy woolsens and worsteds for the spring of 1929. Woolsens are very little changed from the prices of last fall. Worsteds are down 5 to 12c. in some cases; in others they are unchanged or 5 to 20c. higher. Broad silks have met with only a moderate demand. Raw silk has been quiet and somewhat lower. Speaking of textiles, it is worthy of note that the plan to close down cotton mills for one week beginning Sept. 4 in North Carolina and South Carolina is not being carried out so generally as a similar plan was for the first week in July and August.

The automobile industry is well to the fore in the rising tide of business. This is accompanied by such significant figures as the Detroit employment total. It is up to a new high level. It is now 298,744. This shows a gain for the week of 5,300, while it is nearly 100,000 over last year, and close to 60,000 over 1926. The activity in the shoe manufacturing industry is another noteworthy factor. Some of the reports from the steel trade are quite cheerful, though as a rule there is no activity in new business. The pig iron sales in the West still make a very good showing, and prices

in general are steady. August output was 6½% larger than in the same month last year. There were more failures in August than in the same month of 1927. But these reflect past conditions. The outlook, as already indicated, is for future betterment. The mail order sales in August were 14.2% larger than in July and 21.7% larger than in August last year. For the first eight months they were 12.3% larger than in the same time last year. The combined total of both mail order and chain store sales for August showed a gain of 10% over July and 14.3% over August last year, and for eight months increased 10.3% over the same period of 1927. These are certainly suggestive figures.

There has been some recent decline in grain prices, but this is at least partially offset by a notable rise in the prices of live stock. Cattle prices are at the highest of the year. Butter at Chicago is also at the high point of the present year. There has been an advance in both eggs and hogs also. The grain and cotton crops are being harvested on an increasing scale, though the Spring wheat crop is moving rather slowly and the cotton crop is a little late. The corn harvest points to a total of over 3,000,000,000 bushels. The Spring wheat crop is estimated at 325,000,000 bushels and the Winter at some cases at 590,000,000 bushels. Cotton during the week has steadily advanced, owing to heavy rains, especially in the Carolinas and Georgia, and abnormally cold temperatures over very much of the belt. The average of private crop estimates is about 14,500,000 bales, against 12,955,000 bales raised last year and close to 18,000,000 the year before. The trading in cotton futures during the week has not been large for the reason that most people have preferred to await the publication of the Government report on Saturday. The carloadings for the fourth week of August showed quite a sharp decrease as compared with a year ago, but for the four weeks of that month the falling off is only about ½ of 1%.

Rubber has been dull and about ½ lower with the factory demand smaller and London prices down as Malayan exports make a bearish exhibit. Coffee has latterly advanced, as Brazilian prices became stronger and the Defense Committee made it plain that it intended to support the price at around 16.90c. for Rio. The spot demand for coffee is also said to be somewhat better. Raw sugar has declined, as it became plain that abandonment of crop restriction in 1929 is a foregone conclusion. The September notices of delivery moreover were some 560 and they were not always promptly stopped. Some large sales of Cuban sugar are said to have been made at lower prices. Provisions have advanced in a better cash demand and buying by packers and with hogs up to \$13.10. Wheat has declined somewhat, with good threshing returns from the Northwest and hedging sales beginning to be felt somewhat although receipts at the Northwest thus far seem small compared with those of a year ago. Some farmers are said to be holding back because of relatively low prices. The export demand has not been brisk with America's and Canada's big crop movement about to begin. The American crop seems likely to be about as large as that of last year. The corn crop is estimated in some cases at 3,070,000,000 bushels against 2,773,708,000 harvested last year. Yet some damage has been done in Nebraska and new crop deliveries have held up well. September corn has been irregular but purchases of December have been steady and prices have in general been well sustained with occasional good advances in September. Oat prices have also been steady with a crop estimated by private statisticians at about 1,455,000,000 bushels against 1,184,000,000 last year.

The stock market has been very active and excited, at times rising sharply and later in the week showing some decline from the inevitable realizing of profits. Also the persistency of high rates for money has not been altogether without effect. Yet transactions have approximated \$3,500,000 to 4,300,000 shares, and in general the tone has been confident, not to say aggressive. On the 6th inst. an increase in brokers' loans of \$54,000,000 had a rather sobering influence. Prices which earlier in the week had advanced sharply now declined in some cases four to eight points. Sterling exchange reached a low point of the year, although the decline was far from marked. Some stressed the falling off in carloadings. Apropos of the high rates for money, Washington announced that the Treasury had raised its interest rate to 4½% in making an offering of \$525,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness maturing in nine months. The funds so secured will be used with those available from the third quarterly payment

on income taxes, which will exceed \$500,000,000, to meet the maturity of some \$970,000,000 of outstanding Third Liberty Loan bonds which mature on Sept. 15, as well as some other obligations of the Government.

To-day stock transactions were on a colossal scale in fact approaching 5,000,000 shares or nearly 13,000,000 shares in three days. Money was at 7½%. The banks called \$20,000,000, but it had no effect. Money was in good supply at the price. Stocks were up 1 to 7½ points including specialties. Conspicuous features were General Motors, Chrysler, International Nickel—up 7½%—tobacco stocks, Montgomery Ward, Sears, Roebuck and some of the mining shares, as well as other securities too numerous to mention here. Forty stocks or more ran above their previous highs. The ticker was generally 20 to 30 minutes late. The increase in loans of \$54,000,000 was smaller than Wall Street had generally expected and there was no repressing the bullish enthusiasm.

At New Bedford on Sept. 4th, after more than two months' discussion the advisory committee of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association failed to reach any decision as to the attitude the association will take toward the request for a conference with the representatives of the labor unions on strike settlement plans proposed through the citizens' mediation committee with the approval and indorsement of a number of the labor union leaders. New Bedford advices later said that settlement of the textile strike is generally looked for by the end of next week. Charlotte, N. C., reported that the curtailment program for the first week in September will not be adhered to as closely as it was in August, but many mills have dropped night work and net results will show in consumption figures. Spartanburg, S. C., reported a good demand for October and May cotton, but at a basis shippers were unwilling to sell. September mill curtailment not so generally observed as in July and August.

Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s sales for August were \$17,007,642, an increase of 23% over August 1927. Sales for the first eight months of this year were \$127,552,116, an increase of 8% over the same period last year. Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s sales for August were \$28,985,684, an increase of 20.9% over August 1927. Sales for the first eight months of this year were \$201,361,086, an increase of 15.3% over the same period last year.

In August there was another slight upswing in prices says Bradstreet. Strength of meat-producing animals and their products, beef and hog products in brief, bulked large in producing the slight upward swing in the general commodity price level, shown by Bradstreet's for Sept. 1. Additional contribution to this strength made by butter, potatoes, some varieties of iron and steel, lead and tin among the non-ferrous metals, anthracite, coal, fir lumber, alcohol, hides and jute. In the shorter list of products declining in price were all the leading cereals, cotton, wool bituminous coal and vegetable oils, all naval stores, rubber, tobacco and cotton seed. In all, twenty-eight products advanced, twenty-one declined and fifty-six were unchanged.

It was cooler early in the week with temperatures here 67 to 74, at Chicago 64 to 70, Cincinnati 66 to 74, Cleveland 64 to 66, Detroit 62 to 66, Milwaukee 64 to 72, Kansas City 66 to 72, Minneapolis, 66 to 70, Winnipeg 68 to 76. On the 6th inst. temperatures here were 58 to 62 with rain amounting to about ½ an inch, but so persistent during the day it seemed more than that. There continued to be very heavy rains in the Carolinas and Georgia and there were the whole week, only subsiding on Thursday. On the 6th inst. the temperatures were 56 to 70 at Chicago, 60 to 74 at Cincinnati, 56 to 62 at Cleveland, 60 to 76 at Kansas City, 60 to 64 at Boston, 56 to 72 at Milwaukee, 54 to 60 at Seattle, 58 to 78 at Minneapolis, 54 to 70 at Montreal, and 54 to 60 at Philadelphia. To-day the temperatures here were 61 to 70, against 62 to 80 a year ago. The forecast was for fair and warmer here to-night and Saturday.

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

The New York Federal Reserve Bank's indexes of business for July continued to show mixed conditions as compared either with the previous month or a year ago, says the Bank's Monthly Review, September 1. It adds:

Mail order sales showed less than the usual July decline and were much larger than a year ago; average daily car loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight increased somewhat above last year's volume; and foreign trade declined less than usual from June to July. Life insurance sales, and the average daily volume of department store sales, declined

after seasonal allowance, however, and car loadings of bulk freight remained unchanged at a level below that of a year ago.
(Computed trend of past years—100 per cent; adjusted for seasonal variations)

	1927		1928	
	July	May	June	July
<i>Primary Distribution</i>				
Car loadings, merchandise and misc.....	105	105	101	103
Car loadings, other.....	93	96	91	91
Exports.....	104	104	101	109 ^p
Imports.....	111	105	99	102 ^p
Panama Canal traffic.....	96	84	80	83
Wholesale trade.....	101	100	93	97
<i>Distribution to Consumer</i>				
Department store sales, 2nd Dist.....	101	96	103	97
Chain grocery sales.....	108	102	104	103
Other chain store sales.....	106	98	102	99
Mail order sales.....	117	110	123	132
Life insurance paid for.....	109	110	111	104
Advertising.....	97	95	95	94
<i>General Business Activity</i>				
Bank debts, outside of N. Y. City.....	108	111	114	104
Bank debts, New York City.....	133	167	167	142
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of N. Y. City.....	109	117	119	114
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City.....	135	169	177	154
Shares sold on N. Y. Stock Exchange.....	189	307	239	186
Postal receipts.....	92	92	89	87
Electric power.....	106	108	106	106
Employment in the United States.....	100	96	97	97
Business failures.....	104	113	121	101
Building contracts, 36 states.....	122	144	138	126
New corporations formed in N. Y. State.....	116	121	127	119
Real estate transfers.....	97	82	88	86
General price level.....	170	177	176	176
Composite index of wages.....	220	222	223	222

^p Preliminary

Monthly Indexes of Federal Reserve Board.

The monthly indexes of production, employment, and trade of the Federal Reserve Board were issued as follows Sept. 1. It is noted that the terms "adjusted" and "unadjusted" used below refer to adjustments for seasonal variations.

(Monthly average 1923-25=100.)

	1928	1928	1927		1928	1928	1927
	July	June	July		July	June	July
<i>Industrial Production, adjusted—</i>							
Total.....	109	108	106	<i>Building Contracts—</i>	139	148	128
Manufactures.....	111	*110	107	Adjusted.....	142	158	130
Minerals.....	101	99	100	Unadjusted.....			
<i>Manufactures, adjusted—</i>							
Iron and steel.....	121	112	103	Total.....	94	89	95
Textiles.....	101	*109	118	Groceries.....	92	94	91
Food products.....	89	93	96	Meats.....	111	112	102
Paper and printing.....	117	114	114	Dry goods.....	80	79	88
Lumber.....	96	92	95	Men's clothing.....	79	76	90
Automobiles.....	120	119	84	Women's clothing.....	89	49	79
Leather and shoes.....	109	105	113	Shoes.....	123	*82	134
Cement, brick, and glass.....	117	112	111	Hardware.....	91	*92	92
Nonferrous metals.....	112	115	106	Drugs.....	107	109	105
Petroleum refining.....	155	153	136	Furniture.....	94	95	102
Rubber tires.....	156	*145	124	<i>Wholesale Distribution, unadjusted—</i>			
Tobacco manufactures.....	125	126	109	Total.....	87	84	88
<i>Minerals, adjusted—</i>							
Bituminous.....	94	89	87	Groceries.....	93	97	92
Anthracite.....	66	74	75	Meats.....	113	114	104
Petroleum.....	119	117	124	Dry goods.....	74	71	81
Iron ore.....	103	107	99	Men's clothing.....	68	39	78
Copper.....	113	110	101	Women's clothing.....	49	21	43
Zinc.....	117	117	109	Shoes.....	98	*77	107
Lead.....	97	99	116	Hardware.....	90	95	90
Silver.....	84	*93	94	Drugs.....	102	*102	100
<i>Freight-Car Loadings, adjusted—</i>							
Total.....	102	102	101	Furniture.....	77	83	84
Grain.....	109	89	97	<i>Dept. Store Sales—</i>			
Livestock.....	80	86	89	Adjusted.....	108	105	103
Coal.....	88	90	89	Unadjusted.....	78	103	75
Forest products.....	89	88	94	<i>Dept. Store Stocks—</i>			
Merchandise, l. c. l., and miscellaneous.....	109	107	107	Adjusted.....	99	98	101
				Unadjusted.....	92	95	94
				<i>Mail Order House Sales—</i>			
				Adjusted.....	153	144	127
				Unadjusted.....	119	127	93

* Revised.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS.
Unadjusted (1919=100).

	Employment.			Payrolls.		
	July	June	July	July	June	July
	1928.	1928.	1927.	1928.	1928.	1927.
Total.....	88.5	89.6	90.7	100.1	103.5	101.1
Iron and steel.....	84.6	85.0	85.4	89.3	93.7	86.7
Textiles—Group.....	84.5	87.4	91.0	88.7	93.5	99.1
Fabrics.....	86.2	88.6	94.8	90.2	94.2	102.8
Products.....	82.2	85.9	86.2	86.9	92.6	94.6
Lumber.....	86.7	87.4	91.2	96.4	99.4	101.1
Railroad vehicles.....	71.7	72.7	78.2	76.5	81.3	83.0
Automobiles.....	141.0	141.1	109.9	166.0	169.5	125.2
Paper and printing.....	106.1	106.1	106.3	144.6	146.7	145.4
Foods, &c.....	84.4	84.2	86.7	101.4	101.3	103.1
Leather, &c.....	81.2	77.6	85.3	82.6	76.3	90.2
Stone, clay, glass.....	112.8	114.9	119.5	136.1	141.3	143.7
Tobacco, &c.....	73.4	77.5	80.3	78.1	82.5	85.7
Chemicals, &c.....	73.9	75.1	75.0	103.4	106.1	103.6

Department of Commerce Monthly Indexes of Production, Stocks and Unfilled Orders.

The monthly indexes of the Department of Commerce, issued Aug. 31 follow:

Production.

The marketings of crops during July were at a considerably higher level than a year ago, according to the index numbers of the Department of Commerce. Animal products were marketed in about the same quantities as in July 1927, while the output of forest products shows a slight decline. Industrial production, as compiled by the Federal Reserve

Board, showed increases over both the previous month and a year ago in the output of minerals and manufactures.

Commodity Stocks.

The index of stocks of commodities held at the end of July declined seasonally from June and was the same as a year ago, a slight decrease in raw materials being balanced by a slight increase in manufactured goods.

Unfilled Orders.

The index of unfilled orders of manufacturers at the end of July increased over both the previous month and a year ago. Gains over July were in transportation equipment and lumber, the other groups remaining unchanged. Compared with a year ago textiles and transportation equipment showed smaller orders, while iron and steel and lumber manufacturers had larger orders on their books.

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

Index Numbers, 1923-1925=100.	1928.		1927.
	June.	July.	July.
<i>Production</i>			
Raw materials.....	116	109	109
Animal products.....	52	57	65
Crops.....	97	88	89
Forestry.....	99	101	100
<i>Industrial (compiled by Federal Reserve Board)</i>			
Minerals.....	110	111	106
Total manufactures (adjusted).....	112	121	103
Iron and steel.....	109	101	118
Textiles.....	93	89	96
Food products.....	117	114	114
Paper and printing.....	92	96	95
Lumber.....	119	120	84
Leather and shoes.....	105	110	113
Cement, brick, and glass.....	112	117	111
Nonferrous metals.....	115	112	106
Petroleum refining.....	153	152	136
Rubber tires.....	145	156	124
Tobacco manufactures.....	126	125	109
<i>Commodity Stocks</i>			
Total.....	109	104	104
Raw materials.....	102	94	95
Manufactured goods.....	119	117	118
<i>Unfilled Orders—</i>			
Total.....	75	76	72
Textiles.....	67	67	85
Iron and steel.....	75	75	65
Transportation equipment.....	69	71	72
Lumber.....	84	91	74

National Park Bank on Business Activity.

Discussing the present business situation, the National Park Bank, under date of Sept. 4 said:

Increased Activity.

Business activity has increased materially during the past month and the recessions often witnessed in different branches of industry about mid-Summer have been much less of a factor this year. On the contrary, there have been noteworthy increases in some lines with the steel industry operating at about 75% of capacity and the automobile plants making an extraordinary showing for this season. Recent estimates indicate that crop values this year will be increased at least \$190,000,000 as compared with similar revenues a year ago. Sentiment in the great farming states is naturally more hopeful and the larger incomes of various groups of producers will add to the wealth of vast sections where people have often been hard pressed for funds at this time of year. The rise in livestock prices has been an important influence making for this betterment. Considerable gains in various branches of trade have resulted from more favorable marketing conditions in different retail lines. These gains have not been spectacular but they represent large benefits that mean a considerable saving for large and small dealers in different sections. The hand-to-mouth buying policy is still favored by thousands of big and little merchants as well as by various manufacturing interests which have avoided many pit-falls through restricting purchases to immediate consumptive demands. So many manufacturers and merchants have readjusted their affairs to this basis of buying and selling that it is highly probable that the method will be adopted permanently by those interests which have found it to work so advantageously during the last few years.

Purchasing Power.

The better position of the farming groups has been a large factor in building up the business of the great mail-order houses which have shown some phenomenal gains. The position of these communities contrasts sharply with conditions encountered in other presidential years and will naturally have an important bearing upon election prospects next November. Both parties are bidding eagerly for the farm vote and out of current discussions it is likely that a comprehensive program of sane legislation dealing with farm problems will develop. This will be a great advance if it can be accomplished, for agriculture is still our outstanding industry whose welfare is of first importance to the nation. Through the development of well organized marketing associations the farmer is doing much better than he formerly did, receiving a fairer profit margin than he secured in the days when a haphazard sales policy was followed. The new order of things is better for every one and if adhered to must result in stabilizing the outstanding American industry and secure larger savings for both producers and consumers.

Dun's Price Index Lower.

Monthly comparisons of Dun's Index Number of wholesale commodity prices follow:

Groups—	Sept. 1 1928.	Aug. 1 1928.	Sept. 1 1927.
Breadstuffs.....	\$35.007	\$37.190	\$33.745
Meat.....	24.268	23.211	21.167
Dairy and garden.....	21.614	20.761	20.287
Other food.....	19.774	19.612	19.158
Clothing.....	35.771	36.051	34.333
Metals.....	20.891	20.770	22.218
Miscellaneous.....	36.600	36.537	37.390
Total.....	\$193.925	\$194.132	\$188.298

Continued Increase in Detroit Employment.

An increase of 5,287 in Detroit industrial employment during the week ended Sept. 4 brought the total number reported by the Detroit Employers' Association up to 298,744, a new record high. This is the fifth successive week in which a new record has been established. The present total exceeds the 1926 peak by 24,345 and compares with 200,665 a year ago. Since the first of the year members of the association have added 106,241 employees to their pay-rolls.

Production of Electric Power in United States in July Increased About 10% Over the Same Month Last Year.

The total production of electric power by public utility power plants in the United States in the month of July totaled about 7,136,487,000 k.w.h., an increase of approximately 10% over the output for the same month last year when production was about 6,477,000,000 k.w.h., according to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey. Of the total for July of this year 4,063,784,000 k.w.h. were produced by fuels and 3,072,703,000 k.w.h. by water power. The "Survey" further shows:

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

Division.	Totals by Fuels and Water Powers.			Change in Output from Previous Year.	
	May.	June.	July.	June.	July.
New England.....	459,478,000	442,389,000	444,917,000	+4%	+6%
Middle Atlantic.....	1,799,485,000	1,722,130,000	1,729,082,000	0%	+3%
East North Central.....	1,654,573,000	1,621,315,000	1,658,945,000	+8%	+13%
West North Central.....	416,213,000	406,344,000	420,255,000	+5%	+6%
South Atlantic.....	895,236,000	895,086,000	897,801,000	+31%	+34%
East South Central.....	276,290,000	260,838,000	241,027,000	-8%	-14%
West South Central.....	311,837,000	323,474,000	347,296,000	+18%	+20%
Mountain.....	338,924,000	336,984,000	364,437,000	+12%	+17%
Pacific.....	978,005,000	1,000,587,000	1,032,727,000	+10%	+9%
Total in U. S.....	7,130,041,000	7,009,147,000	7,136,487,000	+8%	+10%

The average daily production of electricity by public utility power plants in July was 230,200,000 kwh., 1 1/2% less than the average daily output in June.

The seasonal decline in output so far this year has been less than in 1927. The lowest daily rate occurred in April this year and in July last year. These comparisons apparently indicate that the demand for electricity during the late spring and early summer of this year has been more satisfactory than in 1927.

The daily production of electricity by the use of water power in July decreased as compared with June, owing to the usual seasonal decline in the flow of streams. The output of electricity by the use of fuels for each month from April to July in 1928 was approximately the same as in the corresponding months in 1927, but the output by the use of water power for these months in 1928 was larger than in 1927—from 13% larger in April to 27% larger in July. The unusually heavy rainfall in the Eastern portion of the United States during August may have caused an increase in the output by water power as compared with July. Under normal conditions there is a decrease in production of electricity by the use of water power from July to August. The figures of output by water power in August, which will be published the first of October, will therefore be of considerable interest.

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

	1927 a	1928.	Increase 1928 Over 1927.	Produced by Water Power.	
				1927.	1928.
January.....	6,830,000,000	7,265,000,000	6%	36%	38%
February.....	6,166,000,000	6,871,000,000	11%	37%	38%
March.....	6,840,000,000	7,246,000,000	6%	39%	39%
April.....	6,482,000,000	6,853,000,000	6%	40%	43%
May.....	6,600,000,000	7,130,000,000	8%	41%	45%
June.....	6,493,000,000	7,009,000,000	8%	39%	44%
July.....	6,477,000,000	7,136,000,000	10%	37%	43%
August.....	6,693,000,000	-----	-----	36%	---
September.....	6,605,000,000	-----	-----	34%	---
October.....	6,932,000,000	-----	-----	36%	---
November.....	6,876,000,000	-----	-----	38%	---
December.....	7,211,000,000	-----	-----	38%	---
Total.....	80,205,000,000	-----	-----	37%	-----

a Revised totals. b Part of increase is due to February 1928 being one day longer than February 1927.

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

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

Lower Farm Prices for Crops in August.

The general level of farm prices received by producers on Aug. 15 was 6 points lower than on July 15, according to the monthly farm price report issued Sept. 1 by the United States Department of Agriculture, but at 139 it was still 7 points higher than on Aug. 15 last year. The base period taken as 100 is the five-year period 1909-1914. The Department also says:

Meat animals were 5 points higher in August than in July, dairy products advanced 1 point during the month, and poultry products 6 points, but the month witnessed declines in the farm prices of all the important groups of crops, grains declining 22 points, fruits and vegetables 19 points, and cotton and cottonseed 17 points. The farm price of wheat went

below one dollar a bushel for the first time in four years, and farm prices of oats and barley on Aug. 15 were below pre-war level.

The 4% rise in the farm price of hogs during the month is largely seasonal but is earlier than usual. Contributing to this situation are the decrease in receipts of live hogs at markets and the decrease in storage stocks of pork and lard. Receipts of hogs at 7 principal markets were 18% smaller in the four-week period ended Aug. 18 than for a similar period ended July 21, while pork stocks were 10.4% less on Aug. 1 than on July 1, and stocks of lard were 43% lower than on the first day of July.

The price strengthening effect of the 36% reduction in car-lot shipment of potatoes in the four-week period ended Aug. 18, compared with the four-week period ended July 21, has been more than offset by the prospects of a large crop to be harvested. The decline for the country as a whole was about 5 cents a bushel or 6% from the mid-July farm price.

Wholesale Trade During July as Reported to Federal Reserve Board—at Fairly High Level for Midsummer.

Under date of Aug. 30 the Federal Reserve Board reports that wholesale trade in July continued at a fairly high level for the midsummer season. Sales of firms included in the Federal Reserve Board's index of wholesale distribution were about 4% larger than in June. Increases were indicated in sales of dry goods, clothing, and boots and shoes, while sales of meats and drugs were in about the same volume as in June. Sales of groceries, hardware and furniture were from 5 to 8% smaller than in June. The Board's survey continues:

Compared with July a year ago, sales of the reporting firms were slightly smaller. Sales of dry goods, men's clothing, boots and shoes, furniture, and hardware were smaller than a year ago, while those of groceries, meats, women's clothing and drugs were larger. The largest increase, as compared with a year ago, was reported for sales of women's clothing, which was due principally to an unusually large growth in sales of coats and suits.

A summary of the changes in sales, by lines, in July as compared with June 1928 and July 1927, is given in the table:

CHANGES IN VALUE OF WHOLESALE SALES.

Line.	Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Sales in July '28. Compared with	
	June 1928.	July 1927.
Groceries.....	-4.5	+1.0
Meats.....	-0.8	+8.5
Dry Goods.....	+5.0	-8.3
Men's clothing.....	+74.1	-13.4
Women's clothing.....	+132.4	+14.6
Boots and shoes.....	+28.2	-8.6
Hardware.....	-6.0	-0.8
Drugs.....	-0.8	+1.8
Furniture.....	-7.6	-8.1
Total, 9 lines.....	+3.8	-1.0

Sales of agricultural machinery and machine tools declined somewhat in July from the level in June. They continued, however, at a much higher level than a year ago. Reports from 75 agricultural machinery and farm implement manufacturers to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago showed an increase of 29%, as compared with July a year ago. Orders for machine tools reported to the National Machine Tool Builders' Association were 58% larger than in July 1927.

Stocks of Wholesale Firms.—Stocks carried by reporting wholesale firms were slightly larger at the end of July than in June and were in about the same volume as a year ago. Stocks of groceries, dry goods, hardware, and furniture were smaller than a year ago, while inventories of boots and shoes were larger.

Note.—A description of the new index of wholesale distribution and of the data upon which this report is based was published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin for Dec. 1927, and the index numbers from 1919 to 1927, by months, were also given in that Bulletin. Copies of this Bulletin may be had on request from the Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board.

WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION BY LINES.^a

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

Month	Total Lines.	Groceries.	Meats.	Dry Goods.	Men's Clothing.	Women's Clothing.	Boots and Shoes.	Hardware.	Drugs.	Furniture.
<i>With adjustment for seasonal variation—</i>										
1927—										
January.....	94	93	113	83	84	77	112	92	104	98
February.....	95	93	112	87	97	75	110	93	103	98
March.....	96	96	108	90	101	67	97	98	106	101
April.....	93	95	111	86	87	68	94	94	106	96
May.....	95	97	109	87	87	69	110	91	104	98
June.....	93	98	104	88	90	65	90	92	105	102
July.....	95	91	102	88	90	79	134	92	111	109
August.....	100	97	109	102	101	72	111	97	112	109
September.....	96	94	109	91	92	66	104	99	114	103
October.....	91	90	109	86	81	54	91	94	111	99
November.....	95	94	105	89	86	67	105	100	112	100
December.....	93	92	109	87	93	61	101	97	106	89
1928—										
January.....	94	93	106	89	99	70	114	92	108	89
February.....	97	98	113	88	99	70	109	93	109	96
March.....	93	97	109	83	94	55	96	91	109	95
April.....	89	93	112	78	77	57	93	87	110	87
May.....	96	99	110	87	96	62	113	94	116	92
June.....	89	94	112	79	76	49	81	91	109	95
July.....	94	92	111	80	79	90	123	92	107	94
<i>Without adjustment for seasonal variation—</i>										
1927—										
January.....	86	86	113	78	65	71	92	82	102	86
February.....	91	81	107	88	123	95	87	82	95	98
March.....	103	94	104	95	138	108	111	102	117	114
April.....	90	90	104	76	85	64	100	96	108	97
May.....	88	95	109	76	62	39	111	93	98	93
June.....	87	101	106	78	46	28	85	96	99	80
July.....	88	92	104	81	78	43	107	90	100	84
August.....	111	97	111	125	165	98	122	98	110	111
September.....	112	102	117	113	140	95	127	106	122	117
October.....	106	102	122	99	101	87	114	105	128	118
November.....	93	100	101	88	61	45	110	98	113	105
December.....	82	90	103	70	48	39	82	90	99	83
1928—										
January.....	87	85	106	85	76	65	94	82	106	78
February.....	93	85	108	89	128	88	87	82	101	96
March.....	99	95	105	87	131	89	110	95	120	107
April.....	86	88	105	70	75	53	99	89	112	88
May.....	89	96	110	75	67	35	114	97	109	87
June.....	84	97	114	71	39	21	76	95	103	83
July.....	87	93	113	74	68	49	98	90	102	77

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

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

Table with columns for Line and Federal Reserve District, Sales—July 1928 Compared with June 1928, July 1927, Stocks—July 1928 Compared with June 1928, July 1927. Rows include Groceries, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hardware, Drugs, Furniture, Agricultural Implements, Paper and Stationery, Automobile Supplies, Cotton Jobbers, Silk Goods, Cotton Commissions, Machine Tools, Diamonds, Jewelry, Electrical Supplies.

a Sales of agricultural implements for the United States are compiled by the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. b Stocks at first of month—quantity not value. c Based upon indexes of orders furnished by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association. d Includes diamonds.

Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Retail Trade in United States—At Higher Level in July than Usual.

Retail trade was at a higher level in July than is usual in mid-summer, the Federal Reserve Board announces under date of Aug. 31, its survey for the month, reporting further as follows:

Sales of department stores and of mail-order houses reporting to the Federal Reserve System, after allowing for the usual seasonal decline, were larger than in June. The Federal Reserve Board's index of department store sales, adjusted for seasonal variations, increased to 108 for July, the highest for any month thus far this year, and the adjusted index of sales by mail-order houses was higher than at any previous time.

Compared with July of last year, sales of department stores were 3% larger and those of mail-order houses 28% larger. Sales of the different reporting chain stores, except cigar and tobacco chains, were from 5% to 19% larger. Rapid growth in sales of chain stores reflects expansion in the number of stores operated by the chain companies as well as changes in the amount of sales. Mail-order houses are also opening chain stores and other retail stores and the large increase in sales of these firms reflects to some extent sales of these additional units.

A summary of the changes in retail sales in July 1928, compared with July 1927 and of the number of stores reporting is as follows: CHANGES IN VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AND NUMBER OF STORES REPORTING.

Table with columns for Type of Store, P. C. of Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in Sales in July 1928 Compared with July 1927, Number of Stores. Rows include Department stores, Mail-order houses, Chain stores, Grocery, Five-and-ten cent, Apparel, Drugs, Cigars, Shoes, Candy.

Department Store Sales and Stocks by Federal Reserve Districts.

Department stores in nearly all Federal Reserve districts reported larger sales than usual in July, after allowance is made for seasonal changes. Compared with July of last year sales were larger in nine districts and smaller in three. Increases over July of last year were largest in the Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco Federal Reserve districts.

Inventories of merchandise carried by department stores declined in July to their low point for the summer. Compared with other recent years, inventories of the reporting firms are lower than at any time since in the summer of 1923. As a consequence of this reduction in stocks and larger sales the rate of stock turnover of department stores is higher than in 1927. For the year to date, January through July, stocks for all reporting stores were turned over 1.93 times, as compared with 1.90 times in the corresponding period of last year.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS. (Index numbers, 1923-25 average equals 100.)

Table with columns for U.S., Federal Reserve District Number (1-12), Sales (unadjusted), Stocks (unadjusted), Sales (adjusted), Stocks (adjusted). Rows include 1927-May, 1927-June, 1928-May, 1928-June for each district.

* Monthly average 1925 equals 100.

1 Boston; 2 New York; 3 Philadelphia; 4 Cleveland; 5 Richmond; 6 Atlanta; 7 Chicago; 8 St. Louis; 9 Minneapolis; 10 Kansas City; 11 Dallas; 12 San Francisco.

SALES OF MAIL ORDER HOUSES AND CHAIN STORES. (Index numbers, 1923-25 average equals 100.)

Table with columns for Mail Order Houses, Chains of Stores (Grocery, 5 & 10, Apparel, Drugs, Cigar, Shoe, Candy). Rows include Unadjusted and Adjusted for 1927-Apr, 1927-May, 1927-June, 1928-Apr, 1928-May, 1928-June.

* Note.—Number of companies reporting.

CHANGES IN SALES & STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT STORES, JULY 1928. (Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Based on Value Figures.)

Table with columns for Federal Reserve District and City, Change in Sales (July 1928 Compared with July 1927, Jan. 1 to July 31 1928 Compared with Jan. 1 to July 31 1927), Change in Stocks (July 31 1928 Compared with July 31 1927, June 30 1928). Rows include Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Allentown, Altoona, Harrisburg, Johnstown, Lancaster, Reading, Scranton, Trenton, Wilkes-Barre, Wilmington, Other cities, Total.

Table with columns: Federal Reserve District and City, Change in Sales (July 1928 vs Jan 1 to July 31 1928), Change in Stocks (July 31 1928 vs June 30 1928). Rows include Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco, and United States.

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

Table with columns: Department, Total, Federal Reserve District (Boston, New York, Cleveland, Richmond, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, San Fran.). Rows include Piece Goods, Silk and velvets, Woolen dress goods, Cotton wash goods, Linens, etc.

CHANGES IN STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT STORES, BY DEPARTMENTS (Increase (+) or decrease (-) in stocks in July 1928 compared with July 1927.)

Table with columns: Department, Total, Federal Reserve District (Boston, New York, Cleveland, Richmond, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, San Fran.). Rows include Piece Goods, Silk and velvets, Woolen dress goods, Cotton wash goods, Linens, etc.

STOCK TURNOVER OF DEPARTMENT STORES, JULY 1928.

Table with columns: Federal Reserve District and City, Rate of Stock Turnover (July 1928, Jan 1 to July 31 1928). Rows include Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Birmingham, and United States.

Business Profits in Second Quarter of 1928—15 1/2% Higher than in Same Period Last Year—Survey By New York Federal Reserve Bank.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, "second quarter corporation earnings compared more favorably with a year ago than did earnings in the first quarter of this year, especially in the oil and steel industries." The bank's survey, in its September 1 Monthly Review, goes on to say:

Reports of 222 industrial and mercantile concerns indicated net earnings about 15 1/2% larger than in the second quarter of last year, but it seems probable that this figure exaggerates the increase in corporation profits during the period—profits of tire and rubber companies, which have been greatly reduced by the decline in crude rubber prices this year, are not reported quarterly in most cases and therefore could not be included in the tabulation; and there is a tendency for the reports that are issued fairly

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

promptly after the close of a period to include an unduly large proportion of companies whose profits have increased.

The largest percentage increase over last year was in the earnings of the old companies, which during the first quarter of this year were much smaller than in 1927. Other groups to show relatively large increases were the mining and smelting and motor accessories companies. The motor group continued to report the largest actual increase in profits, about three-fourths of which represented the increase in profits of the General Motors Corporation. Steel companies as a group earned more than in the second quarter of 1927; and chemical, amusement, machine and machine manufacturing, food and food products, tobacco and miscellaneous companies all had larger second-quarter profits than last year. Railroad equipment and building supply companies, on the other hand, did not earn as much as a year ago.

For the completed half year, profits of these 222 companies were nearly 10% larger than in the corresponding period of 1927, and about 8% larger than in 1926, but these increases also are probably larger than the actual increases for all corporations.

Net profits of telephone and other public utility companies both for the second quarter and for the half year were around 9 to 10% higher than last year. Net operating income of the leading railroads increased slightly more than last year during the second quarter, but still remained somewhat below that of 1927 and 1926.

(Net profits in millions of dollars.)

Corporation Groups.	Num-ber.	Second Quarter.		First Six Months.		
		1927.	1928.	1926.	1927.	
					1926.	1927.
Motors.....	18	110	131	168	185	225
Motor accessories.....	15	8	11	17	15	17
Oil.....	25	19	27	78	45	38
Steel.....	14	43	45	92	87	81
Railroad equipment.....	5	5	3	11	10	6
Food and food products.....	26	38	39	65	68	70
Machine and machine mfg.....	20	12	13	24	24	25
Mining and smelting.....	24	15	20	29	30	36
Chemicals.....	9	12	14	20	24	27
Building supplies.....	10	6	4	10	10	7
Tobacco.....	5	3	3	3	5	4
Amusement.....	6	3	4	6	8	10
Miscellaneous.....	45	41	49	76	83	108
Total 13 groups.....	222	315	363	599	594	649
Telephone.....	89	59	65*	103	117	128*
Other public utilities.....	95	185	203	359	391	429
Total public utilities.....	184	244	268*	462	508	557*
Class I railroads.....	185	248	2	496	473	462

Railroad Revenue Freight Loading Continues Above 1,000,000 Cars per Week, But Below Two Previous Years.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Aug. 25 totaled 1,080,840 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Sept. 5. This was an increase of 23,935 cars above the preceding week, with increases being reported in the total loading of all commodities except grain and grain products, which showed a slight decrease. The total for the week of Aug. 25 was a decrease, however, of 28,501 cars below the same week in 1927 and a decrease of 47,723 cars below the corresponding week two years ago. Particulars follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 424,627 cars, an increase of 7,829 cars above the corresponding week last year and 11,003 cars above the same week in 1926.

Coal loading totaled 173,098 cars, a decrease of 21,870 cars below the same week in 1927 and 27,848 cars below the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 56,180 cars, a decrease of 4,662 cars under the same week last year but 485 cars above the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone grain and grain products loading totaled 40,497 cars, a decrease of 2,445 cars below the same week in 1927.

Live stock loading amounted to 26,906 cars, a decrease of 3,284 cars below the same week last year and 4,260 cars below the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone live stock loading totaled 19,954 cars, a decrease of 2,351 cars compared with the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 257,243 cars, a decrease of 5,401 cars below the same week in 1927 and 6,707 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading amounted to 67,438 cars, 2,552 cars below the same week last year and 3,565 cars under the same week in 1926.

Ore loading totaled 66,007 cars, 2,176 cars above the same week in 1927 but 14,473 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 9,341 cars, 737 cars below the same week in 1927 and 2,358 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 Central Western and Southwestern, which showed increases, while all except the Southwestern reported decreases compared with the same period two years ago.

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

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Four weeks in January.....	3,447,723	3,756,660	3,686,696
Four weeks in February.....	3,589,694	3,801,918	3,677,332
Five weeks in March.....	4,752,031	4,982,547	4,805,700
Four weeks in April.....	3,738,295	3,875,589	3,862,703
Four weeks in May.....	4,006,058	4,108,472	4,145,820
Five weeks in June.....	4,923,304	4,995,854	5,154,981
Four weeks in July.....	3,942,931	3,913,761	4,148,118
Four weeks in August.....	4,230,809	4,249,846	4,388,118
Total.....	32,630,845	33,684,647	33,869,468

Dun's Report of Failures in August.

Following the improvement revealed in July, the insolvency statistics for August disclose a higher business mortality. The rise occurred both in number of commercial failures and amount of liabilities, and the upward trend is in contrast to the reduction shown a year ago. Numbering

1,852, commercial failures in the United States last month are 127, or 7.4%, above the total of 1,723 reported to R. G. Dun & Co. for July, while there is an increase of 144, or 8.4%, over the 1,708 defaults in August 1927. During that period, the number of failures was moderately less than in July the same year, and there also was a decrease in August two years ago. For eight months of 1928 failures numbering 16,403 compare with 15,760 for the same months of last year, or 4% more.

The increase in the August indebtedness is much more marked than the rise in the number of defaults, the amount involved being swelled to \$58,201,830. That unusually high aggregate resulted largely from several insolvencies of exceptional size, particularly in the classification designated as "other commercial," which includes brokerage, insurance and other similar enterprises. The liabilities for last month are far above those of the four immediately preceding months, and establish a new maximum for the current year. The next highest total is the \$54,300,000 of March. Comparing with \$39,105,953 of August 1927, last month's indebtedness shows an increase of more than 48%.

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

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.		
				1927.	1926.	1926.
August.....	1,852	1,708	1,593	\$ 58,201,830	\$ 39,195,953	\$ 28,129,660
July.....	1,723	1,756	1,605	29,586,633	43,149,974	29,680,009
June.....	1,947	1,833	1,708	29,827,673	34,465,165	29,407,523
May.....	2,008	1,852	1,730	36,116,990	37,784,773	33,543,318
April.....	1,818	1,968	1,957	37,985,145	53,155,727	38,487,321
Second quarter.....	5,773	5,653	5,395	103,929,208	125,405,665	101,438,162
March.....	2,236	2,143	1,984	54,814,145	57,890,905	30,622,547
February.....	2,176	2,035	1,801	45,070,642	46,940,716	34,176,348
January.....	2,643	2,465	2,296	47,634,411	51,290,232	43,661,444
First quarter.....	7,055	6,643	6,081	147,519,198	156,121,853	108,460,339

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—AUGUST 1928.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.		
				1927.	1926.	1926.
MANUFACTURERS—						
Iron, foundries and nails.....	10	8	4	\$333,400	\$297,716	\$471,000
Machinery and tools.....	26	15	23	794,800	1,570,400	\$23,233
Woolens, carpets & knit g'ds	1	1	3	1,900,000	300,000	80,000
Cottons, lace and hosiery.....	4	2	2	651,159	35,315	17,580
Lumber, carpenters & coop.	60	64	43	3,560,000	3,252,334	2,596,917
Clothing and millinery.....	40	27	52	645,595	411,530	1,216,814
Hats, gloves and furs.....	14	6	6	173,800	97,800	94,200
Chemicals and drugs.....	4	4	3	162,700	864,000	46,771
Paints and oils.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Printing and engraving.....	22	19	24	206,600	1,461,363	174,509
Milling and bakers.....	51	29	39	553,612	312,000	419,783
Leather, shoes & harness.....	8	16	12	228,000	415,918	356,161
Tobacco, &c.....	6	13	4	33,942	224,927	19,109
Glass, earthenware & brick.	10	10	4	73,700	699,002	177,500
All other.....	237	224	230	7,524,871	4,978,762	6,021,908
Total manufacturing....	493	438	449	\$16,877,179	\$14,921,067	\$12,515,585
TRADERS—						
General stores.....	54	69	67	\$826,784	\$668,576	\$792,838
Groceries, meat and fish.....	302	272	249	2,092,833	2,064,124	1,667,634
Hotels and restaurants.....	103	79	69	2,147,335	1,989,836	741,918
Tobacco &c.....	18	20	27	108,571	114,350	240,208
Clothing and furnishings.....	155	153	122	1,898,265	1,580,823	1,293,145
Dry goods and carpets.....	66	67	65	935,488	1,208,192	1,064,238
Shoes, rubbers and trunks.....	47	52	36	510,858	379,130	488,357
Furniture and crockery.....	52	46	38	1,073,700	850,179	856,262
Hardware, stoves & tools.....	26	27	43	507,304	322,567	743,460
Chemicals and drugs.....	61	61	41	618,850	466,025	299,339
Paints and oils.....	10	7	6	118,000	28,921	105,417
Jewelry and clocks.....	27	39	28	576,000	372,544	407,898
Books and papers.....	11	4	10	101,116	26,100	871,047
Hats, furs and gloves.....	8	1	11	61,609	12,000	127,922
All other.....	307	277	259	7,526,704	4,611,680	4,360,860
Total trading.....	1,247	1,174	1,071	\$19,096,017	\$14,702,047	\$14,095,543
Other commercial.....	112	96	73	22,228,634	9,572,839	1,518,532
Total United States.....	1,852	1,708	1,593	\$58,201,830	\$39,195,953	\$28,129,660

Survey of National Association of Credit Men Finds Business Unruffled as Election Nears.

The Presidential campaign is having slight effect on business conditions, according to the August monthly survey of the National Association of Credit Men, which says that the current of business is flowing smoothly, undisturbed on the surface by either sluggish or turbulent movements usually present in a general election year. "The Presidential year ghost seems to have been laid," the survey says. "With the election only two months away, and with business in good health, one is disposed to ask where are the 'throes' of yesterday?" The survey says that the business indices, taken as a whole, are favorable. The survey, issued Sept. 4, also says:

"The leading industries have not been seriously affected by seasonal production slumps, and crop conditions are, in general, most encouraging.

"Farm income promises to be materially larger than it was a year ago. The farmers' increased buying power is estimated to be as much as \$800,000,000.

"Wholesale trade is satisfactory in all but a few lines; and retail trade in some parts of the country is noticeably buoyant.

"Production holds up well. Steel established a new record for July in spite of the small amount of business received from the railroads.

"Motor manufacture has proceeded so vigorously during the summer that predictions are being made of 1928 totals in excess of all preceding years. Textile operations are still below normal, but the shoe factories are more active, the makes of rubber footwear being particularly cheerful.

"Building construction continues at unprecedented levels. Construction contracts in the 37 Eastern states aggregated \$583,432,400 during July, the highest July total on record, exceeding the figures for July last year by nine per cent.

"Contracts awarded during the first seven months of 1928 aggregated \$4,028,299,900, which is greater by eight per cent than the total for the first seven months of 1927.

"Car loadings went over the million mark for the week ending August 4, when 1,048,622 cars of revenue freight were loaded. Bank clearings in large cities for the week ending August 16 aggregated \$6,266,427,000, a decrease of 2.4% from the preceding week, and of 7% for the corresponding week of 1927. Commodity prices rose slightly during August."

In a special survey of business conditions in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, the credit association found business men particularly cheerful. "Reports from these four states reflect the cheerful frame of mind in which all of the agricultural states now find themselves," the survey says:

Index Numbers of Retail Prices of Food.

As was indicated in our issue of Aug. 18, page 884, the retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor showed for July 15 1928, an increase of one-tenth of 1% since June 15 1928; a decrease of a little less than one-half of 1% since July 15 1927, and an increase of 53.5% since July 15 1913. The index number (1913=100.00) was 153.4 in July 1927; 152.6 in June 1928, and 152.8 in July 1928. The index numbers as made available by the Bureau follow:

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table with columns: Year and Month, Sw'n Steak, Rond Roast, Rd Roast, Ch'ck Roast, Plate Beef, Pork Ch'ps, Bacon, Ham, Hens, Milk, Butter, Ch'se. Rows include years 1907-1927 and monthly data for 1927-1928.

Review of Wheat Situation by R. W. Dunlap, Acting Secretary of Agriculture—Low Wheat Price This Year Comparable With 1923-24.

Commenting on the wheat situation the present year, R. W. Dunlap, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, has the following to say under date of Aug. 23:

The decrease in wheat prices this year has been associated with favorable crop conditions. In the last month the wheat supply situation has materially changed, and the outlook is for a world supply a little larger than that of last year. Forecasts in 20 countries of the Northern Hemisphere amount to 2,873 million bushels as compared with 2,800 million bushels produced last year. But this increase in supply will be largely offset by an increased demand and by other factors. In fact, the wheat supply situation is somewhat similar to that of 1923, when the world harvested the largest crop that had been harvested up to that time and prices fell to a low point in the first part of the marketing season. The present season may resemble that of 1923-24 in its wheat-price movements as well as in its wheat-supply position. It is well known that heavy marketings at the beginning of a season tend to depress prices too much. That is what happened in 1923-24. In that season the farm prices of wheat in the United States reached their low point in August, and ended the year considerably above the August level. It is reasonable to believe that the course of prices may follow the same trend this season.

In the long run the final governing influence on prices is the law of supply and demand. No advantage to the grower results when prices are readjusted upward if the wheat has left the farm. But he may reap very substantial advantage from an analysis of the situation which enables him to time his marketing favorably. Last year, just as in 1923-24, wheat prices fell during the early marketing and then advanced as the season progressed. The prospect that this development may have its counterpart during the present season, at least for certain classes of wheat, was indicated by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in a recent statement on the price situation, which said, "Although the highest prices paid in the past season may not be reached this season, the soft red winter wheat price level for the year should work out about equal to the average for the past season."

In the last few weeks the market appears to have been principally influenced by reports of increased production in the Northern Hemisphere and expectations of average yields in the Southern Hemisphere. Certain vital considerations on the demand side should also be taken into our reckoning. For example, the prospect of an increase in the world supply of wheat as compared with last year is offset largely by the prospect of a smaller rye crop in Europe outside of Russia. Rye production this year in all countries for which reports are available is estimated at only 557,000-000 bushels, compared with 649,000,000 bushels last year. The rye crop, of course, is an important factor in the total demand for bread grains and materially influences the price of wheat. Cereal consumption in many countries is also affected by the production of other food crops, notably potatoes. Europe's potato crop seems likely to be smaller this year than it was last year. Another important element in the situation is the prospect that Russia this year may have no wheat to export. These facts are weighty elements on the demand side of the equation.

Allowance also should be made for the fact that consumption of wheat in the form of flour is increasing, both in the United States and in other countries. In the United States it is increasing at the rate of about 6,000,000 bushels a year. That the same tendency exists in Europe can be seen from the fact that although European wheat production in 1927 was about as large as in 1923, her imports of wheat were nearly 90,000,000 bushels larger despite the fact that prices were considerably higher. Poor quality in the crop of Canada and of some European countries was a factor in the higher prices last year but a material increase in the demand for wheat, however, was also apparent. Since 1923 the world's demand for wheat seems to have increased at the rate of about 5% a year. This is due both to growth of population, and to increased per capita consumption.

It is also well to remember that the United States produces different classes of wheat which may be affected in different ways by the world situation. Our August estimate indicated an increase over the previous estimate of about 17,000,000 bushels in the soft red winter wheat production of the United States. This total, however, is still about 40,000,000 bushels less than last year, and last year's crop was below our domestic requirements. Producers of soft red winter wheat who are in a position to stay out of the usual fall marketing rush ought to find that course profitable. Our production of hard red spring wheat is so large that the market for that kind may be on an export basis, at least for a part of the crop year. Hard red winter and durum wheats likewise are abundant in supply. For these three classes of wheat, therefore, the prices are likely to be determined throughout the year by world market levels. Nevertheless it is possible that the world market as a whole has overemphasized the bearish aspects of the supply situation and may later have to correct that over-emphasis by an upward movement of prices.

Farmers who sell their crop immediately after harvest without regard to the state of the market, may have cause to regret it later. This happened with cotton in 1926-27, when an extremely low price in the marketing season, based upon large production, was followed by a substantial advance in prices later. Comparatively few farmers profited from this advance, because most of them marketed their crop as soon as it was ginned. It is not too late for large numbers of our wheat growers, equipped to do so, to protect themselves against what may be an unduly depressing influence now exercised on prices by overemphasis on the supply side of the market. Large production usually has an unduly depressing influence on prices in the early part of the marketing season, and a subsequent upward corrective tendency can generally be expected.

No statement on the wheat situation would be complete without direct reference to the effect the combine harvester has had on heavy marketing of the crop at the beginning of the season. That this is true is shown by the fact that in July of this year 35,400,000 bushels of wheat were received at the Kansas City market as compared with 18,800,000 bushels for the same month a year ago. The combine has revolutionized the harvesting of wheat by reducing costs and the time necessary to do the job. At the same time it has aggravated the early marketing situation because storage space on farms is not adequate to permit farmers to practice orderly marketing.

Ex-European Wheat Imports Growing Rapidly.

The wheat and flour trade of countries outside of Europe receives little attention, but is becoming increasingly important, according to the Food Research Institute of Stanford University. In a publication issued by the University it is stated that the average annual volume of ex-European trade increased by some 45 million bushels between 1909-13.

and 1921-26, an increase of 50 to 60%. From the same source it is learned:

Over the same period European trade increased only about 30 million bushels, or not much more than 5%. Growth of the Asiatic trade accounted for most of the increase in ex-European takings. Further growth is likely: there are few ex-European areas where domestic wheat production shows promise of obviating the need for imports; and per capita consumption of wheat is apparently increasing in most of these countries. Within a decade or so the ex-European trade may amount to as much as a fourth of the international trade, as contrasted with an eighth before the war.

European imports have always consisted chiefly of wheat, ex-European imports chiefly of flour. In the post-war period, the flour trade of ex-Europe was almost as large as that of Europe. But flour tends to become a smaller fraction of the trade in wheat and flour combined, since several important importing countries now protect their domestic milling industries. The United States remains the chief source of ex-European supplies of wheat and flour, but has become relatively less important with the more rapid expansion in the exports of Australia and Canada.

The ex-European demand appears to be rather less elastic than is commonly supposed. Year-to-year variations in the volume of trade have been large in post-war years. They appear to have been due, however, quite as much to fluctuations in the Chinese wheat crop and to a general trend upward of wheat consumption as to variations in wheat prices and concomitant substitution of other cereals for wheat.

Survey of Indiana Limestone Co. Indicates New Building Operations During August of \$600,000,000.

New building in the month just closed had a total value of about \$600,000,000, according to a nationwide survey made public Sept. 5 by the Indiana Limestone Co. President A. E. Dickinson said it brings the year's aggregate up to approximately \$4,932,000,000. This is considerably over the same period last year. "A new viewpoint is developing in the building industry," Mr. Dickinson said. "Three years ago the volume of construction was regarded by many able men as having reached boom proportions. Yet activity has continued unabated." He adds:

"To-day the fact is becoming more and more apparent that building has been stabilized around present levels and that what seems like immense programs compared with former days are necessary to meet the actual needs of commerce, industry and improved conditions in home life.

"For the past eight months the industry has shown a stability unparalleled in history. To-day there is less evidence of a recession than is usual at this time of year. Unless a radical change in general business develops, which is extremely unlikely, this will be America's biggest building year.

"One of the important factors in the huge building programs of the past few years is the growing necessity of deriving the utmost income from land that has increase in value. This tendency is particularly noticeable in the large-scale commercial, industrial and residential construction going on to-day. Skyscrapers and giant apartment buildings and hotels are paying a maximum return on the higher land values.

"In the geographical distribution of construction activity in the past month, the fast pace set in the Middle West is an outstanding feature. Chicago, hub of the Central West, has broken all records for total volume so far this year. About 45% of all construction in this section was for residential building, with commercial, public works and industrial construction also quite active.

"Southern States have chalked up new records, the largest volume of construction being for public works, with residential building running a close second.

"New York State and New Jersey have fallen off slightly from the high figures of the same period last year. This is probably due to a small recession in commercial building. New York City, however, shows an increase for the year. Residential construction accounts for 50% of all building in the section, and public works continue in large volume.

"A gain is shown in the Middle Atlantic States, residential, public works and commercial buildings bringing up the totals. While the Northwest is still slightly behind last year, the improved agricultural situation in that district will be an important factor in increasing building activity this fall. The Pittsburgh district is about keeping pace with last year."

Review of Building Situation in Illinois during July—Number of Permits in July Greater Than in June.

Illinois building activity as indicated by permits in 28 leading Illinois cities increased sharply during July, carrying the State total 7.3% above the June level and reversing the downward movement which has characterized every July following 1921, says Sidney W. Wilcox, Chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor, in his review, issued July 10, of the building situation in the State. The survey states:

Chicago office builders who applied for permits to construct new buildings costing \$8,047,000 are to be credited with the July upturn. Residential construction in Chicago, however, and total Illinois construction outside the city have both declined sharply when compared with a month ago.

During the first seven months of 1928 building is \$26,095,000 less than in the comparable period of 1927. The index of Illinois building activity indicates that construction activity is now lower than in any July following 1924. Employment records of Illinois builders also indicate that they are less busy than they were a year ago. Construction steel factories report that new orders have declined and that the competition for business has been increasing.

Prices of construction material have declined somewhat when compared with last year, according to the most recent information from the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. In May the wholesale price index of building materials in United States stood at 96.2 as compared with 97.8 in May 1927. The customary movement of wholesale prices during the present season is downward. Labor costs as indicated by union wage rates in Chicago have increased only slightly, for the majority of crafts have experienced no wage decrease during the past year.

In the Chicago area non-residential construction has been going on at an increasing rate. The issuance of a permit for a \$6,122,000 office build-

ing is the outstanding feature, although many other large items appear on Chicago's July building budget. Fifteen new factories are to be constructed whose estimated cost will be \$1,072,000, and permits have been issued for the construction of 6 schools costing approximately \$1,450,000. Apartment house building continues to decline—the past month's total including only \$1,420,000 worth of apartment house construction.

An increased volume of school construction in Evanston carried the totals of that city from \$718,250 to \$1,050,000. The building of homes followed the statewide movement with a sharp decline. Maywood and Cicero are two other centers within the metropolitan area to report increases. Wilmette, Berwyn, Blue Island, Glen Ellyn, Oak Park and Winnetka all reported reductions.

In 8 of the 16 centers outside the metropolitan area building operations increased during July. Joliet's budget of \$584,067, most of which is to be expended for stores, is the largest of any of the down-State centers. Springfield comes second with plans for buildings, the estimated cost of which is \$434,188, and the third city on the list is Peoria with a program calling for \$214,000 worth of residential construction and \$120,300 of non-residential projects. Aurora and Elgin and East St. Louis totals also are higher than in June. As indicated by permits, construction in Rockford, Waukegan, Moline and Freeport declined during the past month.

The tabulations issued by Mr. Wilcox follow:

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN 28 ILLINOIS CITIES IN JULY 1928 BY CITIES, ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.

Cities.	Total				
	July 1928.		June 1928.		July 1927.
	No. Bldgs.*	Estimated Cost.*	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	Estimated Cost.
Whole State.....	3,558	\$37,071,267	3,674	\$34,554,231	\$27,902,973
<i>Metropolitan Area—</i>					
Chicago.....	1,806	30,009,643	1,773	26,902,135	21,399,430
Berwyn.....	97	420,700	169	810,000	343,000
Blue Island.....	33	32,953	45	103,470	221,500
Cicero.....	52	514,427	57	362,751	313,803
Evanston.....	92	1,050,050	96	718,250	524,550
Glen Ellyn.....	26	99,090	24	146,875	136,700
Highland Park.....	26	221,750	31	204,280	185,560
Maywood*.....	44	374,050	42	323,475	139,725
Oak Park.....	53	416,800	60	620,075	403,804
Wilmette.....	22	203,625	23	705,327	284,815
Winnetka.....	16	87,750	26	254,500	178,900
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area—</i>					
Aurora.....	96	325,356	98	153,565	251,335
Bloomington.....	10	34,500	17	127,800	81,000
Canton.....	2	1,500	4	1,025	4,125
Danville.....	24	56,288	19	125,134	83,650
Decatur.....	96	257,975	116	420,385	400,470
East St. Louis.....	103	330,153	89	185,803	458,777
Elgin.....	92	183,890	96	143,155	173,680
Freeport.....	91	111,599	30	127,150	75,350
Joliet.....	55	584,067	51	184,800	397,300
Moline.....	110	128,805	99	209,177	86,513
Murphysboro.....	---	---	---	---	15,000
Peoria.....	155	401,840	147	327,040	350,550
Quincy.....	22	35,360	37	148,655	68,500
Rockford.....	139	376,475	205	573,775	459,050
Rock Island.....	94	135,833	106	151,506	70,565
Springfield.....	113	434,188	127	293,653	300,833
Waukegan.....	89	242,850	87	250,410	493,088

* Complete total figure exceeds detail figures by 44 buildings and \$374,050 since classified figures are not available for Maywood.

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN 28 ILLINOIS CITIES FROM JANUARY THROUGH JULY 1928, BY CITIES, ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.

Cities.	Total.		
	January-July 1928.		Jan.-July 1927.
	Number Buildings.*	Estimated Cost.*	Estimated Cost.**
Whole State.....	24,607	\$267,092,446	\$293,187,439
<i>Metropolitan Area—</i>			
Chicago.....	13,060	216,412,343	233,214,105
Berwyn.....	813	4,319,800	5,160,200
Blue Island.....	295	676,544	768,930
Cicero.....	314	2,155,528	3,126,679
Evanston.....	610	6,382,775	11,240,445
Glen Ellyn.....	173	1,145,437	964,650
Highland Park.....	225	1,664,180	1,247,286
*Maywood**.....	292	1,935,185	1,331,270
Oak Park.....	539	5,515,684	4,422,344
Wilmette.....	180	1,834,826	1,318,936
Winnetka.....	157	1,390,325	1,360,780
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area—</i>			
Aurora.....	519	1,971,255	1,778,310
Bloomington.....	94	640,800	591,400
Canton.....	17	15,475	115,170
Danville**.....	135	441,613	651,850
Decatur.....	778	2,372,140	3,578,720
East St. Louis.....	665	1,725,105	3,186,698
Elgin.....	641	1,623,912	1,142,651
Freeport.....	222	1,613,449	686,101
Joliet.....	382	2,096,240	1,635,700
Moline.....	545	715,654	540,942
Murphysboro.....	1	5,000	33,000
Peoria.....	867	1,946,555	1,814,195
Quincy.....	228	981,787	454,491
Rockford.....	990	2,956,443	4,191,086
Rock Island.....	643	633,811	907,132
Springfield.....	702	2,038,987	3,047,696
Waukegan.....	520	1,881,593	4,676,672

* Complete total figure exceeds detail figures by 292 buildings and \$1,935,185 since classified figures are not available for Maywood.

** Owing to corrections in Danville totals, the January-July 1927 grand and Danville totals exceeds the January-June 1927 totals by \$2,700.

AMOUNT OF BUILDING IN ILLINOIS AS INDICATED BY PERMITS. 1922=100.

Month.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
January.....	105.5	124.7	82.3	99.3	63.3	96.0	41.6
February.....	93.8	200.9	129.9	124.5	88.2	139.0	66.9
March.....	143.0	286.9	184.7	150.0	132.7	159.2	98.5
April.....	128.0	270.5	215.2	207.5	162.3	302.2	89.1
May.....	167.4	197.5	184.2	199.4	156.8	163.5	141.9
June.....	112.8	190.6	176.1	158.3	154.8	102.4	143.0
July.....	121.0	134.0	175.0	145.0	98.1	86.1	92.2
August.....	---	174.3	216.3	148.0	112.1	104.4	99.2
September.....	---	172.6	172.8	110.0	101.0	135.6	68.8
October.....	---	164.5	291.5	145.6	119.2	142.4	80.8
November.....	---	176.2	166.7	148.2	138.6	140.7	108.4
December.....	---	123.0	154.9	104.6	107.1	109.2	169.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES OF BUILDING MATERIALS IN UNITED STATES, 1922=100.

Month.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
January	93.4	100.3	105.2	106.8	108.1	110.2	94.2
February	93.6	99.0	104.7	108.2	108.7	112.6	93.7
March	93.6	98.0	104.0	106.3	108.5	115.4	93.1
April	95.2	97.7	102.9	104.0	108.0	118.8	93.5
May	96.2	97.8	102.0	104.3	107.3	117.6	95.6
June	---	97.3	101.7	102.5	107.7	114.3	98.8
July	---	96.4	102.3	102.2	102.1	112.0	99.9
August	---	95.6	102.4	103.5	102.6	110.2	101.3
September	---	94.8	102.4	104.0	102.8	108.4	105.5
October	---	94.2	102.4	104.2	102.7	108.7	107.6
November	---	92.8	103.0	104.4	103.4	107.9	108.3
December	---	93.0	102.1	104.8	104.7	106.6	108.3

Union Wages Paid in Chicago Building Trades.

In the review of the building situation in Illinois during July, issued Aug. 10 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor (and which we give elsewhere in this issue to-day), we find the following, compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, showing the union wage rates in the Chicago building trade.

UNION WAGE RATES IN THE CHICAGO BUILDING TRADES. Compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Year.	Rates of Wages per Hour.				
	Bricklayers.	Carpenters.	Cement Finishers.	Granite Cutters.	Plasterers.
1907	*\$0.62	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$0.68
1908	*0.62	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.68
1909	*0.67	0.56	0.57	0.56	0.68
1910	0.67	0.60	0.57	0.56	0.68
1911	0.67	0.60	0.62	0.56	0.68
1912	0.72	0.65	0.62	0.56	0.75
1913	0.75	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.75
1914	0.75	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.75
1915	0.75	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.75
1916	0.75	0.70	0.65	0.62	0.75
1917	0.75	0.70	0.67	0.75	0.75
1918	0.75	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.81
1919	0.87	0.80	0.80	1.00	0.87
1920	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.25
1921	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
1922	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
1923	1.10	1.25	1.10	1.10	1.50
1924	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.50
1925	1.50	1.25	1.25	1.50	1.50
1926	1.50	1.37	1.37	1.25	1.50
1927	1.62	1.50	1.50	1.37	1.62

Year.	Rates of Wages per Hour.				
	Plasterers and Gas Laborers.	Plumbers and Gas Fitters.	Stone Cutters.	Structural Iron Workers.	Painters.
1907	\$0.40	\$0.62	\$0.56	\$0.60	\$0.50
1908	0.40	0.65	0.56	0.60	0.50
1909	0.45	0.65	0.56	0.62	0.55
1910	0.45	0.68	0.56	0.65	0.60
1911	0.45	0.68	0.62	0.66	0.60
1912	0.45	0.68	0.62	0.68	0.60
1913	0.48	0.75	0.62	0.68	0.65
1914	0.50	0.75	0.62	0.68	0.70
1915	0.50	0.75	0.62	0.68	0.70
1916	0.50	0.75	0.62	0.68	0.70
1917	0.50	0.75	0.70	0.69	0.72
1918	0.56	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.75
1919	0.62	0.84	0.81	0.87	0.87
1920	1.06	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
1921	1.06	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
1922	0.78	1.10	1.02	1.05	1.10
1923	0.78	1.10	1.02	1.05	1.25
1924	0.78	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
1925	0.88	1.25	1.37	1.25	1.50
1926	0.93	1.50	1.50	1.37	1.50
1927	0.96	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

*With the exception of bricklayers, who worked 48 hours per week in 1907, 1908 and 1909, the standard working week has been 44 hours in all lines. a Forty hours November to March.

Business in Cleveland Federal Reserve District Tending Toward High Level of Fall Activity.

"Business in the Fourth [Cleveland] District is swinging into the Fall at a high level of activity, supported by unusually heavy operations for this season in the iron and steel industry." In thus indicating the situation in its District, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in its September 1st Review, further states:

A few weak spots exist, it is true, such as the sluggishness of the coal and clothing industries and the very general complaint as to the difficulty in making collections. But on the whole activity is undoubtedly greater than a year ago, and conditions are more like the late summer of 1926, when production of goods reached a high point after allowing for seasonal factors. Heavy automotive demand has greatly benefited Fourth District steel mills as well as parts manufacturers. A distinctly better situation now prevails in the tire industry, with half-year deficits caused by inventory losses a thing of the past and a better outlook apparent as a result of the present stability of crude rubber prices and a strong demand for tires. Orders for shoes for Fall delivery are in good volume. Building activity is slightly less than a year ago, being held back here and there by high interest rates. Retail trade in July exceeded that of a year ago. Crop conditions have improved; corn is looking better, tobacco has been helped by dry weather, and a very large oats crop is in prospect.

As to the tire and rubber industry the Bank says:

Since early July, Akron tire manufacturers have been in a much more comfortable position than in the first half-year. During the first six months profits from heavy operating schedules were more than offset by inventory losses, and as a result the semi-annual earnings statements of most tire concerns were disappointing. Now, however, inventory losses have been pretty well taken care of, and the high level of activity of previous months has been maintained or even increased as a consequence of large automobile production and the normal midsummer peak of the touring season.

Crude rubber (first latex, spot) was just under 20 cents a pound in New York on August 20, about the same as a month ago. The market has changed but little recently.

World rubber stocks, as reported by the Department of Commerce, have been steadily declining during the past six months. On February 1, they amounted to 276,670 tons; on March 1, they were 269,572 tons; and on April 1, they were 260,991 tons. Complete figures are not available since April 1, but a fairly close estimate based on partial figures put stocks at 249,000 tons on May 1; 233,000 on June 1; and 209,000 on July 1. The latter figure represents a loss of 67,670 tons, or 24%, in six months. Crude rubber consumption in this country was at an unusually high rate in July and August, amounting to some 40,000 tons in July.

Akron employment in July increased 2% over June, but was 1% less than in July of 1927.

The clothing trade is reviewed as follows:

Conditions in the clothing manufacturing business in the Fourth District are still unsettled. The depression which developed in the summer of 1927, according to reports from various sources, has not yet run its course. There are numerous evidences of deferred buying, reduced distribution and restraint in expenditures.

Prices of wool and woollens remain at reasonably low levels and production costs have not increased to any extent. These two things express themselves in the ultimate selling prices of finished garments, which now are at levels low enough to promote ready sales by retailers. However, knowing there is an overproduction, retailers are not placing many advance orders. Due to the fact that customers can secure goods on short notice, hand-to-mouth buying is still the rule.

Slight improvement is reported in the knitwear business, sales being a trifle ahead of 1927.

Sales in the retail branches of the clothing trade during July present a somewhat more encouraging picture. Gains were reported in women's coats, 11.4%; women's dresses, 5.1; misses' coats and suits, 32.0; juniors' and girls' wear, 14.2; aprons and house dresses, 20.3; knit underwear, 2.0; men's furnishings, 3.9; and boy's wear, 2.2. Men's clothing showed a decrease of 2.7% from July of last year.

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

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis States that moderate improvement in business as a whole and increasing confidence in prospects for trade and industry during the coming Autumn and Winter were reflected in reports from the various lines covering activities in this [the St. Louis] District during the past thirty days." From the Bank's Monthly Review, issued August 31, we also quote as follows:

While in many lines investigated, volume of July sales was below that of a year ago, less than the usual seasonal decrease occurred, and in a number of important instances was entirely absent. Results obtained in the iron and steel industry were better than expected, both in point of production and distribution, and at many plants unfilled orders on books were sufficient to maintain current rate of production for the next six weeks or two months. Distribution of automobiles in July fell seasonably below June, but was substantially larger than in July, 1927. Building operations of all descriptions were maintained at the high rate of recent months, and demand for lumber, cement, glass, quarry products and other construction material was brisk.

The more seasonable weather and improved crop prospects served to stimulate the movement of merchandise through both retail and wholesale channels. Wholesalers of groceries, apparel, dry goods, boots and shoes and other goods for common consumption report that since the middle of July orders have been arriving in good volume, and numerous buyers who earlier in the year had been purchasing closely and with extreme caution, are now seeking to provide more freely for future requirements. Department stores in the principal cities showed a gain in July sales of 6.9 per cent over the same month last year, and good gains were also made by five and ten cent stores, mail order houses and chain stores. Debits to checking accounts in July declined 12.2% as compared with June, but were 5.0 per cent larger than in July, 1927, and for the first seven months of the year the total is 6.8% larger than for the corresponding period last year.

The employment situation developed some unevenness, but the general trend was upward. The heavy call for laborers in the harvest fields and other outdoor occupations more than counterbalanced the number released by reduced operations at industrial plants. A surplus of coal miners still exists in all fields of the district, but employment in the lead and zinc areas gained. Railroads, automobile plants and flour mills increased their forces, and in other major industries only slight variation from the preceding thirty days was noted. Crop prospects improved materially in July and early August, but this favorable development was offset in large measure by the sharp decline in the price of cereals and other important farm products.

Conditions in the bituminous coal trade failed to register any improvement, demand from both industrial and domestic consumers continuing dull. Competition between the several fields is unusually keen, and the trend of prices was lower. Industrial stock piles are still large, and are diminishing more slowly than had been expected. The abandonment of the Jacksonville wage scale by the United Mine Workers injected a further element of uncertainty in the price situation, and numerous consumers were disposed to postpone commitments until the results of that policy are more clearly defined. Contracting by retail dealers progressed slowly, the principal reason being backwardness on the part of householders in ordering their fall and winter supplies. The domestic demand in the country was reported generally quieter than at any similar period in more than a decade. In the Illinois and Indiana fields mines were operating on an average of barely three days per week. Operators in western Kentucky reported customers delaying contracting on account of labor developments in Illinois and Indiana. Generally there were increasing complaints of accumulation of loaded cars at mines for which no orders had been received. Purchasing by the railroads was on conservative lines, and reserve stocks of a number of western roads are still large. In the chief urban centers, retailers report steadily increasing competition of fuel oil, coke and gas. For the country as a whole production of bituminous coal for the present calendar year to August 11, approximately 185 working days, amounted to 285,098,000 tons, against 325,673,000 tons for the corresponding period last year and 324,847,000 tons in 1926.

Improvements in Crops in Dallas Federal Reserve District—Distribution of Merchandise Affected by Seasonal Influences.

In summarizing conditions in its District, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas has the following to say in its Sept. 1 issue:

The rapid improvement in the condition of growing crops following the heavy general rains late in July stands out as the most important development in the business and industrial situation in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District during the past thirty days. A good wheat crop has been harvested and marketed at a fair price. The indicated yield of the corn crop, while less than in 1927, is substantially above the average production and the yield of grain sorghums bids fair to exceed that of a year ago by a considerable margin. Likewise, most of the minor crops promise fair to good yields. The cotton crop which is the district's largest cash crop, is in fair to good condition in all sections of the district except in South Texas and isolated localities elsewhere. In fact, the Aug. 1 report of the Department of Agriculture indicates that the production this year will reach the second highest total on record. Nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that the fields in most sections of the district are infested with weevils or other insects and while damage to date has been slight, except in a few instances, the presence of the insects in large numbers presents a serious potential danger to the crop which may serve to greatly reduce the final yield. The outlook for this district, however is encouraging in view of the fact that the condition of the crop in many of the other cotton growing states is poor to only fair, which may serve to hold down the total production for the United States.

The livestock situation has likewise shown a material change for the better. While conditions in some portions of the district had become acute prior to the July rains, range grass in practically all sections of the district has been revived and has made rapid growth in recent weeks. Livestock generally held up well during the dry period and since the improvement in range conditions have been mending very fast.

Distribution of merchandise in wholesale and retail channels was effected by seasonal influences. Sales of department stores were 27% less than in the previous month, but were 3% larger than in July 1927. Wholesale distribution was well sustained during the month and exceeded that of a year ago by a substantial margin. While there has been no change from the conservative policies followed by retail merchants, yet sentiment is steadily improving and more interest is being manifested in the requirements for fall trade.

The past month witnessed a substantial increase in the demand for credit. Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks rose to \$29,637,609 on Aug. 15 which compares to \$14,262,129 on July 15, and \$11,480,168 on Aug. 15 1927. While loans to country banks have shown a substantial increase, the bulk of the Federal Reserve Bank funds has been absorbed by reserve city banks. The combined deposits of member banks, which stood at \$884,601,000 on July 11, were \$17,244,000 greater than on June 13, and were \$102,921,000 larger than a year ago. Reports from 650 member banks in response to a questionnaire sent out by the Federal Reserve Bank relative to financial conditions indicate that the returns from this year's crops will enable most farmers, except in a few localities, to liquidate the current season's borrowings and in a majority of instances will provide a surplus to apply on carryover indebtedness or to serve as purchasing power for current or future needs. This, together with the fact that member bank deposits are at a record level for this season of the year, emphasizes the strong financial position of the Southwest.

Construction activity reflected a further sharp decline during July. The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities showed a decline of 13% as compared to the previous month and was 7% less than in July 1927. In fact, the total for the month reached the lowest level in nearly two years. The production, shipments, and new orders for lumber and the production and shipments of cement, on the other hand, showed a substantial improvement as compared to the previous month and the same month last year.

Wholesale Trade.

The distribution of merchandise in wholesale channels was well sustained during July. While sales in some lines were smaller than in the previous month, in all lines except dry goods they were larger than a year ago. During the first three weeks of July buying was held in check due to the dry weather over a large portion of the district which temporarily beclouded the agricultural outlook. Following the rains late in July and the subsequent improvement in crop conditions, there has been a noticeable expansion in the demand for merchandise in both wholesale and retail channels. While merchants are still following conservative merchandising policies and are watching closely the progress of crops, recent developments have been of a constructive nature and there seems to be a confident expectation of good business during the fall. Collections in most lines during July were seasonably slow.

The demand for dry goods has shown some improvement. Sales of reporting firms exceeded those of the previous month by 29.1% due to seasonal influences, yet they fell 6.3% below those for the corresponding month a year ago. The opening of the fall buying season in leading centers early in August attracted a large number of buyers and while reports are to the effect that buying has been on a large scale, yet there is a strong disposition to keep purchases on a conservative basis. While buyers are taking a large assortment of merchandise they are buying in small quantities. Collections were on about the same basis as in the previous month. The outlook is reported to be favorable.

After showing substantial increases during May and June, the sales of farm implements reflected a seasonal recession in July. While sales were 18.1% less than in June, they exceeded those in the corresponding month last year by 32.6%. Recently business has been stimulated by the improvement in crop conditions, yet buying is on a conservative basis as farmers are awaiting more definite information regarding the outcome of the cotton crop before making heavy purchases. Reports from the trade indicate that the outlook for fall business is good in most sections of the district. Prices remained generally firm.

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

A substantial improvement in the demand for hardware was noted during the past month. Sales were 8.3% larger than in the previous month and exceeded those of the same month last year by 16.3%. Although buying is somewhat backward in some sections, the outlook for the future is good. Collections were seasonably slow in July.

While July is normally a quiet month in the wholesale drug trade, business was well sustained this year. Sales were 1.0% less than in the previous month but were 1.3% greater than in the same month last year. While collections were slow during July due to seasonal factors, dealers are expecting good collections during the fall. Late reports indicate that business in August is showing some improvement and prospects point toward good fall trade.

The sales of reporting wholesale grocery firms reflected a seasonal decline of 3.0% as compared to the previous month but were 10.5% greater than in the corresponding month of 1927. Reports indicate that buying has been well sustained for this season of the year and, due to the favorable outlook for agriculture, prospects for fall business are good in practically all sections of the district. Prices remained generally steady. Collections were seasonably slow in July.

Retail Trade.

Summer quietude prevailed in the retail channels of distribution during July. Sales of department stores in the larger cities reflected a seasonal decline of 27.0% as compared to the previous month, yet they were 3.3% larger than in the corresponding month last year. The hot weather has greatly stimulated the sales of summer merchandise. Reports indicate that business during August is holding up well and recently the stores have been featuring "clearance sales" in order to clear their shelves of summer merchandise in preparation for fall goods.

Stocks on hand at the end of July were 5.5% smaller than a month earlier and were 7.9% less than a year ago. The rate of stock turnover for the first seven months of 1928 was 1.61 as compared to 1.51 during the same period in 1927.

Collections reflected a seasonal decline in July. The ratio of July collections to accounts outstanding on July 1st was 34.3% as compared to 36.1% in June and 33.5% in July, 1927.

Volume of Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District During July Below That of Year Ago—Labor Conditions—Wholesale and Retail Trade.

In its summary of business conditions in its District, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond has the following to say in its Monthly Review dated August 31:

Business in the Fifth [Richmond] Federal reserve district in July was seasonably in less volume than in June, and on the whole seems to have been somewhat below the volume of business transacted in July a year ago. At the end of August conditions are quite spotted, with both favorable and unfavorable factors in evidence. The credit facilities of the Fifth district are being used much more extensively now than was the case a year ago, but there was less expansion in credit demand in July and the first half of August than occurs in most years. Prospects for agriculture are good insofar as yields of most crop are concerned, but the price situation in cotton, tobacco, and some truck crops is less satisfactory than a year ago. Tobacco prices especially are much lower than in 1927. Tobacco factories are operating full time, but textile mills are working short hours and disposing of their output with difficulty. Construction work in the district is in larger volume than a year ago, but much of it is of a type which requires relatively few workmen and labor is not fully employed. Business failures in the Fifth district in July were comparatively more numerous than in the United States as a whole, and debts totals reported by the banks in leading trade centers were below those of the corresponding period last year. Retail trade in July as reflected in department store sales was approximately 3% larger than the volume of trade in July 1927, but wholesale trade in most lines was in smaller amount than a year ago. In the Carolinas and Virginia crops were more or less damaged by floods around the middle of August. In view of poor prices for tobacco, potatoes, peaches, and some other agricultural products, together with reduced payrolls at textile mills and the number of idle workers in the district, the purchasing power of the district is probably lower this year it was a year ago, which may have an unfavorable influence on fall trade when it opens up in September and October.

The Bank states that the employment situation was complicated by excessive rains and floods during the first half of August, and little progress was made on street, road and other outdoor construction work. It adds, however, repairment of the damage done by high water will give employment to hundreds of additional workers during the next few weeks, and will further reduce the number of unemployed. Except for the changes brought by flood conditions in Virginia and the Carolinas, there were few changes in employment figures during the past month. Textile mills resumed operations after a shutdown early in July, but most of them are running only part time. The demand for coal continues seasonably slow, but production in July was higher than in June this year or July last year. Tobacco factories are running full time, and the curing and marketing of tobacco has recently given employment to some workers.

As to wholesale and retail trade the Bank says:

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale trade in the Fifth reserve district in groceries was in larger volume in July this year than in July a year ago, but sales by reporting firms selling dry goods, shoes, hardware, furniture and drugs were in smaller amount during the 1928 month. In comparison with sales in June this year sales in July were larger in shoes, furniture and drugs, but were smaller in groceries, dry goods and hardware. During the first seven months of 1928, sales by the reporting grocery firms exceeded sales during the corresponding seven months of 1927, but sales in all other lines were less this year.

Stocks of goods on the shelves of the reporting firms at the end of July were larger in groceries and dry goods than stocks on July 31, 1927, but shoe and hardware stocks were smaller last month. Grocery stocks were smaller on July 31st than on July 30th, both this year, but dry goods, shoe and hardware stocks increased during July.

The percentage of collections in July to accounts receivable on July 1st were lower this year than last in all lines except dry goods and drugs, furniture experiencing the greatest decline. A comparison of the July collection percentages with those of June this year shows declines in every line except dry goods. Hardware and furniture percentages both showed marked recessions from those of the preceding month.

Retail Trade

Retail trade in the Fifth reserve district in July, as measured by dollar sales in thirty leading department stores, averaged 3.1% more than in July 1927, but was seasonably below the volume of trade in June of this year. Total sales during the first seven months of this year averaged 3-10ths of 1% above sales during the corresponding seven months last year. July 1928 sales were 5.2% above average July sales during the three years 1923-1925, inclusive.

Stocks on the shelves of the reporting stores, at retail prices, were 2.6% less at the end of July 1928 than at the same time a year earlier, and were 4.3% less than stocks on hand on June 30th this year, the latter being a seasonal decline.

The percentage of sales during July to average stocks carried during the month totaled 21.2%, and the percentage of total sales during the seven elapsed months this year to average stocks carried during each month was 176.3%, a slightly higher figure than 174.8% reported by the same stores for the first seven months in 1927.

Collections by twenty-nine of the thirty reporting stores during July totaled 27.3% of outstanding receivables as of July 1st, a lower rate than was reported for June this year but higher than the average of 25.0% collected in July last year. Baltimore, Richmond and Washington percentages of collections were higher this year than in July 1927, but the Other Cities group reported slower collections for July this year.

New Automobile Models Announced.

The Packard Motor Car Co. on Sept. 5 announced an entirely new car, the "Packard Standard Eight," which will appear in 10 new body styles and will be equipped with an eight-in-line motor. This car will be offered in two wheel-base lengths—126 and 133 inches. The prices range from \$2,435 for the 5-passenger sedan to \$2,835 for the sedan-limousine (prices at the factory).

Dodge Brothers, Inc., on the same date announced the new "Senior Six" available in six body types at the following prices:

The sport sedan, \$1,795; the sport coupe with rumble seat, \$1,795; the landau sedan, \$1,845; these prices include 6 wire wheels and 6 tires. The Victoria brougham, \$1,575; the sedan, \$1,675; the coupe with rumble seat, \$1,675. All prices are f.o.b. Detroit. Front and rear bumpers included.

The price of the Dodge Brothers new Victory Six, recently announced, ranges from \$995 to \$1,295, and the Standard Six from \$875 to \$970.

Purchasing Power of Farm Products Near High Point of 1920—Livestock Situation Good—Crop Situation Impaired.

With the purchasing power of farm products close to the highest point reached since 1920, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, reports continued financial improvement in the livestock industries but lower markets for some of the major crops, in its monthly summary of the agricultural situation, made available Aug. 28.

"Beef cattle producers are once again in strong position after all their hard times," the bureau says. "Hogs are apparently on the upswing of a price cycle. The dairy industry is in relatively good shape, with market milk prices at about the highest level since 1920, with feed prices easing off, and with cows at very high values. Even the sheep industry is still doing well in spite of all its expansion. The widespread tendency now to raise more young stock is evidence of the relative prosperity of the animal industries."

Discussing the crop situation, the Bureau reports "a very heavy movement of wheat to market, though more recently the lower prices have disposed farmers to hold their wheat where they are able." Continuing it says:

"Conditions have not been very encouraging in the wheat sections during the past month, the decline in prices having affected the income of thousands of growers. Considerable winter wheat went to the elevators last month at prices of from 75 to 85 cents a bushel to the growers.

"Wheat land is being fitted now for the next crop and sowing is under way in Kansas. Complaints of dry soil are quite general. Reports from about 20,000 farmers, made as of August 1, indicate intentions to decrease the acreage of wheat this fall about 2% below that sown last fall. Experience indicates that the acreage actually sown is usually about 6% less than is intended on August 1. The chief reductions intended this fall are in the Corn Belt and Oklahoma and Texas. Montana and the Pacific Northwest indicate intentions to increase their wheat acreage.

"The declining market for wheat has been shared also by corn and potatoes. In the case of corn, the lowered price to the grower of cash corn is offset, in part, by the gain to the livestock feeder. Potatoes, however, are sold directly out of the agricultural community and a price of 25 or 30 cents a bushel represents serious hardship to some of the large potato growing sections."

The Bureau's general index of purchasing power of farm products, in terms of things that farmers buy, is placed at 93 for July, the five prewar years being considered as 100. This is close to the highest point reached since 1920. The bureau's index numbers are based on retail prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living and production.

Canadian Wheat Pool Board Sets First Payment for 1928-1929 Crop—Initial Instalment 85 Cents for No. 1 Northern at Lakehead.

A Canadian Press dispatch from Winnipeg Aug. 27 in the Toronto "Globe" said:

The Central Board of the Canadian Wheat Pool, in an official statement issued today by E. B. Ramsey, Secretary and Manager, announces that the initial payment for the 1928-29 crop will be 85 cents a bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, at Fort William.

"The Wheat Pool Board, in taking a consistent policy pursued from the formation of the pool," Mr. Ramsey stated.

Market Conditions Considered.

"The initial payment made by the Alberta Pool when it began operations in 1923 was 75 cents a bushel. The initial payment for the four subsequent years was \$1 a bushel. The initial payment has always been based upon market conditions at the opening of the crop-year and bears no relation to the price per bushel ultimately received by the pool members.

"We are starting the new crop year practically sold out. The rumors that have been circulated during the past year in respect to the large stocks of wheat held by the pool are therefore entirely refuted.

Member's Faith Firm.

"The recent pool interim payment, which brought the price already paid to our members for the last year's crop up to \$1.40 a bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, Fort William, should have made any reference to such rumors unnecessary. The endorsement of the pool by the great majority of grain-growing farmers of Western Canada, who have signed up for another five-year term, is sufficient proof that the faith of our members in orderly marketing has not been shaken."

Wheat Price Cut by Canadian Pool Hits Buying in New York—Reasons Advanced for 15 Cents Reduction Are Held to Favor Bear Account.

In the New York grain trade the Canadian Wheat Pool announced reduction of 15 cents in the pool contract price at which pool farmers are to sell their 1928 wheat crop to that organization was regarded as the most bearish factor of the past 10 days, said the "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 4. In its further observations it stated:

Long absent from the market, the reappearance of resales of ocean freight cover and of the grain so provided for, at Montreal and New York, followed the cut in price announcement of President A. J. MacPhail of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, the central selling agency of all the divisional pools.

Mr. MacPhail's announcement and explanation were given to the Canadian press at Regina on Wednesday, and the reletting of space in ocean tonnage and the resale of grain cargoes thus covered was for the first time in many months, according to the trade, in important volume on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In his statement of the reduction from \$1 to 85c of the minimum contract price on the basis of Fort William-Port Arthur delivery at which the pool undertakes the marketing of approximately six-tenths of the Canadian wheat crop, Mr. MacPhail said:

The fact that it has been considered necessary to lower the initial payment to 85 cents and to abandon the level which has obtained since the formation of the central selling agency is regrettable, especially when Western Canada has recently suffered a more or less severe frost, the damage from which can scarcely be appraised as yet. Nevertheless, in a year like this, when there is a probability that there would be more bushels of wheat harvested in Canada than in any previous year, it is of the very greatest importance that the pool place itself in the strongest possible financial position.

Mr. MacPhail then referred to the agreement of the pool with the banks, to maintain a 15% margin of safety over and above the initial payment. "It is easy to see that when the price of wheat goes below \$1.15 the margin has disappeared," says Mr. MacPhail. "While the responsibility for the recent drastic decline in prices has been laid at the door of the pool by many people, nothing could be further from the truth," says the statement. "When the business of the central selling agency is finally reported to pool members it will be shown conclusively that the pool was in no way responsible for the decline." He then compared the Canadian grain in stock of this year and that of 1927, showing that on July 1 it was more than double that of the year before.

In the past three months the dollar value of Winnipeg and Chicago wheat has declined almost 60%. Before that decline had reached what was generally regarded as the irreducible minimum of \$1.10 for the next future delivery in each market, the growing attractiveness of the stock market brought about a general exodus of outside speculators in wheat. The failure of wheat after a 60c decline to recover more than 5c of so great a loss was generally attributed to the recognized difficulty of lifting up wheat prices to higher levels under such a weight of crop as must be marketed.

To that discouragement to buying, whether for speculation, investment or the flour trade, the MacPhail statement, not of a forecast, but of market condition affecting six-tenths of the Canadian crop, is regarded as adding an especial source of depression, although the pool will as heretofore doubtless realize returns much above its inside buying price and spread them in premium payments over the year. The reduction, however, places the "Street" or farm price of wheat on average at around 70c—a pre-war level.

Immediate Outlook Favorable for the Sheep Industry—Growers, However, Cautioned against Undue Expansion.

Increased marketings and slaughter of lambs, accompanied by an improved consumptive demand for lamb, and a continued good world demand for wool are indicated during the next nine months, according to the mid-summer sheep and wool outlook report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. With reference to the long-time outlook the bureau says "sheep production in the United States has been rapidly expanding and suggests the need for considerable caution in regard to further expansion."

"The lamb crop of 1928 as indicated by the June lamb survey," the Bureau says on Aug. 5, "was 8% larger than in 1927. Practically all of the increase was in the western lamb States. The largest increases in western lambs were in the early lambing areas of these States and in the late lambing States."

The keen demand for ewe lambs, as shown by the high reported prices current in the West, says the report, indicates that few ewe lambs of desirable type for range breeding flocks will be shipped for slaughter this fall. An increase of around 800,000 head of sheep and lambs, both native and western, in shipments, either to markets or direct to feed lots, from August to November seems likely. This increase of 800,000 head will be reflected in federally inspected slaughter of sheep and lambs during the 9 months, August 1928, to April 1929. How this increase will be distributed during this period depends upon the proportions of the western supply that go to immediate slaughter or to feed lots. In view of the favorable prospects for an increased production of feed grains this year over last and the scarcity and higher prices of feeding cattle, a good demand for feeding lambs is anticipated this fall.

Some improvement in the consumer demand for lamb is indicated according to the report, which states that "with the probable purchasing power of consumers better than

in the last 6 months of 1927, with smaller supplies and higher prices of competing meats, and an apparent upward trend in the demand for lamb, both per capita and that due to population growth, a better consumer demand for lamb seems probable during the last half of 1928 and early 1929 than during this period a year earlier." The report also says:

The relatively high prices of live lambs this year as compared with carcass prices may be largely attributed to the increase in wool and pelt values. The present relationship between price and the quantity of lamb moving into consumption indicates that the higher general price level of all commodities may be a contributing factor in supporting the present level of prices of dressed lamb.

Summarizing the wool situation, the report states:

The world demand for wool in 1929 seems likely to continue as good or better than in 1928. Increased business activity, general growth of population, a continuation of the economic recovery of European countries, and increasing industrialization of the Orient will tend to strengthen the demand for wool. According to the latest reports, stocks of wool in the important surplus producing countries are but slightly larger than at the corresponding date last year. While the world's supply of wool during the next twelve months, therefore, seems likely to be somewhat larger than last year, the total supply will probably be little larger than the supply available for the 1926-27 season.

Sheep producers are cautioned against undue expansion. The increase in lamb slaughter has been largely offset by the upward trend in the consumer demand for lamb with the result that prices have been comparatively steady for several years, hence the domestic market can absorb some increase in lamb production each year at least in line with the normal increase in population.

The summary of the long-time outlook says that "slaughter during the past few years has been restricted or held down due to the tendency to expand flock numbers and when this tendency ceases it is to be expected that the equivalent of the yearly increase in flock numbers during the past few years will go to increase supplies of sheep and lambs for slaughter."

Review of Meat Packing Industry by Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

In its Monthly Business Conditions Report issued September 1, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago states that production at slaughtering establishments in the United States showed a recession in July from the preceding month and a year ago. Employment for the last payroll in the period declined 0.2% in number, 3.3% in hours worked, and 2.8% in total value from the corresponding figures of June. The Bank also makes the following observations:

Domestic demand improved for smoked and prepared meats, averaged good for salt pork and lard, fair for fresh pork, a trifle irregular for lamb, and remained rather slow for beef. The total value of sales billed during July to domestic and foreign customers by fifty-six meat packing companies in the United States was 0.8% less than in June and 8.5% greater than last year. Domestic inquiry during the early part of August averaged between good and fair. Chicago quotations for most products advanced in July over the preceding month; prices of lamb, bacon, and a few of the commoner cuts of beef eased. Inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States were a little lower on August 1 than at the beginning of July or last year, but slightly in excess of the 1923-27 August 1 average. Stocks of lard, lamb, and frozen pork were heavier than a year ago.

July shipments for export were heavier than in June. Foreign demand for meats showed a slight improvement, but inquiry for lard remained rather quiet both on the Continent and in the United Kingdom. Consignment stocks already abroad and in transit to European countries were indicated as slightly larger on August 1 than at the beginning of July; some companies reported a decrease. Lard prices continued somewhat below Chicago parity, while quotations for meat were fairly well in line with those in the United States.

Net Return Received in 1927 by Producer of Live Stock Exceeds That of Previous Three Years—Decline in Amount Paid For Freight.

The net return received by the producer of live stock, after freight and other distribution costs have been paid, was the greatest in the year 1927 for any similar period in the last four years, according to a study just completed and made public to-day (June 9) by the Bureau of Railway Economics into the relationship of live stock prices to transportation costs. The distribution of each dollar paid by the purchaser of live stock, which includes cattle and calves, hogs, and sheep, follows:

Item—	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
To freight.....	5.6 cts.	4.5 cts.	4.3 cts.	3.8 cts.
To other distribution costs.....	3.0 cts.	2.5 cts.	2.3 cts.	2.2 cts.
To the producer or shipper.....	91.4 cts.	93.0 cts.	93.4 cts.	94.0 cts.
Total.....	100.0 cts.	100.0 cts.	100.0 cts.	100.0 cts.

The portion of the live stock purchaser's dollar accruing to the producer or shipper, according to the study, increased from 91.4c. in 1924 to 94c. in 1927. The proportion paid for freight decreased from 5.6c. in 1924 to 3.8c. in 1927, while that portion paid for other distribution costs, which include feed and bedding en route, stock yard expenses and com-

missions, has been steadily decreasing from 3c. in 1924 to 2.2c. in 1927.

The study of the Bureau of Railway Economics is based on sales made at ten large markets in 1924, 1925, 1926, and 1927. The ten markets are: Baltimore, Md.; Chicago, Ill.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Ft. Worth, Tex.; Jersey City, N. J.; Kansas City, Mo.; Lancaster, Pa.; Nashville, Tenn.; South Omaha, Neb., and South St. Paul, Minn. The bulletin says:

"The average price paid by the purchaser for the three classes of live stock combined was \$7.36 per hundred pounds in 1924, \$8.93 in 1925, \$9.27 in 1926, \$9.56 in 1927, and \$8.65 over the four years. The average amount absorbed by freight charges was 41c. per hundred pounds in 1924, 40c. in 1925 and 1926, 37c. in 1927, and 40c. over the four years. Other costs of distribution averaged 22c. per hundred pounds in 1924 and 1925, 21c. in 1926 and 1927, and 22c. over the four years. The average net proceeds to the seller at shipping point was \$6.73 per hundred pounds in 1924, \$8.31 in 1925, \$8.66 in 1926, \$8.98 in 1927, and \$8.03 per hundred pounds over the four years. Thus on a hundred-pound basis, the price paid by the purchaser increased gradually each year and the combined freight charges and other costs of distribution declined slightly each year, whereas the net proceeds to the seller at shipping point increased gradually each year. The increase over the four-year period in net proceeds per hundred pounds to the seller at shipping point was both relatively and actually greater than the increase in average price paid by the purchaser."

Department of Agriculture Announces New Section in Office Grain Standards To Provide Separate Classification For "Cereal" Oats.

An order amending the official grain standards of the United States for oats by adding a new section to provide a separate classification for "cereal" oats was signed by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine June 1 1928. The new section, which becomes effective August 30 1928, is as follows:

"Section 16—Cereal Oats.—Cereal oats shall be oats which have been sized with the result that their commercial quality is not reflected by the numerical grade designation, including Sample Grade, alone. Cereal oats shall be graded and designated according to the grade requirements of the standards applicable to such oats if they were not cereal oats, and there shall be added to, and made a part of, such grade designation the word 'Cereal.'"

American Tobacco Industry In 1927—Crop Exceeded A Billion Pounds

The Department of Commerce announced on Aug. 29 that it will shortly issue the annual bulletin on Stocks of Leaf Tobacco, etc., for 1927 (Census Bulletin No. 163). The Bulletin assembles the quarterly reports of stocks of leaf tobacco. It also contains data regarding the acreage in and production of tobacco by States and by types; the prices obtained for tobacco by the growers; the number of registered factories and bonded manufacturing warehouses of class 6; the quantity of tobacco consumed; the quantities of the several tobacco products manufactured; revenue collected on tobacco; the quantities of leaf tobacco and tobacco products imported, exported, and stored in United States bonded warehouses. The object of the bulletin has been to assemble in one publication the statistics for the various phases of the tobacco industry and to present them in convenient form for ready reference. In its announcement the Department further says:

According to the bulletin, 1,576,800 acres were planted in tobacco in 1927, while the production from that crop amounted to 1,211,301,000 pounds. There were imported during the year 102,753,626 pounds of leaf tobacco valued at \$74,616,389, as well as tobacco products to the value of \$8,370,810. While the exports of leaf tobacco amounted to 506,252,000 pounds valued at approximately \$139,000,000, and tobacco products valued at \$16,527,000. The combined production of cigars in registered factories and in bonded manufacturing warehouses was 7,008,257,000; of cigarettes, 105,282,786,000; and of chewing and smoking tobacco and snuff, 399,039,000, pounds. There were 7,093,000,000 cigarettes exported during the year leaving about 98,000,000,000, factory made cigarettes for consumption in the United States. Revenue collected during the year amounted to \$375,000,000. Of this total North Carolina contributed \$185,728,000; Virginia, \$57,775,000; New York, \$26,237,000; New Jersey, \$19,957,000; Pennsylvania, \$17,919,000.

Of the total number of "large" cigars, (6,495,000,000) removed tax paid during the calendar year 1926, 2,860,000,000, or 44% were intended to retail for not more than 5 cents; 939,000,000, or 15%, for more than 5 cents but not more than 8 cents; 2,555,000,000, or 39%, for more than 8 cents but not more than 15 cents; and 140,000,000, or 2%, for more than 15 cents. The character of the cigars manufactured in the several districts varies greatly. About two-thirds of the total production of cigars in Florida was intended to retail for more than 8 cents each. On the other hand, about 94% of the total production in Virginia was intended to retail for not more than 5 cents. West Virginia and the 23rd District of Pennsylvania, the home of the "stogie," also show a very large percentage of the total production to retail for 5 cents or less.

Seasonal Decline in Canadian Exports of Pulp and Paper During July—Higher Than in 1927.

Canadian exports of pulp and paper in July were valued at \$15,122,162, according to the report issued by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. This was a decline of \$379,905 from the previous month, but the decline was seasonal and the total for the month was \$1,448,485 higher

than for the month of July, 1927. The Toronto Globe, from which we quote, adds:

Wood pulp exports in July were valued at \$3,896,754 and exports of paper at \$11,225,408, as compared with \$3,939,810 and \$11,562,257 respectively in June.

Quantities and values for the various grades of pulp and paper were as follows:

	July, 1928	
	Tons.	Value
Pulp—		
Mechanical.....	17,006	\$478,337
Sulphide blechd.....	23,557	1,732,910
Sulphite unblechd.....	16,719	823,397
Sulphate.....	13,934	821,670
Screenings.....	1,877	40,440
Total.....	73,095	\$3,896,554
Paper—		
Newsprint.....	167,456	\$10,765,033
Wrapping.....	1,341	147,938
Book (cwts.).....	4,907	45,913
Writing (cwts.).....	1,101	10,330
All other.....		256,194
Total.....		\$11,225,408

For the first seven months of the current year the total value of exports of wood pulp and paper from Canada was \$109,226,243, as compared with a total of \$98,683,491 in the corresponding months of 1927, an increase for this year of \$10,542,752, or nearly 11%.

Exports of wood pulp for the seven months amounted to \$26,236,634 and exports of paper to \$82,989,609, as compared with \$26,787,095 and \$71,896,396 respectively in the seven months of 1927.

Details for the seven months are as follows:

	Seven Months	
	Tons.	Value
Pulp—		
Mechanical.....	103,927	\$2,827,380
Sulphide blechd.....	147,420	11,070,136
Sulphite unblechd.....	125,396	6,333,246
Sulphate.....	95,544	5,659,481
Screenings.....	17,077	346,391
Total.....	489,364	\$26,236,634
Paper—		
Newsprint.....	1,232,836	\$79,469,925
Wrapping.....	9,371	1,026,819
Book (cwts.).....	36,243	302,821
Writing (cwts.).....	2,825	26,967
All other.....		1,163,077
Total.....		\$82,989,609

Pulpwood exports in the seven months of this year amounted to 931,357 cords, valued at \$8,917,914, which was a decline from the 1,038,988 cords, valued at \$10,088,884, exported in the seven months of 1927.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

Shipments of lumber from mills in the Douglas fir region reached a new high level for the week ended Aug. 25, as shown in reports from 176 major mills in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. These mills reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association as follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS, AND SHIPMENTS.

176 mills report for week ending Aug. 25 1928.

(All mills reporting production, orders and shipments for last week.)

Production.	Orders.	Shipments.
170,140,753 feet.	153,261,270 feet.	178,967,062 feet.
100%.	9.92% under production.	5.19% over production.

Shipments were 5.19% in excess of lumber production; orders were 9.92% below.

Reports from 226 identical mills in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia received by the association show that production at these plants was 12.40% under their normal operating capacity. These 226 mills, with a normal weekly operating capacity of 224,702,027 feet, reported a production of 196,833,170 feet during the week ended Aug. 25, or 12.40% under their normal operating capacity. For the 34 weeks of 1928 these mills report production as 16.54% under normal weekly operating capacity.

Reports from 100 identical mills show that during 1928 to date orders have exceeded production by 7% and shipments have exceeded production by 5%. During the corresponding period of 1927 orders obtained by these mills exceeded their production by 5% and their shipments exceeded production by 3%.

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (226 IDENTICAL MILLS).

(All mills reporting production for 1927 and 1928 to date.)

Actual Production	Average Weekly Production 34 Weeks Ending	Average Weekly Production During 1927.	Weekly Operating Capacity.*
Week Ending Aug. 25 1928.	Weeks Ending Aug. 25 1928.	During 1927.	Operating Capacity.*
196,833,170 feet	187,529,992 feet	189,404,648 feet.	224,702,027 feet

* Weekly operating capacity is based on average hourly production reported for the years 1925, 1926, 1927 and four months of 1928 and the normal number of operating hours per week.

WEEKLY COMPARISON FOR 152 IDENTICAL MILLS—1928.

(All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for the last four weeks.)

Week Ending—	Aug. 25.	Aug. 18.	Aug. 11.	Aug. 4.
Production (feet).....	147,419,622	145,995,150	144,018,735	144,271,801
Orders (feet).....	135,127,689	156,240,154	163,730,762	157,875,029
Rail (feet).....	62,058,191	66,793,305	72,393,843	68,900,036
Domestic cargo (feet).....	49,922,439	55,034,153	42,122,115	49,300,771
Export (feet).....	16,544,853	26,606,383	34,784,111	26,649,951
Local (feet).....	6,602,206	7,806,313	14,430,693	13,024,271
Shipments.....	156,267,919	148,297,802	148,072,247	152,474,047
Rail (feet).....	69,263,831	68,705,136	68,083,822	69,388,399
Domestic cargo (feet).....	51,898,411	48,182,532	47,570,834	50,552,816
Export (feet).....	28,503,471	23,603,821	17,986,898	19,508,561
Local (feet).....	6,602,206	7,806,313	14,430,693	13,024,271
Unfilled orders (feet).....	501,104,996	525,260,458	508,179,523	514,158,976
Rail (feet).....	167,615,767	177,361,727	175,089,849	183,269,726
Domestic cargo (feet).....	176,913,689	182,109,756	181,035,720	181,784,851
Export (feet).....	156,575,540	165,788,925	152,043,954	149,104,399

100 IDENTICAL MILLS.

(All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for 1927 and 1928 to date.)

	Week Ending Aug. 25 '28.	Average 34 Weeks Ending Aug. 25 '28.	Average 34 Weeks Ending Aug. 27 '27.
Production (feet).....	105,177,669	102,258,190	96,117,400
Orders (feet).....	95,045,294	109,426,611	101,025,960
Shipments (feet).....	113,221,295	107,826,840	98,813,052

Opening by American Woolen Co. of Spring Lines of Men's Woolen and Worsted Wear—Mixed Price Trend.

According to the "Journal of Commerce," an extremely mixed price trend, due to the vagaries of raw material costs and keen competition, greeted clothiers and jobbers who entered the men's woolen and worsted market on Sept. 4 for fancy suitings and coatings to be used in spring 1929 apparel. In its further account of the opening of these lines, in the paper quoted, said:

The American Woolen Co. headed a notable list of about 100 mill interests who formally opened new men's wear styles to the trade.

Buyers were about in numbers, but some of the large clothiers had been placing business during the past week or two, so that they were nearly through when smaller cutters returned from the holiday week-end to sample new styles for lightweight distribution. Those who attempted to use the leader's price list as a guide rule admitted that comparisons were confusing and that it would take them several days to fathom real values.

It is more difficult now than in years to place one's finger on the pulse of the market. Merchants can say with some degree of certainty that staples and semi-staples are from a few cents to as much as 12½c. or 15c. a yard below the opening lists of the current fall or last spring, but few indeed can make any reliable comparison on fancy fabrics.

Fancies Show Firmness.

The change in prices on fancy woolens and worsteds ranges from 12c. down to 6c. to unchanged and up to 5c. to 20c. per yard. The semi-staples naturally are reduced more than the light colored silk or rayon decorated medium worsteds in which quarter and three-eighth blood wools are used, and the latter may be characterized as firm in price as compared with easing rates on suitings of a more staple nature. Woolens are about unchanged, though cheaper lines appear quite firm in value.

To say that fancy goods are lower than last season would be misleading as a general thing, but it is a fact that some numbers in the American line are reduced. On the other hand, quite a few numbers are advanced, particularly medium-priced worsteds in mixture and twist constructions. Since prices generally took an upward course at the last fall opening in February-March, it may be said that values on the whole were either unchanged or slightly lower than last (fall 1928) season, and from 5c. to 15c. higher than a year ago (spring 1928).

Opening of National Raw Silk Exchange, Inc. on Sept. 11—Rates of Commission—Limitation of Price Fluctuations.

Work on the National Raw Silk Exchange has been virtually completed and everything is in readiness for the opening on Tuesday next, Sept. 11. The exchange is located in the Grace National Bank Building, at Hanover Square and Water St. The opening ceremonies will be simple. President Paolino Gerli will make a few brief remarks and at 10.30 a. m. the Secretary, Alfred H. Krondorfer, will announce the opening call and America's first silk futures exchange will begin operations. At 1 o'clock the Board of Governors of the exchange will be hosts at a luncheon at India House, which will be attended by representatives of the Japanese and Chinese Governments, officials of the Silk Association of America, bankers and presidents of neighboring exchanges.

One of the novel features of the new National Raw Silk Exchange will be a moveable "ring" around which the trading will be conducted. Instead of having the "ring" a fixed part of the trading floor as is the case on the Cotton and Rubber and other commodity exchanges, the Silk Exchange "ring," which weighs about a ton, can be readily moved to any part of the floor without requiring structural alterations.

Tickers for the quotations of the Silk Exchange have been installed by the Commercial News Department of the Western Union Telegraph Co. The tickers are similar to those used by the New York Cotton, Rubber and other commodity exchanges. Quotations will be given in the dollar and cents price of raw silk per pound and will cover the eight months actively traded in. The different months will be designated by symbols.

Fluctuations in the price of silk futures on the exchange will be limited to 50 cents a pound from the previous day's closing price. This compares with a limit of two cents a pound on cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange and 5 cents a pound on rubber futures on the Rubber Exchange of New York. The wider fluctuations permitted on the National Raw Silk Exchange is due, it is stated, to the higher price of raw silk. Raw silk is now quoted around \$5 a pound, while both cotton and rubber are around 19 cents a pound. Rule 9, governing the daily limitation of price fluctuations on the National Raw Silk Exchange follows:

"Trades for future delivery in any month shall not during any one day be made at prices varying more than 50 cents per pound above or below the lowest price of the closing range of such month of the preceding business session of the exchange. For the purposes of this rule the prices prevailing during the last thirty seconds of trading of every business session shall constitute the closing range. For the purposes of this rule the closing bid price of inactive months, or their nominal value as established

by the Committee on Quotations, shall be considered the lowest price of the closing range.

"The provisions of this rule shall not apply to trading in the current month on and after the fifteenth day thereof."

The rates of commission to be charged on raw silk deliveries on the Silk Exchange will be based on three selling prices. On each contract of five bales (650 pounds) calling for delivery of raw silk based on a price below \$6 per pound, the lowest commission for buying or selling will be \$6.25; on contracts based on a price of \$6 to \$7 per pound the commission will be \$7.50 and on raw silk above \$7 per pound \$9 commission will be charged. An announcement, Sept. 5, said:

These rates apply to members of the Exchange residing within the United States and Canada. For non-members residing within the United States and Canada double the above rate of commission will be charged.

An extra charge of \$2.50 will be added to the above rates for members and non-members residing outside of the United States and Canada. When the cost of reporting executions is in excess of the \$2.50 additional required on foreign business, such additional cost shall be charged in addition to the prescribed commission.

For each five bales bought or sold by one member for another, giving up his principal on the day of the transaction, the floor brokerage for buying or selling contracts based upon a price below \$6 per pound will be \$1; on a price of \$6 to \$7 per pound the brokerage will be \$1.25, and above \$7 per pound, \$1.50 will be charged.

August Figures of Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, &c.—Imports Total 62,930 Bales, an Increase of 24,260 Bales Over July—Stocks Increase 12,109 Bales.

Imports of raw silk during the month of August increased 24,260 bales over the preceding month and 3,111 bales over the month of August, 1927, according to figures issued by the Silk Association of America, Inc. Approximate deliveries to American mills in August, 1928, totaled 50,821 bales, an increase of 3,779 bales over the corresponding month last year, and 9,890 bales over the month of July this year. Stocks of raw silk on Sept. 1, amounted to 50,975 as compared with 38,866 bales on Aug. 1 and 56,618 bales on Sept. 1 1927. The following statistics have been released by the Silk Association:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE SEPT. 1 1928.

(As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City).—(Figures in Bales).

	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
Stocks, Aug. 1 1928	706	32,793	5,367	38,866
Imports month of August, 1928x	298	59,491	3,141	62,930
Total amount available during August	1,004	92,284	8,508	101,796
Stocks Sept. 1 1928z	539	45,423	5,013	50,975
Approx. deliv. to Amer. mills during Aug. y	465	46,861	3,495	50,821

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month. x			Storage at End of Month. z		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	46,408	48,456	43,650	47,528	52,627	47,326
February	44,828	33,981	38,568	41,677	43,753	43,418
March	50,520	38,600	31,930	40,186	33,116	35,948
April	36,555	46,486	31,450	35,483	31,749	30,122
May	52,972	49,264	35,120	42,088	35,527	31,143
June	45,090	42,809	35,612	41,127	37,024	29,111
July	38,670	47,856	37,842	38,866	43,841	27,528
August	62,930	59,819	46,421	50,975	56,618	28,006
September	---	52,475	50,415	---	58,956	34,459
October	---	51,207	48,403	---	62,366	35,094
November	---	36,650	59,670	---	52,069	47,130
December	---	44,828	45,119	---	53,540	52,478
Total	377,973	552,441	504,200	---	---	---
Average monthly	47,246	46,037	42,017	42,241	46,768	36,814

	Approximate Deliveries To American Mills. y			Approximate Amount in Transit Between Japan & New York. End of Month.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	52,420	48,307	46,148	25,000	17,700	14,800
February	50,679	42,860	42,476	23,500	19,000	14,400
March	52,011	49,242	39,400	19,200	21,700	18,400
April	41,258	47,853	37,276	28,500	25,000	18,000
May	46,367	45,486	34,099	24,000	22,900	18,000
June	46,051	41,312	37,644	17,600	26,600	18,300
July	40,931	41,039	39,425	32,300	29,000	23,000
August	50,821	47,042	45,943	32,300	28,400	24,000
September	---	50,107	43,962	---	21,500	23,900
October	---	47,827	47,768	---	18,500	32,400
November	---	46,947	47,634	---	26,900	19,700
December	---	43,357	39,771	---	33,500	26,500
Total	380,538	551,379	501,546	---	---	---
Average monthly	47,567	45,948	41,796	25,300	24,225	21,008

x Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the Continent (covered by manifests 155 to 181). y Includes re-exports. z Includes 5,270 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month.

Report on Hosiery Industry in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The following report compiled by the Bureau of the Census showing the percentage change from June to July 1928 in the activity of 141 hosiery mills in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District, is made available by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia:

PERCENTAGE CHANGES FROM JUNE TO JULY.

	Men's		Women's	
	Full-fashioned.	Seamless.	Full-fashioned.	Seamless.
Production	-29.1	-9.3	-20.1	+23.8
Shipments	+7.1	+6.9	-21.0	-2.1
Finished stock end of month	-5.1	-3.5	-1.9	+16.7
Orders booked	-28.1	+14.9	-51.7	+7.0
Cancellations received	+82.0	+97.2	-67.9	+206.2
Unfilled orders end of month	-9.8	+6.6	-10.2	+6.2

PERCENTAGE CHANGES FROM JUNE TO JULY.

	Boys', Misses' and Childrens'.	Infants'.	Athletic and Sport.	Total.
	Production	+6.9	-12.3	-42.9
Shipments	-21.9	-29.5	-54.2	-14.9
Finished stock end of month	+15.9	+1.0	-3.7	+1.7
Orders booked	-0.4	+38.4	-30.5	-25.0
Cancellations received	+205.8	-74.7	+117.5	-4.5
Unfilled orders end of month	+17.1	+87.4	+33.8	-2.4

Trading on New York Rubber Exchange in Additional Grades of Rubber.

Trading in a second contract, covering six additional grades of rubber, was inaugurated on the Rubber Exchange of New York on Sept. 4. The new contract is designated as "BB" and the old contract as "A." It is expected that the addition of the new grades will bring a large increase in the volume of business on the exchange. With both contracts in force, the grades tenderable on the exchange give a range covering more than 90% of all the rubber used by American manufacturers and include everything except the very lowest grades. The "BB" contract covers the following grades: A, B, C, and D blanket crepes and No. 1 and No. 2 brown crepes. The first two grades are deliverable at contract price and the other four at differentials which are fixed monthly by the Adjustment Committee. The proposed admission of the additional grades was noted in these columns July 14, page 190.

Charges By Prof. Buell That Firestone Rubber Concessions in Liberia Served to Force Latter to Accept U. S. Loan Agreement—Denials By State Department and Liberia President—Herbert Hoover Not Connected With Negotiations.

Charges made before the Institute of Politics at Willamstown, Mass., on Aug. 29 by Dr. Raymond Buell, former Harvard professor and research director of the Foreign Policy Association, to the effect that the Washington Government forced Liberia to accept the loan agreement which went with the Firestone rubber concession, as well as his mentioning Herbert Hoover as a factor in an alleged American "economic imperialism," brought a rejoinder from the State Department at Washington on Aug. 30. On the latter date, press accounts from Washington stated that William H. Castle, Jr., Acting Secretary of State, counter-charged that there were an enormous number of inconsistencies in Dr. Buell's statement, and that Dr. Buell had drawn inferences which were not correct. President King of Liberia in a message to Secretary of State Kellogg, made public Sept. 1 declared that Dr. Buell's statement that the Liberian Government was coerced by the United States Department of State in the matter of the Firestone rubber concession and the 7% loan of 1927 was without foundation. President King further said that "neither directly nor indirectly, was any influence brought to bear on the Government of Liberia by the Department of State or any other department or official of the United States." We give as follows his cablegram to the State Department:

Monrovia, Aug. 30.

Secretary of State, Washington:

I have noted with surprise the alleged statements made in an address delivered yesterday at Willimstown Political Institute by Professor Raymond D. Buell, particularly the suggestion therein made that the Liberian Government was coerced by the United States Department of State in the matter of the Firestone rubber concession and the 7% loan of 1927. This suggestion is without any foundation in fact.

The approach to the agreement was made by the private enterprise of Mr. Firestone and neither directly nor indirectly was any influence brought to bear upon the Government of Liberia by the Department of State, or any other department or official of the United States, compelling the granting of the Firestone concession.

The fact that the negotiations between Firestone and the Liberian Government were protracted over a period of two and a half years should conclusively show that there was no coercion, but rather that full consideration was given to the views of each party by the other.

In respect to the loan of 1927, internal economic conditions growing out of the World War dictated to the Government of Liberia the propriety and necessity of funding its indebtedness and reorganizing its finances.

It was this which led to the offer of the United States Government in 1921 to make available funds which, in the Wilson Administration, had been allocated to Liberia during the war. This proposal did not meet with the approval of Congress and the tentative agreement which had been reached by the two Governments lapsed.

Up to the present, the effect of this loan, in addition to stabilizing our finances, has been to give greater internal strength to the Government of Liberia and to avert alien intervention in our domestic affairs upon grounds which imperialists usually advance for this purpose. The country generally is satisfied with the policy which has been pursued by the Administration.

Besides this, there would seem to be historical fitness in a financial project which links up Liberia with the United States. There have been crises in our relations with the French Government growing out of undetermined frontiers.

Nevertheless, the need for reorganizing Liberian finances still existed and Liberia, like other States in similar circumstances, took advantage of the opportunity offered by the American money market.

In the negotiations between the Government of Liberia and the Finance Corp. of America there was no participation by the Department of State and the only reference in the agreement to the Government of the United States is the provision for the designation by the President of the United States of a financial adviser.

But these have never been represented to us as a "menace" by the United States Department of State, nor was the Firestone project represented to the Government of Liberia by that Department as the means by which the menace could be removed.

On the contrary, when, in certain quarters opposed to the Firestone scheme, it was suggested that the United States Department of State was behind the Firestone proposals the Secretary of State of the United States took occasion formally to notify the Government of Liberia that the Administration was neither directly nor indirectly behind Firestone.

The statement of Professor Buell that the scheme involves the control of Liberia by American officials is untrue and mischievous. There is under the loan agreement, as has already been pointed out, but one official, the financial adviser designated by the President of the United States upon the request of the Government of Liberia, and even this designation is not final unless acceptable to the President of Liberia. Liberia, like every other country, has suffered from an unemployment problem.

The Firestone operation was an opportunity seized with alacrity by the Liberian laboring classes. The Government has had no occasion whatever to coerce labor and reports seem to indicate that far from suffering from a dearth of laborers, the Firestone plantations are suffering from an embarrassment of riches in this respect.

Nothing in the Firestone agreement obligates the Government of Liberia to impress labor for the company, even should an occasion to do so present itself. On this point the Government of Liberia would welcome an investigation on the spot by an impartial commission.

This apparent attempt to bring Liberian affairs in an unfavorable light before the American people as a factor in the present political controversy is much to be regretted. Most interesting to me is the fact that Professor Buell is able to predict Liberia's future and impugn the soundness and integrity of its statesmen after a visit of only 15 days, during which he could have seen but a few of our high officials and leading citizens.

(Signed) C. D. B. KING, President.

Acting Secretary of State Castle stated that Mr. Hoover had nothing whatsoever to do with the Firestone concession in Liberia nor the loan to the Liberian Government. He said emphatically that Mr. Hoover was not connected with the matter in any way. From the "Times" Washington dispatch Aug. 30 we quote the following:

Mr. Castle gave a detailed explanation of the part played by the United States in the Firestone concession of 1,000,000 acres, and asserted that it was not monopolistic, amounting to only about 4% of the land in Liberia.

If nationals of other governments tried to get similar concessions, the Washington Government would not try to stop them, Mr. Castle declared.

Referring to the Buell charges, Mr. Castle asserted that they were full of inaccuracies. Dr. Buell's assertion that slave labor virtually existed in Liberia was characterized as exceedingly unfair to Harvey Firestone, who, according to the Acting Secretary of State, refused to hire laborers through the Liberian Government or let that Government contract for them. They came in from the country to work, said Mr. Castle, in greater numbers than could be possibly used. They are paid directly, he added, and never before received as good wages.

State Department Helped Liberia.

Mr. Firestone, the Acting Secretary continued, is seriously interested in the development of Liberia and its people, and has long been a student of social problems.

The State Department saw the contract for the concession before it was put through, and, although the department had nothing really to do with the matter, according to Mr. Castle, it felt a certain responsibility for Liberia and suggested certain changes in the contract which it believed would be of advantage to Liberia.

One proposed change was that the lease be made only for fifty years instead of for ninety-nine years, the terms after its expiration to be changed by agreement every five to ten years. Liberia rejected this change, Mr. Castle said.

The department took no more part in the loan to Liberia, it was asserted, than it does in any foreign loan, and never approved the Liberian loan. It merely said, declared Mr. Castle, that from the point of view of national policy it had no objection to the loan.

Regarding Mr. Buell's statement that it was a new loan at a higher rate of interest than the old loan, Mr. Castle said that when the loan was made Liberia could not have obtained money anywhere at 5%, and that American loans in well-established European countries were bringing 7% at the time.

Mr. Castle stated that he is the Financial Adviser to Liberia nominated by the President of the United States, but that the President of Liberia does not have to appoint him if he does not want to do so.

Adviser Situation Unchanged.

In some cases the Liberian Executive, it was recalled, has protested and the man nominated has been changed. Dr. Buell failed to point out, Mr. Castle continued, that the adviser situation under the new loan is the same as it was under the old loan. He added that when the old loan was made there were three financial advisers, one of whom was named by England and one each by France and the United States. After the war the other two Governments asked the United States if it would be willing to let its nominee run the whole thing, which, it was explained, was of advantage to Liberia, as it was less expensive.

Mr. Castle denied Dr. Buell's statement that people are appointed by the adviser whom this Government wants appointed, adding that the Financial Adviser looks for the best men he can find and that they are appointed by the Liberian Government itself and are responsible to that Government. Every cent of customs collected is turned over to Liberia, Mr. Castle said.

The Acting Secretary was asked about a dispatch quoting Dr. Buell as saying the State Department had encouraged a belief that the French

were menacing the territory of Liberia and that without the loan the United States could not be of any help to Liberia against the encroachments.

Explains Boundary Question.

The two things, said Mr. Castle, had no connection whatever. A commission was appointed many years before to define the boundary between French and Liberian territory, on which commission there were both French and American surveyors. The United States told Liberia Mr. Castle said, that it would support it, not unfairly against France but to see that it got justice.

It merely happened that about the time that Mr. Firestone was getting the rubber concession France threatened to take over the little town of Zinta before the boundary could be drawn, Mr. Castle said. Liberia appealed to the United States and Ambassador Herrick was instructed to say to the French Government that the United States hoped before it made a move of that kind it would wait until the boundary commission found out where the line really was.

This commission found when it drew the line that Zinta was in French territory, Mr. Castle continued. The Liberians then turned it over to the French without question. The action of the United States in this instance had no connection at all with the loan project or the Firestone project, Mr. Castle said, but was simply a continuation of what this country has been doing for Liberia for the last 50 years.

He added that since the original loan it has been true that the loan contract calls for nomination by the President of the United States of American officers to control the frontier force of Liberia, and that this has been done for the last 20 or 30 years, and is still being done.

Harvey S. Firestone, President of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., in a statement issued at Akron, Ohio, Sept. 1, reviewing the Firestone rubber project in Liberia, said:

"There is no closed door in Liberia. The door is open to-day the same as it has been for over seventy-five years, but opposition to the development of the Firestone concession there, in the form of foreign propaganda has raised the closed-door issue and still seeks by persistent efforts to place obstacles in the way of legitimate American enterprise and play into the hands of foreign interests."

Associated Press advices from Akron in further indicating what Mr. Firestone had to say stated:

"There is really little need for me to make any comment on the situation," said Mr. Firestone, "as the statements of Pres. King of Liberia; William R. Castle, Jr., Acting Secretary of State, and Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund and the American Advisory Committee on Education in Liberia, have completely exposed the charges of Professor Buell, which closely resemble foreign propaganda attempting to discredit our rubber development in Liberia."

"This consistent effort to prevent Americans from producing their own rubber free from foreign rubber monopoly simply serves to bring the necessity of doing so more forcibly to the minds of the American people."

"Linking the name of Herbert Hoover with our enterprise in Liberia is wholly without cause. While Mr. Hoover was one of the first to expose the ramifications of the British rubber monopoly and recognize the necessity of America producing her own rubber, he never has had any connection with our undertaking in Liberia. His views on foreign policy may not be exactly the views of many foreign nations, but it is my opinion that he is, without question, outstanding among statesmen as to his knowledge and experience of foreign relations."

First Entered Liberia in 1923.

The Firestone company first went into Liberia in 1923 to open negotiations for an immense rubber plantation project. After two and a half years the company was granted a lease on 1,000,000 acres of land. This lease was approved by the Legislature of Liberia in 1926 and work started under the lease to prepare the land for the planting of rubber trees.

Mr. Firestone also helped to arrange a loan for Liberia in 1927 in which the Government obtained \$5,000,000 at 7% interest. The loan was necessary to fund the country's debt and reorganize its finances. "In the short time the Firestone company has been in Liberia it has given employment to 15,000 natives, employing them directly and paying them directly," Mr. Firestone said. There are 30,000 acres under cultivation. The trees will produce rubber in five years from planting.

The following account of Prof. Buell's address is from the Williamstown dispatch Aug. 29 to the "Herald Tribune":

Before a general conference of the Institute of Politics here to-day Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, speaking with the effectiveness which comes from first-hand study and an array of facts, made a sharp attack upon the Firestone rubber concession in Liberia and upon the policy of the State Department in the negotiations which led up to it.

Dr. Buell's charges really fell into two distinct groups. On the one hand, he declared that the concession was imposing upon the aboriginal tribes of the Liberian hinterland, perhaps without the concessionaries themselves appreciating it, a form of economic development which has been disastrous to the natives wherever it has appeared in other parts of Africa and which would tend to produce disastrous results for the natives of Liberia.

On the other hand, he charged that in securing the concession the Firestone company and the State Department had exacted from the small minority of civilized Liberians who govern the country terms which are of enormous advantage to foreign bondholders, which were secured by unjustifiable means and which seriously compromise the liberty of the Republic.

On broader grounds, Dr. Buell attacked the whole policy of our Government in supporting its business men abroad—a policy he said "which offers the amazing spectacle of a Government closing the American market to all foreign competitors and yet of attempting to 'capture' foreign markets for American business men and of establishing a government-fed, artificially-supported merchant marine to take away business from foreigners who have no other way of earning a living. This is not a policy of international co-operation; it is a policy of attempted domination. The Liberian case is a good example of this philosophy."

Criticizes Hoover Attitude.

Disclaiming any partisan motive, Dr. Buell laid some of the responsibility for this "philosophy" upon Herbert Hoover. Criticizing Mr. Hoover's agitation against the British rubber control scheme, which encouraged Mr. Firestone to secure the Liberian concession, Dr. Buell said that Mr. Firestone had gone to Liberia "with the blessings of Herbert Hoover and of many million American automobile owners who had been led by Mr. Hoover to believe that the British rubber monopoly was charging them exorbitant prices for tires."

The Liberians, he said, knowing Mr. Hoover's attitude, had in turn been led to believe that Mr. Firestone was "a representative of the political business interests of the United States whose demand they could reject only at their peril."

Dr. Buell prefaced his remarks by saying that he had asked both Harvey Firestone, Jr., and a representative of the State Department to come to Williamstown to present the other side of the case. Neither was able to do

so. Yesterday Dr. Thomas J. Jones discussed the Firestone concession before the institute in an address which, in part, met Dr. Buell's criticisms.

To Allow Liberia to Borrow.

The Firestone agreements consist of planting contracts leasing 1,000,000 acres of land to the company, and a loan agreement under which Liberia will borrow \$2,500,000, agreeing to accept various forms of financial and Governmental control in order to stabilize the country.

Dr. Buell criticized the planting contracts because of the forced labor and disruption of family life which he fears that they will bring in spite of the best intentions on Mr. Firestone's part, to the 1,500,000 aborigines.

The loan contract he criticized for its effect upon the Republic of Liberia, which is in the hands of the 50,000 civilized Liberians of the coast, most of whom favor the planting concession but oppose the loan.

The Liberian Government, despite its position to the loan, nevertheless accepted it two weeks after its terms were known. The reason which the officials gave, Dr. Buell said, was that the American State Department told them to do so. "Upon further investigation," he went on "I found that the State Department did not definitely urge the Liberian Government to accept this loan, but it did state that in its opinion the Firestone proposals offered a unique opportunity for the financial rehabilitation of Liberia.

"Under ordinary circumstances, the Liberian Government probably would not have heeded this 'advice.' But in accepting the wishes of the State Department and of Mr. Firestone, the Liberian Government believed that it was obtaining not only the investment of American capital, but a guarantee from the United States against attack by a foreign foe."

Authorized 40-Year Loan.

The loan agreement signed in 1925 authorized a 40-year loan of \$5,000,000, of which only \$2,500,000 are to be issued at present. Liberia stipulated that Mr. Firestone himself should not take it up. But the American finance corporation which Dr. Buell described as "a mysterious body," apparently "a subsidiary of Mr. Firestone and the National City Bank," was formed to take the bonds.

These are 7% bonds, to be issued at \$90. More than \$2,000,000 of the \$2,250,000 which they will realize must be applied to refunding the existent 3 and 5% debt. The agreement, said Dr. Buell "thus refunds a 5% issue upon which interest regularly being paid and which would have expired in 1952, with a 7% issue which will not expire until 1967."

Moreover, said Dr. Buell, much of the old debt had been bought in by foreign bondholders for as low as \$55. While the net result for Liberia will be to increase and extend her debt charges, foreign traders will benefit in some cases by 100%.

Finally, Mr. Firestone stipulated that the new loan could not be refunded by Liberia without his consent for a period of 20 years. "In my opinion," Dr. Buell said, "this is one of the most iniquitous provisions ever inserted in a loan contract."

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Richmond Mass., Prof. Buell on Sept. 2 reiterated his charges before the Institute of Politics that Harvey Firestone's rubber concession in Liberia will result in forced labor; that the new 7% loan serves no productive purpose and that the State Department was actively connected with the negotiations. The dispatch went on to say:

His statement is in reply to statements from President King of Liberia and the State Department. These, Prof. Buell says, contradict each other but do not contradict his fundamental position.

The State Department's claim that it took no more part in the loan than in any other foreign loan "is difficult to understand," Prof. Buell says, since the agreement provides that the Department is to arrange with Liberia for arbitration of disputes.

The further statement that the loan and the Liberian boundary dispute with the French colonies are not connected, is answered, Prof. Buell says, by President King's remark to the effect that the loan has been "to avert foreign intervention" and by the fact that the Liberian press believes the country has secured the diplomatic support of the United States.

Daily Average Production of Natural Gasoline Again Shows Decline.

The production of natural gasoline in the United States in July 1928 amounted to 143,200,000 gallons, or a daily average of 4,620,000 gallons, according to the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. Although this represents only a slight decline in daily average from the previous month, it was the third consecutive month in which a decline was recorded. Daily average output in both California and in the Oklahoma-Kansas district increased in July but the output of the remaining districts in general fell off. The heavy demand for gasoline made itself felt in natural gasoline stocks held at the plants, which declined from 27,202,000 gallons on July 1 to 20,044,000 gallons on July 31. The latter figure was less than half the stocks of a year ago. Blending at the plants again showed a small increase over the preceding month. The Bureau further shows:

OUTPUT OF NATURAL GASOLINE (IN GALLONS—000 OMITTED).

	Production.				Stocks End of Month.	
	July 1928.	June 1928.	Jan.-July 1928.	July 1927.	July 1928.	June 1928.
Appalachian.....	5,500	6,200	59,400	5,400	1,913	3,120
Indiana, Illinois, &c.....	900	1,000	8,400	1,100	304	307
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.....	51,300	49,800	363,500	48,200	10,479	13,429
Texas.....	26,200	25,900	185,100	25,500	4,378	7,328
Louisiana & Arkansas.....	7,300	7,100	50,600	7,000	1,003	1,150
Rocky Mountain.....	3,600	3,800	25,600	4,100	633	522
California.....	48,400	45,500	304,500	39,700	1,334	1,346
U. S. total.....	143,200	139,300	997,100	131,000	20,044	27,202
Daily average.....	4,620	4,640	4,650	4,230	-----	-----

No Dutch Rubber Restriction.

Advices from Washington to the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Sept. 7) state:

It was decided at the Sept. 5 meeting of Dutch rubber producers to take no action on restricting production or on trying to make an agreement with American rubber consumers. The producers adopted a waiting attitude and will prolong the existence of the committee representing Dutch producing interests, the Commerce Department is informed.

Oklahoma Oil Prorating Order Expected Next Week—Corporation Commission Indicates It Will Fix State Maximum Output at 700,000 Barrels Daily.

At conclusion of the hearing before Oklahoma Corporation Commission on Thursday (Sept. 6) to consider program submitted by committee of operators seeking an order to limit the state to a maximum of 700,000 barrels daily, the commission indicated it would issue the order requested, says the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 7. It adds:

Actual filling of the order is not expected until next week because a full test of productivity of wells in Little River is to be made Monday and Tuesday, with all wells there flowing wide open. Following this a previous order of the Commission fixing Little River at a 125,000 barrels a day maximum is to go into effect.

Numerous independent operators were present and protested against the plan to limit State production. The proponents of the plan were members of the shutdown committee, consisting of representatives of Standard Oil of New Jersey, through Carter Oil Co., Barnsdall Corp. and others. Several large operators did not attend the meeting.

With Oklahoma production slightly above 700,000 barrels a day, no effective proration of yield will occur immediately under an order fixing 700,000 barrels as daily maximum. However, the order is flexible in character, so that later on, when winter season demand is smaller, the State's maximum can be figured at any quantity under 700,000 barrels. Thus, if combined purchases which pipe line companies are willing to make is 600,000 barrels daily, the State maximum would be placed at that figure, under the order.

Provisions of the order would not affect the old producing fields of the State, but would limit yield in flush flowing areas. Seminole, St. Louis pool, Allen area and Logan County deep "pay" would be the principal pools affected when, as and if reduction under 700,000 barrels daily is ordered.

Regarding the issuance of a restraining order, Tulsa, Okla., advices Aug. 31, were announced as follows in the "Wall Street News":

Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught, in the Oklahoma District Court, issued an order restraining the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and Umpire Collins from enforcing the restricting proration plan in the Seminole area. This action followed the Commission's attempt to cite the Reiter-Foster Oil Corp. for violation of previous restrictions and the proration order issued on June 15 last.

Umpire Collins has called a meeting here to-day at 10 o'clock to discuss Judge Vaught's order. This is the first time that a legal controversy has arisen on restriction plans. Prominent legal authorities believe the Corporation Commission has full jurisdiction under the Oklahoma Constitution.

It was stated in the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 5 that Tulsa advices indicated that the local district court in Oklahoma had vacated the temporary injunction obtained by Reiter-Foster Oil Co., restraining the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma from enforcing its order fixing maximum crude oil production in south Little River field, Seminole area, at 1,600 barrels a day for each 40 acres.

Report Concerning New Colombian Oil Law.

United Press advices from Bogota, Colombia, were published as follows in the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 7:

Secretary of Industry Montalvo said he was submitting to the Senate a new oil law based on "the open door nationalization policy." The new law, he hoped, would meet objections of foreign oil interests that the revised Colombian oil policy was confiscatory.

The Government is investigating reports that oil men have invaded the former Barco Concession territory, entering from the Venezuelan border. The Barco Concession to American oil interests recently was ordered invalidated.

Petroleum and Its Products—Menace of Overproduction Again Worrying Industry.

With crude production in West Texas and Oklahoma showing continued increase, notwithstanding the various curtailment plans and the determined efforts on the part of leaders in the industry to effect stabilization through the continued holding back of development work, the problem of over-production has again loomed large the current week. For the first time in nearly 10 months, production topped the two-and-a-half-million barrel mark, when daily average output reached 2,503,250 barrels during the week ending Sept. 1.

Leading oil executives are seriously concerned over the present trend toward higher production levels in view of the expected seasonal decline in gasoline consumption. This has already been reflected in a general weakening of the gasoline market, and Mid-Continent refiners have announced that they plan to curtail their runs of crude rather than add heavily to their stored holdings of gasoline. Any such curtailment will naturally result in the adding of further quantities of crude to storage holdings of producers, something which operators are trying to get away from.

During July there was a reduction of 1,508,000 barrels in stored crude holdings east of the Rocky Mountains, practically all of which was in light oil with high gasoline content.

The effect of the recent advances in crude oil quotations was reflected by the "Derrick's" report on August field operations, showing 2,010 completions during the month in fields east of the Rockies, an increase of 182 over July. Initial production of these wells was 1,238,819 barrels daily, an increase of 326,550 barrels over the initial daily output of the July completions. There were 4,570 new rigs in operation at the close of August, an increase of 214 over the new work reported at the end of the previous month.

The new St. Louis field in Oklahoma continued to loom as a formidable factor in the light oil situation. Production of this field for the week ending Sept. 1 was reported by the American Petroleum Institute at 83,350 barrels daily, against 76,450 barrels a day in the preceding week. This field produces "sweet," or high gravity crude, with high gasoline content.

The new Raccoon Bend field in Austin County, Texas, was coming in for considerable attention during the week. This field is producing about 5,000 barrels daily, gravity of the oil shown thus far ranging from 22 to 29 degrees. The deep discovery well in the field was showing about 25% water, but this was believed to be coming in through the casing. Earthen storage was being prepared to hold the oil until steel storage can be erected.

Steel storage capacity of the 12 principal producing companies in West Texas of 46,266,500 barrels was reported holding 30,438,903 barrels of oil as of Sept. 1. A total of 1,360,000 barrels of additional storage was reported under construction.

Sinclair Pipe Line Co. is constructing a 35-mile line from its tank farm and station near Burk Burnett, Texas, to handle the present over-production of high gravity crude in the Grayback pool in Wilbarger County. The field produces oil ranging 36-38 degrees. The pool is producing about 37,000 barrels daily.

The only price change in crude oil during the week was an advance of 10 cents to \$1.65 a barrel on Kentucky crude in the lines of the Stoll Oil Refining Co. at Oil City, Ky., the advance being effective Sept. 1.

Pennsylvania	\$3.20	Bradford	\$3.20	Illinois	\$1.55
Corning	1.80	Lima	1.60	Wyoming, 37 deg.	1.41
Cabell	1.45	Indiana	1.37	Plymouth	1.28
Wortham, 40 deg.	1.56	Princeton	1.55	Wooster	1.67
Rock Creek	1.33	Canadian	2.00	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.20
Smackover, 24 deg.	.90	Corsicana, heavy	1.00	Panhandle, 44 deg.	1.36
Buckeye	2.85	Eureka	3.00		
Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—					
40-40.9		Elk Basin	\$1.48		
32-32.9	\$1.56	Big Muddy	1.33		
44 and above	1.76	Lance Creek	1.48		
Louisiana and Arkansas—					
32-32.9	1.16	Bellevue	1.25		
35-35.9	1.31	West Texas, Markham	1.00		
Spindletop, 35 deg. and up	1.37	Somerset	1.70		

GASOLINE MARKETS WEAKEN.

Although principal refiners in Oklahoma and Texas continued to quote U. S. Motor gasoline at 9³/₄c. a gallon, other refiners were offering liberally at 1/2c. under this figure. High gravity gasoline in particular was showing weakness, due to the falling-off in export trading, export buyers remaining out of the market in anticipation of further declines. The situation in the East was without change, although some sellers were reported booking in a small way at a concession from the established market of 11³/₄c. a gallon at principal refinery points.

The Chicago gasoline market was quiet throughout the week, with refiners still quoting 9³/₄c., but an early reduction was looked for.

Kerosene was steady in the East, but the market eased off in the Southwest under the influence of heavier offerings. The Department of Commerce report for July showed a slight addition to refinery stocks. Chicago kerosene held steady at 6¹/₂c. a gallon throughout the week. Export markets were firm with quiet trading. Pennsylvania refiners on Sept. 1 advanced kerosene prices 1/4c. a gallon to the highest mark in 16 months.

Fuel oil was unchanged, but in better demand in the East. Refiners were writing a large volume of contract business for furnace oil for the coming winter season. The Chicago fuel oil market was steady at 62¹/₂ to 67¹/₂c. a barrel, with sales reported large.

Tankwagon gasoline prices showed no changes at any points during the week. Demand in the East suffered somewhat from adverse weather conditions, although gallonage over the Labor Day weekend was heavy.

Gasoline (U. S. Motor).					
New York	.11 ³ / ₄	Jacksonville	.11 ³ / ₄	Tampa	.11
Chelsea	.12 ¹ / ₄	*Oklahoma	.09 ¹ / ₄	New Orleans	.10 ¹ / ₄
Tiverton	.12 ¹ / ₄	Providence (dellv.)	.13 ¹ / ₄	Houston	.10 ¹ / ₄
Boston (delivered)	.13 ¹ / ₄	Chicago	.09 ¹ / ₄	California	.09 ¹ / ₄
Carteret	.11 ³ / ₄	Marcus Hook	.11 ³ / ₄	North Texas	.09 ¹ / ₄
Baltimore	.11 ³ / ₄	Philadelphia	.12		
Portsmouth	.11 ³ / ₄	Norfolk	.11 ³ / ₄		

Note.—The above prices are f.o.b. refineries, tank car lots, unless otherwise noted. Delivered prices are generally 1c. a gallon above the refinery quotation. *A number of the large refiners were still quoting 9³/₄c.

Gasoline (Service Station).					
New York	.20	Richmond	.25	Charlotte	.24
Boston	.20	San Francisco	.21	Charleston	.24
Baltimore	.24	Wheeling	.24	Chicago	.17
Norfolk	.21	Parkersburg	.21	New Orleans	.19 ¹ / ₄

Note.—The above prices are retail prices at service stations and include State taxes in States where a tax is imposed.

Kerosene.					
New York	.08 ¹ / ₄	Chicago	.06 ¹ / ₄	Philadelphia (dellv.)	.09 ¹ / ₄
New York (dellv.)	.09 ¹ / ₄	Philadelphia	.08 ¹ / ₄	California	.06 ¹ / ₄

Note.—The above prices are f.o.b. refineries, tank car lots, unless otherwise noted. Delivered prices are generally 1c. a gallon above the refinery quotation.

Bunker Fuel Oil					
New York	1.05	Norfolk	1.05	New Orleans	.95
Baltimore	1.05	Charleston	.90	California	.85

Note.—The above prices are f.o.b. refineries; a charge of 5c. a barrel is made for barging alongside.

Gas and Diesel Oil.	
Gas oil, New York	.05 ¹ / ₄
Diesel oil, New York	2.00

Export Quotations.	
Gasoline, New York, cs	.2690
Kerosene, s. w., New York, cs	.1740
Bulk	.12
W. w., New York, cs	.1865

Tank Wagon Prices.	
Gasoline, New York	.18
Kerosene, w. w., New York	.15

Crude Oil Production in United States Higher.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Sept. 1 1928 was 2,503,250 barrels, as compared with 2,477,450 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 25,800 barrels. Compared with the output of 2,512,250 barrels per day for the week ended Sept. 3 1927, the current figure shows a decrease of 9,000 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California was 1,874,250 barrels for the week ended Sept. 1 1928, as compared with 1,847,050 barrels in the preceding week, an increase of 27,200 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the periods stated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In barrels.)	Sept. 1 '28.	Aug. 25 '28.	Aug. 18 '28.	Sept. 3 '27.
Oklahoma	702,800	699,050	661,450	809,950
Kansas	100,850	102,200	102,350	104,700
Panhandle Texas	63,550	62,700	63,150	98,450
North Texas	95,100	95,300	93,850	84,200
West Central Texas	55,750	55,300	55,450	65,950
West Texas	361,250	334,800	343,950	169,600
East Central Texas	22,550	23,000	20,900	31,150
Southwest Texas	25,550	25,450	25,250	29,850
North Louisiana	39,700	39,800	40,200	54,000
Arkansas	86,500	88,050	87,450	102,150
Coastal Texas	105,250	106,050	105,550	127,650
Coastal Louisiana	23,350	23,300	24,700	15,950
Eastern Louisiana	113,000	113,500	113,500	113,500
Wyoming	57,200	57,350	50,750	49,650
Montana	9,850	9,850	10,100	14,850
Colorado	7,400	7,750	7,500	7,550
New Mexico	3,600	3,600	3,000	2,400
California	629,000	630,400	635,400	630,700
Total	2,503,250	2,477,450	2,444,500	2,512,250

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, north, west central, west, east central and southwest Texas, north Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Sept. 1 was 1,554,600 barrels, as compared with 1,525,650 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 28,950 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 1,498,150 barrels, as compared with 1,468,950 barrels, an increase of 29,200 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):

	Sept. 1.	Aug. 25	Sept. 1.	Aug. 25
Oklahoma—				
Tonkawa	12,600	13,800		
Burbank	25,550	28,750		
Bristow Silek	20,900	20,950		
Cromwell	9,200	9,250		
Seminole	48,400	48,550		
Bowlegs	52,300	52,450		
Searight	12,450	12,450		
Little River	106,100	112,800		
Earlsboro	94,050	88,300		
St. Louis	83,350	76,450		
Allen Dome	20,250	19,950		
Panhandle Texas—				
Hutchinson County	33,750	33,600		
Carson County	6,650	6,700		
Gray County	21,600	20,950		
Wheeler County	750	950		
North Texas—				
Wilbarger	36,350	36,600		
Archer County	20,050	20,100		
West Central Texas—				
Shackelford County	10,750	10,700		
Brown County	12,000	11,700		
West Texas—				
Reagan County	18,350	18,300		
Pecos County	77,450	65,000		
Crane & Upton Cos.	60,450	70,600		
Winkler County	185,100	173,800		
East Central Texas—				
Corseana Powell	10,000	10,300		
Nigger Creek	950	1,000		
Southwest Texas—				
Luling	13,650	13,500		
Laredo District	8,600	8,600		
North Louisiana—				
Haynesville	5,900	5,900		
Urania	6,900	6,900		
Arkansas—				
Smackover, light	7,300	7,250		
Smackover, heavy	56,450	56,700		
Champagnolle	13,200	14,600		
Coastal Texas—				
West Columbia	7,200	7,800		
Pierce Junction	10,450	10,550		
Hull	10,550	10,600		
Spindletop	37,900	37,500		
Coastal Louisiana—				
Vinton	4,350	4,350		
East Hackberry	3,700	3,650		
Sweet Lake	3,800	3,800		
Sulphur Dome	3,200	3,200		
Wyoming—				
Salt Creek	38,500	38,450		
Montana—				
Sunburst	8,000	8,000		
California—				
Santa Fe Springs	38,000	38,000		
Long Beach	194,000	192,000		
Huntington Beach	53,500	53,500		
Torrance	17,500	17,700		
Dominguez	11,000	11,000		
Rosecrans	6,000	6,000		
Inglewood	29,500	29,700		
Midway-Sunset	74,000	73,500		
Ventura Ave.	48,000	50,000		
Seal Beach	28,000	30,000		

Crude Petroleum Production in July Increases Over Preceding Month—Stocks Decline.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, from companies which operate gathering or lead lines, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during July 1928 amounted to 75,426,000 barrels. This represents a daily average of 2,433,100 barrels, an increase over the daily average output in June of 15,500 barrels. The majority of the States, including the important producing States of California and Oklahoma, reported decreased output in July, but these declines were more than overbalanced by the West Texas district where the daily average output increased approximately 50,000 barrels. The various fields of the West Texas district produced an average of 365,000 barrels per day in July as compared with 262,000 barrels per day for the Seminole district.

The slow decline in crude stocks east of California was continued in July, when the total was reduced from 370,751,000 to 369,243,000 barrels, a net withdrawal of 1,508,000 barrels. Practically all of this decline was recorded in stocks of light crude held in Oklahoma. Total stocks of all oils declined approximately 1,100,000 barrels as compared with a decrease of approximately 500,000 barrels in June. In spite of the continued heavy withdrawals from gasoline storage, total stocks of all refined oils showed a small gain in July. This resulted almost entirely from the increase in fuel oil stocks, a large part of which was diverted to unfinished oil stocks, presumably for use as cracking stock. The Bureau continues:

The feature of the month, from the standpoint of flush-producing areas, was the increased output of the West Texas district. The daily average production of this area in July was 365,000 barrels, an increase of nearly 50,000 barrels over the daily average of the previous month. The cause of this increase was the same as in previous months; that is, the unusually high total initial production of the completed wells. These wells were "pinched in" on the basis of the transportation facilities available. The decline at Seminole was continued in July, when that district produced at the rate of 262,000 barrels per day. Nothing of particular interest developed at Seal Beach or in the Panhandle. The Long Beach field reported 30 completions, with a total daily initial output of 42,000 barrels, but this was scarcely sufficient to compensate for the decline of the older wells.

Stocks of crude petroleum held in the Seminole field on July 31 amounted to 17,389,000 barrels as against 17,995,000 barrels held there on July 1. This decrease represented a large part of the July decrease in the national total of all oils.

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

	July 1928.		June 1928.		July 1927.	
	Total.	Daily Avg.	Total.	Daily Avg.	Total.	Daily Avg.
Seminole.....	8,121,000	262,000	8,298,000	277,000	14,720,000	475,000
Panhandle.....	1,974,000	64,000	1,966,000	66,000	3,460,000	112,000
West Texas.....	11,314,000	365,000	9,483,000	316,000	4,040,000	130,000
Seal Beach.....	1,047,000	34,000	1,105,000	37,000	1,791,000	58,000
Long Beach.....	6,078,000	196,000	5,831,000	194,000	2,868,000	93,000

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

	July 1928.	June 1928.	July 1927.
Producers' stocks.....	371,000	364,000	380,000
Tank-farm stocks.....	17,018,000	17,631,000	9,565,000
Total stocks.....	17,389,000	17,995,000	9,945,000

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	Completion.			Total Initial Production. (bbls.)	Average Initial Production. (bbls.)	Drilling July 31.
	Oil.	Gas.	Dry.			
Seminole.....	34	2	10	22,000	600	90
Panhandle.....	19	9	7	2,500	100	131
West Texas.....	99	3	37	745,000	7,500	387
Seal Beach.....	1	--	1	1,400	1,400	3
Long Beach.....	30	--	2	42,000	1,400	169

Runs to stills once more reached a new high level in July, when the daily average crude throughput was 2,603,000 barrels. The major portion of this increase was in domestic crude, since daily average runs to stills of foreign crude showed but a slight increase, according to the Bureau, which further says:

Gasoline production again established a new high record in July, when the daily average output was 1,061,000 barrels. Daily average domestic demand for gasoline passed the 1,000,000-barrel mark in July for the first time in history, when it amounted to 1,032,000 barrels. This represents an increase over June of 65,000 barrels and over July 1927 of 72,000 barrels, or 7.5%. Daily average exports of gasoline showed a small increase. Stocks of gasoline again showed a material decline, decreasing in July from 34,393,000 barrels on the first of the month to 30,392,000 barrels on hand July 31. At the current rate of total demand these stocks represent 25 days' supply, as compared with 30 days' supply on hand a month ago and 37 days' supply on hand a year ago.

The demand for kerosene rallied from the slump of the previous month, but stocks showed a small increase. Both the daily average production and daily average domestic demand for lubricants declined in July as compared with June. Stocks of wax again fell off and on July 31 amounted to 84,476,000 pounds. The daily average domestic demand for this commodity in July was considerably below that for June.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules, for 334 refineries, with an aggregate daily crude oil capacity of 3,166,000 barrels. These refineries operated during July at 82% of their recorded capacity as compared with 326 refineries operating at 81% of their capacity in June.

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

	July 1928.	June 1928.a	July 1927.	Jan.-July 1928.	Jan.-July 1927.b
New Supply—					
Domestic production:					
Crude petroleum:					
Light.....	67,665	64,940	69,121	455,981	451,950
Heavy.....	7,761	7,586	9,659	54,733	67,504
Total crude.....	75,426	72,526	78,780	510,714	519,454
Natural-gas gasoline.....	3,409	3,317	3,119	23,741	21,953
Benzol.....	228	231	214	1,607	1,504
Total.....	79,063	76,074	82,113	536,062	542,911
Daily average.....	2,550	2,536	2,649	2,517	2,561
Excess of daily average domestic produc. over domestic demand	150	213	414	308	437
Imports:					
Crude.....	7,878	6,553	4,823	45,884	30,818
Refined.....	781	712	1,053	7,229	8,754
Total new supply all oils.....	87,722	83,339	87,989	589,175	582,483
Daily average.....	2,830	2,778	2,838	2,766	2,748
Change in stocks all oils.....	c1,111	c536	7,530	24,890	51,156
Demand—					
Total demand.....	8,833	83,860	80,459	564,285	531,327
Daily average.....	2,866	2,795	2,595	2,649	2,506
Exports: d					
Crude.....	1,669	1,879	1,089	10,349	8,628
Refined.....	12,769	12,284	10,080	83,344	72,336
Domestic demand.....	74,395	69,697	69,290	470,592	450,363
Daily average.....	2,400	2,323	2,235	2,209	2,124
Stocks (End of Month) —					
Crude:					
East of California: e					
Light.....	318,004	319,267	276,871	318,004	276,871
Heavy.....	51,239	51,484	47,507	51,239	47,507
California:					
Light.....	18,215	19,197	25,301	18,215	25,301
Heavy f.....	95,663	94,234	93,011	95,663	93,011
Total crude.....	483,121	484,182	442,690	483,121	442,690
Natural-gas gasoline at plants.....	477	648	992	477	992
Total refined.....	128,454	128,333	128,610	128,454	128,610
Grand total stocks all oils.....	612,052	613,163	572,292	612,052	572,292
Days' supply g.....	214	219	221	231	228
Bunker oil (included above in domestic demand).....	4,116	4,307	4,077	29,481	28,177

a Revised. b Final figures. c Decrease. d Includes shipments to non-contiguous territories. e Exclusive of producers' stocks. f Includes fuel oil. g Grand total stocks divided by daily average total demand.

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

Field—	July 1928.		June 1928.		January-July 1928.	January-July 1927.a
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.		
Appalachian.....	2,637,000	85,100	2,564,000	85,500	17,922,000	17,625,000
Lima-Indiana.....	159,000	5,100	159,000	5,300	1,020,000	1,110,900
Michigan.....	56,000	1,800	50,000	1,700	280,000	256,000
Ill.-S. W. Ind.....	632,000	20,400	628,000	20,900	4,334,000	4,561,000
Mid-Continent.....	45,635,000	1,472,100	43,586,000	1,452,800	311,487,000	310,473,000
Gulf Coast.....	4,085,000	131,800	3,949,000	131,700	26,104,000	31,230,000
Rooky Mountain.....	2,468,000	79,600	2,426,000	80,900	16,852,000	18,584,000
California.....	19,754,000	637,200	19,164,000	638,800	132,715,000	135,615,000
U. S. total.....	75,426,000	2,433,100	72,526,000	2,417,600	510,714,000	519,454,000
State—						
Arkansas.....	2,809,000	90,600	3,088,000	102,900	19,123,000	24,772,000
California.....	19,754,000	637,200	19,164,000	638,800	132,715,000	135,615,000
Colorado.....	247,000	8,000	225,000	7,500	1,621,000	1,724,000
Illinois.....	551,000	17,800	550,000	18,300	3,804,000	4,160,000
Indiana.....	88,000	2,800	87,000	2,900	585,000	482,000
Southwestern.....	81,000	2,600	78,000	2,600	530,000	401,000
Northeastern.....	7,000	200	9,000	300	55,000	81,000
Kansas.....	3,267,000	105,400	3,257,000	108,600	23,516,000	24,433,000
Kentucky.....	653,000	21,100	561,000	18,700	4,207,000	3,791,000
Louisiana.....	1,993,000	64,300	1,970,000	65,700	12,743,000	13,314,000
Gulf Coast.....	774,000	25,000	749,000	25,000	3,633,000	2,904,000
Rest of State.....	1,219,000	39,300	1,221,000	40,700	9,110,000	10,410,000
Michigan.....	56,000	1,800	50,000	1,700	280,000	256,000
Montana.....	293,000	9,400	301,000	10,000	2,326,000	3,070,000
New Mexico.....	89,000	2,900	65,000	2,200	521,000	843,000
New York.....	202,000	6,500	227,000	7,600	1,403,000	1,282,000
Ohio.....	616,000	19,900	623,000	20,800	4,211,000	4,500,000
Central & East.....	464,000	15,000	473,000	15,800	3,246,000	3,471,000
Northwestern.....	152,000	4,900	150,000	5,000	965,000	1,029,000
Oklahoma.....	19,142,000	617,500	19,045,000	634,800	136,590,000	156,012,000
Osage County.....	1,588,000	52,900	1,588,000	52,900	14,557,000	14,557,000
Rest of State.....	17,457,000	584,600	17,457,000	581,900	141,464,000	141,464,000
Pennsylvania.....	827,000	26,700	827,000	27,600	5,673,000	5,612,000
Tennessee.....	6,000	200	2,000	100	28,000	30,000
Texas.....	22,509,000	726,100	20,175,000	672,500	145,619,000	123,163,000
Gulf Coast.....	3,311,000	106,800	3,200,000	106,700	22,471,000	28,326,000
Rest of State.....	19,198,000	619,300	16,975,000	565,800	123,148,000	94,837,000
West Virginia.....	485,000	15,600	474,000	15,700	3,365,000	3,539,000
Wyoming.....	1,839,000	59,300	1,835,000	61,200	12,384,000	12,943,000
Salt Creek.....	1,196,000	38,600	1,253,000	41,800	8,452,000	9,012,000
Rest of State.....	643,000	20,700	582,000	19,400	3,932,000	3,931,000

Classification by Gravity (approx.)
 Light crude..... 67,665,000 2,182,700 64,940,000 2,614,700 455,981,000 451,950,000
 Heavy crude..... 7,761,000 250,400 7,586,000 252,900 54,733,000 67,504,000

a Final figures; includes approximately 2,500,000 barrels consumed on leases, &c., not included in 1928 preliminary figures. b Including Alaska.

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

	July 1928.		June 1928.		January-July 1928.	January-July 1927.z
	Total.	Daily Ave.	Total.	Daily Ave.		
Imports—						
From Mexico.....	1,496,000	48,200	1,704,000	56,800	9,842,000	15,716,000
From Venezuela.....	4,808,000	155,100	3,727,000	124,200	26,757,000	9,067,000
From Colombia.....	1,271,000	41,000	880,000	29,300	7,635,000	4,218,000
From other countries.....	303,000	9,800	242,000	8,100	1,650,000	1,817,000
Total imports.....	7,878,000	254,100	6,553,000	218,400	45,884,000	30,818,000
Exports x—						
Domestic crude oil:						
To Canada.....	1,377,000	44,400	1,463,000	48,800	8,176,000	7,117,000
To other countries.....	292,000	9,400	416,000	13,800	2,166,000	1,511,000
Foreign crude oil.....	—	—	—	—	1,000	—
Total exports.....	1,669,000	53,800	1,879,000	62,600	10,343,000	8,628,000

x No crude shipments to territories during July. z Final figures.

STOCKS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM HELD IN UNITED STATES (BARRELS)

	July 31 1928.	June 30 1928.	July 31 1927.x
<i>At refineries (and in coastwise transit thereto)</i>			
Reported by location of storage:			
East coast—Domestic.....	8,698,000	8,328,000	8,999,000
Foreign.....	5,203,000	5,482,000	2,671,000
Appalachian.....	2,186,000	2,242,000	1,785,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.....	3,053,000	2,957,000	2,561,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.....	5,688,000	5,662,000	4,428,000
Texas—Inland.....	1,863,000	1,927,000	1,450,000
Gulf coast—Domestic.....	8,152,000	8,469,000	6,657,000
Foreign.....	150,000	102,000	226,000
Arkansas and Inland Louisiana.....	840,000	881,000	454,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast—Domestic.....	4,462,000	4,149,000	4,559,000
Foreign.....	1,194,000	970,000	1,373,000
Rocky Mountain.....	1,440,000	1,488,000	1,882,000
Total east of California.....	42,929,000	42,657,000	36,545,000
<i>Elsewhere than at refineries—</i>			
Domestic—Reported by field of origin:			
Appalachian—N. Y., Pa., W. Va., eastern and central Ohio.....	Gross 6,235,000	6,361,000	7,156,000
	Net 5,942,000	6,064,000	6,883,000
Kentucky.....	Gross 1,268,000	1,221,000	1,324,000
	Net 1,139,000	1,087,000	1,199,000
Lima-Indiana.....	Gross 1,513,000	1,447,000	1,098,000
	Net 1,333,000	1,267,000	899,000
Illinois-S. W. Indiana.....	Gross 12,551,000	12,702,000	12,669,000
	Net 12,049,000	12,200,000	12,184,000
Mid-Continent—Oklahoma, Kansas, central, north and west Texas.....	Gross 247,483,000	249,543,000	205,042,000
	Net 235,083,000	236,725,000	193,217,000
Northern Louisiana and Arkansas.....	Gross 29,698,000	29,508,000	31,357,000
	Net 26,502,000	26,543,000	27,791,000
Gulf coast.....	Gross 17,689,000	17,525,000	18,395,000
	Net 17,235,000	17,028,000	17,985,000
Rocky Mountain.....	Gross 26,990,000	27,078,000	27,434,000
	Net 26,949,000	27,038,000	27,377,000
Total pipe-line and tank-farm stocks east of California.....	Gross 343,427,000	345,385,000	304,475,000
	Net 326,232,000	327,952,000	287,535,000
Foreign crude petroleum on Atlantic coast.....	40,000	91,000	42,000
Foreign crude petroleum on Gulf coast.....	42,000	51,000	256,000
	82,000	142,000	298,000
Total refinery, pipe-line, and tank-farm stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum east of California.....	369,243,000	370,751,000	324,378,000
<i>Classification by Gravity (Approximate)—</i>			
East of California:			
Light crude (24 deg. and above).....	318,004,000	319,267,000	276,871,000
Heavy crude (below 24 deg.).....	51,239,000	51,484,000	47,507,000
California—Light.....	18,215,000	19,197,000	25,301,000
Heavy (including fuel).....	95,663,000	94,234,000	93,011,000

x Final figures.

NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS COMPLETED.

July 1928.	June 1928.	Jan.-July 1928.	Jan.-July 1927.
1,096	1,056	6,623	29,318
y For States east of California, from "Oil & Gas Journal"; for California, from the American Petroleum Institute. z Final figures.			

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

	July 1928.	June 1928.	Jan.-July '28.	Jan.-July '27a
Crude oil.....	242,000	182,000	1,891,000	5,967,000
Gasoline.....	1,745,000	1,589,000	9,034,000	6,503,000
Gas oil.....	362,000	---	1,444,000	2,261,000
Fuel oil.....	2,000	80,000	711,000	4,865,000
Lubricants.....	1,000	---	227,000	145,000
Tops.....	95,000	---	95,000	---
Asphalt.....	1,000	3,000	15,000	7,000
Total refined products.....	2,206,000	1,672,000	11,526,000	13,781,000

a Final figures.

STOCKS HELD BY THE REFINING COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES JUNE 30 1928.

(Barrels) —	Gasoline.	Kerosene.	Gas & Fuel Oils.	Lubricants.
East coast.....	4,857,000	1,418,000	8,669,000	2,598,000
Appalachian.....	1,021,000	345,000	1,068,000	1,150,000
Indiana, Ill., &c.....	4,103,000	1,146,000	2,689,000	756,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.....	2,190,000	620,000	6,196,000	487,000
Texas.....	4,273,000	1,363,000	12,383,000	1,642,000
Louisiana and Arkansas.....	1,035,000	1,676,000	5,131,000	118,000
Rocky Mountain.....	1,694,000	284,000	1,274,000	140,000
California.....	11,219,000	1,618,000	---	776,000
Total.....	30,392,000	8,470,000	a37,410,000	7,667,000
Total June 30 1928.....	34,393,000	8,370,000	a36,015,000	7,832,000
Texas Gulf coast.....	3,663,000	1,273,000	9,924,000	1,555,000
Louisiana Gulf coast.....	966,000	1,656,000	4,338,000	114,000

	Wax (Lbs.)	Coke (Tons)	Asphalt (Tons)	Other Finished Products (Bbls.)	Unfinished Oils (Bbls.)
East coast.....	27,467,000	31,000	115,700	127,000	8,537,000
Appalachian.....	12,425,000	4,300	700	70,000	1,262,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.....	18,536,000	59,300	39,300	557,000	3,827,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.....	2,637,000	53,800	1,700	90,000	2,546,000
Texas.....	4,235,000	115,800	8,300	12,000	10,429,000
Louisiana and Arkansas.....	9,747,000	63,500	25,400	72,000	2,427,000
Rocky Mountain.....	9,429,000	57,200	8,500	41,000	1,277,000
California.....	---	---	51,800	231,000	b9,342,000
Total.....	84,476,000	384,900	251,400	1,200,000	39,647,000
Total June 30 1928.....	c91,989,000	343,700	270,800	1,130,000	36,999,000
Texas Gulf coast.....	3,937,000	101,700	8,200	5,000	9,104,000
Louisiana Gulf coast.....	9,747,000	62,900	25,300	65,000	2,114,000

a East of California. b Includes 1,143,000 barrels tops in storage. c Revised.

Edward A. Brennan Appointed Secretary of National Metal Exchange, Inc.

The appointment of Edward A. Brennan, formerly of the U. S. Steel Corporation, as Secretary of the National Metal Exchange was announced Aug. 26 by Pres. Erwin Vogelsang. Mr. Brennan has had a quarter century of experience in the mining and shipping fields and in executive organization work. For nineteen years he was in the mining and transportation department of the Steel Corporation. During the war, Mr. Brennan was Cashier and paymaster for the Steel

Corporation subsidiary, the Federal Shipbuilding Co. at Kearny, N. J. He was also executive assistant in the New York office of the Emergency Fleet Corp., serving first under A. F. Mack and later under V.-Pres. W. J. Love. When Mr. Love retired, Mr. Brennan became district director of New York. Mr. Brennan, for a time, was treasurer of the Green Star Steamship Co., but resigned some time before the company retired from the shipping field. An item regarding the Metal Exchange appeared in our issue of Aug. 11, page 760.

Steel Production Continues at High Rate—New Record Likely—Pig Iron and Steel Prices Remain Unchanged.

Buyers of both pig iron and steel are covering their needs more liberally, the "Iron Age" of Sept. 6 says in its market summary. To escape price advances pig iron consumers generally have been contracting for their fourth quarter requirements. Users of finished steel are accomplishing the same purpose, in a measure, by specifying heavily against expiring contracts, adds the "Age," continuing:

In shapes, bars, plates and sheets the higher quotations announced for next quarter, together with the fixing of Sept. 10 as the closing date on releases against current contracts, have had the effect of driving in an unusually large volume of specifications. In sheets, specifying has been further stimulated by the reduction in the cash discount, which goes into effect Oct. 1.

It is beginning to appear that an earlier closing date for specifications will fail to achieve its purpose of preventing a large carryover into the next quarter. The full extent to which buyers will anticipate their forward requirements will depend on the amount of steel released for rolling in the next four days. If present indications are borne out, buyers not only will specify fully but, in some cases, will overspecify.

For sheets, as well as the heavier rolled products, there has been a rather steady increase in specifications since Aug. 1. While steel consumption may have gained in the same period, it is likely that a growing tonnage has been going into stock. At Chicago it is estimated that many consumers of sheets will be able to supply their needs from stock through October and possibly November.

A real test of price advances for fourth quarter is necessarily deferred. While there is little interest in contracts for that period, some of the large buyers who have sounded out the mills on prices are confident that business in bars, plates and shapes will be accepted at 1.95c., and possibly 1.90c., Pittsburgh, as contrasted with the announced quotation of 2c. Although a failure to achieve advances aimed at would be repeating previous experiences of the mills this year, a price of 1.90c. would be \$1 higher, and of 1.95c. \$2 a ton higher, than the prevailing contract figure for the present quarter.

The extent to which mills may succeed in increasing prices remains in doubt, but the volume of bookings, chiefly in specifications, leaves little to be desired. Although tin plate output has shown a seasonal decline to 75% of capacity, steel production as a whole is holding its own and may possibly gain in the course of the month. In sheets the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. had the largest August bookings and shipments since 1917.

Taking into account the rising scale of demand and production in July and August and the assured high rate of operations this month, a record third quarter steel production is looked for.

Contrasted with evidences of buying to circumvent higher prices are pressing demands for steel for early consumption, notably from automotive plants. Several Michigan motor car builders have increased production on new models and are taking more steel. The industry as a whole has set out to make 400,000 cars and trucks this month.

Rising consuming needs are seen in mounting business in machine tools. August sales were larger than in July, and some Cincinnati plants are operating at the highest rate since 1919.

Another sign of expanding industrial activity is the increasing melt of foundries, as indicated by shipments of coke and pig iron. The buying movement in pig iron is still under way, for both large and small foundries.

Sales of foundry and malleable grades at Cleveland totaled 40,000 tons, following bookings of 310,000 tons in the month of August. Buffalo reported 60,000 tons of pig iron sold, while the totals for the week at Philadelphia and Chicago were close to 50,000 tons each. At Chicago, where the market was raised to \$18, furnace, last week, another increase of 50c. a ton is an early possibility.

Pig iron production in August, compiled from returns to the "Iron Age," was 3,136,570 tons, or 101,180 tons per day, against 3,071,824 tons, or 99,091 tons per day in July—a gain of 2,089 tons or 2.1% in the daily rate. There was a net loss of two active furnaces in the month. However the daily operating rate of the 183 active furnaces as of Sept. 1 is estimated at 98,730 tons, compared with 98,445 tons for the 185 stacks in blast Aug. 1, indicating a higher output per furnace. The loss in active furnaces was wholly in steel works stacks, merchant furnaces having shown a net gain of one.

Both of the "Iron Age" composite prices remain unchanged, that for pig iron at \$17.34 a ton and that for finished steel at 2.348c. a lb., as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Sept. 4 1928, 2.348c. a Lb.		Sept. 4 1928, \$17.34 a Gross Ton.	
One week ago.....	2.348c.	One week ago.....	\$17.04
One month ago.....	2.348c.	One month ago.....	17.04
One year ago.....	2.367c.	One year ago.....	18.04
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 sheets, constituting 87% of the United States output of finished steel.		Based on average of basic iron at Valley Forge and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	

High.		Low.	
1928..	1927..	1928..	1927..
2.364c.	2.314c.	\$17.75	\$17.04
Feb. 14	Jan. 3	Feb. 14	July 24
Jan. 4	Oct. 25	Jan. 4	Nov. 1
2.453c.	2.403c.	21.54	19.46
Jan. 5	May 18	Jan. 5	July 13
2.580c.	2.396c.	22.50	18.96
Jan. 6	Aug. 18	Jan. 13	Nov. 7
2.789c.	2.460c.	22.88	19.21
Jan. 15	Oct. 14	Feb. 26	Nov. 5
3.824c.	2.446c.	30.86	20.77
Apr. 24	Jan. 2	Mar. 20	Nov. 20

Steel prices and tonnage, both emerging from summer in an unusually strong position, are approaching a test, according to the "Iron Trade Review," Sept. 6, in its market review of the iron and steel industry. After this week steel bars, plates and shapes are to cost \$2 per ton more. Fourth

quarter contracts for sheets, strip and other finished products will shortly be solicited at higher prices. Advances announced by producers in recent weeks have strengthened the market sentimentally, but now they must undergo the pressure of buyers, continues the "Review," which further states:

Not for several years, if ever, have many producers experienced a July and August of such proportions in bookings and production. It has been generally believed that this material was passing directly into consumption, represented an expansion of summer rather than an anticipation of fall requirements, and was not artificially stimulated by the threat of higher prices. Now, with the summer holidays and vacations past and business supposedly normal, the sureness of the market's footing will soon be revealed.

Labor day caused little impairment of steel production. On a daily basis new business, though featureless, has been equal to the August rate. The aggregate of small orders from widely diversified sources is surprisingly high, while tonnage requirements from the automotive industry hold up as increased schedules of some manufacturers offset the curtailment of others. Several important pipe lines, one requiring 42,000 tons, may be placed this week. As the mills acquire moderate backlogs they are able to schedule rollings more economically.

Pig iron has kept step with this buoyancy in steel by registering an increase in production in August, thereby reversing the downtrend since May. With a daily rate of 101,161 tons, August gained 2% over the 99,120 tons of July and 6% over the 95,183 tons of last August. The August total of 3,136,008 tons compares with 3,082,340 tons in July and 2,950,674 tons in August, 1927.

The gap between last year's production is rapidly being closed, the eight-month total for 1928 now standing at 24,719,182 tons, compared with 25,334,526 tons a year ago. Excepting 1926, August production was the best for that month in five years. At the end of the month 182 stacks, or three fewer than on July 31, were in blast.

Freight car builders are greatly encouraged by the edict of the American Railway association against the use of wooden equipment after Jan. 1 1931. Because of the surplus of cars not all of the existing 300,000 wooden cars may be replaced, but it is expected that a large part will be. Considering that car orders have been averaging about 60,000 annually in recent years, several active years may be opened up for the car building industry. Preliminary estimates placed August awards at 677, compared with 582 in July and 1,181 last August. Thus far in 1928 only 29,593 cars have been bought, against 45,641 a year ago. Chesapeake & Ohio has opened bids on its 45,500 tons of rails.

Confidence in the country's steel requirements is evidenced by lower lake steelworks which within the past week have increased their shipping instructions for Lake Superior iron ore this season by 500,000 tons. Larger producers in the Pittsburgh district are averaging 80 to 85%. Chicago steelmaking operations are unchanged at about 80%. Only twice before this year have 114 of the 127 independent sheet mills been active in the Mahoning valley; this compares with 105 units a week ago. One additional open-hearth furnace has been lighted at Youngstown. Tin plate mills in the Mahoning valley have given a little ground, both seasonally and because of crop damage by storms. Steel corporation units are at 76% this week, a loss of one point, and the entire industry is at 74%.

Not only were August sales the best of the year for many pig iron producers but shipments also were heavy enough to reduce stocks at the furnaces materially. With order books satisfactory, furnace interests are disposed to stand firmly on their recent price advances. One result has been to scale down buying somewhat. August sales of foundry and malleable iron at Chicago totaled from 250,000 to 300,000 tons, necessitating the blowing-in of two merchant stacks shortly. Pittsburgh district producers, after much quiet selling, are asking 25 to 50 cents more for most grades, and in some cases getting it. At Cleveland sales and shipments in August were the best of the year and last week's selling, totaling 46,000 tons, was good considering the holiday. Heavy sales were made in the East.

According to cable dispatches from London, British orders for iron and steel are small but aggregate well. Belgium makers have been booking good export orders from China, Japan and India. French and German markets are quieter.

The "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products is up 1 cent this week to \$35.11. For three consecutive weeks this index has been rising moderately.

The "American Metal Market," in its weekly review, says:

With the quadrennial election only two months distant chances of disturbance to trade are greatly reduced but not eliminated. Thus far the Presidential year has been making new records in various lines.

The possibility of a pre-election setback to trade is, however, not ignored, but there are also possibilities of a trade revival definitely associated with the election. There are many who feel that industry at large has not been doing as well as steel, which would indicate room for improvement in some lines.

Sellers of steel seem to have been employing fourth-quarter price advances largely for the purpose of accumulating backlogs, orders for delivery at mill convenience being commonly accepted at prices lately ruling for early deliveries. In the average of all prices actually realized on shipments there has been a slight upward trend this year.

Estimated Pig Iron Output in August Higher.

Production of pig iron in August, from data collected largely by wire by the "Iron Age," on Sept. 4, show an increase in daily rate over July but a net loss in furnaces. In most cases actual data were furnished by the producing companies. Total coke pig iron output last month was estimated at 3,136,570 gross tons, or 101,180 tons per day, as contrasted with 3,071,824 tons, or 99,091 tons per day in July. This is an increase for August of 2,089 tons or 2.1%. In July there was a decrease of 3,642 tons per day or 3.2%. The August daily rate last year was 95,073 tons, which was a decline from July of that year of 126 tons per day.

The preliminary returns indicate that there were 183 furnaces active on Sept. 1, with an estimated operating rate of 98,730 tons per day. This compares with an operating rate of 98,445 tons per day for the 185 furnaces active on Aug. 1. Of the 7 furnaces blown in, one was a Steel Corporation stack, with the remaining six equally distributed

between independent steel making companies and merchant furnaces. Four Steel Corporation stacks, three independent steel company furnaces and two merchant stacks were shut down. This is a net loss of three furnaces for the Steel Corporation and a gain of one merchant furnace.

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

Subcommittees of Illinois Coal Operators and Miners Sign Wage Cut Agreement.

Subcommittees of the Illinois Coal Operators Association and of the Illinois District of the United Mine Workers of America signed a four year agreement at Chicago on Sept. 1 under which it is stated the miners accepted a decrease in wages of about 16% for tonnage workers and 19% for day workers.

Associated Press accounts from Chicago on Sept. 1 stated:

The agreement, subject to a referendum vote of the Illinois miners, provides for 91 cents for tonnage men, compared with the old Jacksonville scale of \$1.08 a ton, and \$6.10 a day for day workers, compared to the old \$7.50 rate. The agreement, effective Sept. 16, lasts until Mar. 31 1932.

In addition to about 34,000 miners in the State who have been operating on the Jacksonville wage scale under independent agreements with operators, officials estimated that 20,000 more of the State's 80,000 will go back to work under the new agreements as soon as the mines are ready to operate.

The agreement in Illinois also was expected to have a bearing on settlements in Indiana, Iowa and Pennsylvania. The settlement marks the end of more than a month of negotiation, following abandonment of a demand for retention of the Jacksonville scale of prices by the miners. It also marks the conclusion in Illinois of more than two years of intermittent disputes between the miners and operators.

Production of Coal in Illinois, Kentucky, Arkansas and Oklahoma in 1927.

Final returns received by the Bureau of Mines from operators in the State of Illinois for the year 1927 show a total production of 46,848,224 net tons, of which 42,757,667 tons were loaded at mines for shipment, 3,379,701 tons were sold to local trade or used by employees, and 710,856 tons were used at mines for steam and heat. The total value of the product, f.o.b. mine, was \$101,356,000, an average of \$2.16 per ton.

The total output in Kentucky in 1927 was 69,123,998 net tons, of which 67,579,996 tons were loaded at mines for shipment. The total value of the product was \$119,249,000, an average of \$1.73 per ton.

The total production in Arkansas in 1927 was 1,548,834 net tons, of which 1,515,330 tons were loaded at mines for shipment. Total value of product was \$5,393,000, an average of \$3.48 per ton.

The total output in Oklahoma in 1927 amounted to 3,818,054 net tons, of which 3,698,285 tons were loaded at mines for shipment. The total value of product was \$11,570,000, an average of \$3.03 per ton.

Production of By-Product and Beehive Coke in July.

Lower furnace requirements during July, shown by a decline of 3.5% in the daily production of pig iron, caused a continued decrease in the output of both by-product and beehive coke, according to the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. Total coke production in July was 81,186 net tons less than in June. The total output of by-product coke for the 31 days of July was 3,911,082 tons, a decrease of 50,186 tons, or 1.3%, when compared with June. The daily average amounted to 126,164 tons, as against 132,042 tons for the 30 days in June, a decrease of 4.5%. The 80 active plants produced about 81% of their capacity. The output of beehive coke was 271,000 tons in July, as compared with 302,000 tons in June, and with 467,000 tons in July of 1927. The average per working day declined from 11,615 tons to 10,840 tons, a decrease of almost 7%. The Bureau also issued the following statistics:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF BY-PRODUCT AND BEEHIVE COKE AND PIG IRON.

(Figures for coke in net tons; for pig iron in gross tons.)

	By-Product Coke.	Beehive Coke.	Total Coke.	Pig Iron (a)
<i>Monthly Total—</i>				
July 1927-----	3,657,706	467,000	4,124,706	2,951,160
June 1928-----	3,961,268	302,000	4,263,268	3,082,000
July 1928-----	3,911,082	271,000	4,182,082	3,071,824
<i>Daily Average—</i>				
July 1927-----	117,991	18,680	136,671	95,199
June 1928-----	132,042	11,615	143,657	102,733
July 1928-----	126,164	10,840	137,004	99,091

a Figures from the "Iron Age."

Production for the Year to Date.

The cumulative output of both pig iron and beehive coke for the first 7 months of the year shows a decrease when compared with the corresponding period of 1927. By-product coke, however, is about 7% greater than during 1927.

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF COKE AND PIG IRON, CALENDAR YEAR TO JULY 31.

(Figures for coke in net tons; for pig iron in gross tons.)

	By-Product Coke.	Beehive Coke.	Total Coke.	Pig Iron.
First 7 months of 1928.....	27,582,618	2,541,000	30,123,618	21,592,745
1927.....	25,770,781	4,886,000	30,656,781	22,381,838
1926.....	25,774,000	8,053,000	33,827,000	23,071,799
1925.....	25,877,000	6,181,000	32,058,000	21,675,972
1924.....	19,903,000	6,969,000	26,872,000	19,219,000

Production by Regions.

There has been a slight increase in the output of by-product coke in the Eastern and Middle Western regions in 1928 when compared with the corresponding period of 1927. In the Alabama-Tennessee and Northwest-Far West regions production declined. The beehive districts all show a decided drop in comparison with 1927.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF COKE BY GROUPS OF STATES (Net Tons).

Region.	July 1928.	June 1928.	July 1927.	Cal. Year to July 31.	
				1928.	1927.
By-Product Coke—					
New England, New Jersey and N. Y. east of Buffalo Dist. Penna., Buffalo Dist., Ohio and adjacent plants. a.....	343,785	332,247	341,761	2,363,448	2,349,343
Alabama and Tennessee.....	2,131,048	2,102,839	1,882,744	14,478,847	13,201,604
Ill., Ind., Mich. and Missouri.....	344,645	362,551	360,200	2,600,355	2,664,930
Northwest and Far West. b.....	922,233	1,000,320	895,140	6,976,963	6,348,745
Total.....	3,911,082	3,961,268	3,657,706	27,582,618	25,770,781
Beehive Coke—					
Pennsylvania and Ohio.....	185,000	212,000	333,000	1,813,000	3,831,000
West Virginia and Kentucky.....	45,000	45,000	67,000	395,000	532,000
Virginia.....	20,000	21,000	28,000	144,000	206,000
Ala., Tenn. and Georgia.....	7,000	7,000	11,000	65,000	95,000
Colo., Utah & Washington.....	14,000	17,000	28,000	124,000	222,000
Total.....	271,000	302,000	467,000	2,541,000	4,886,000

a Includes Sparrows Point, Md.; Ashland, Ky., and three plants in northern West Virginia. b Includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, Washington, Colorado and Utah.

Coal Consumed.

The quantity of coal consumed at coke plants during July amounted to about 6,046,000 tons, of which 5,619,000 tons were charged in by-product ovens and 427,000 tons in beehive ovens.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF COAL IN THE MANUFACTURE OF COKE (NET TONS).

	Consumed in By-Product Ovens.	Consumed in Beehive Ovens.	Total Coal Consumed.
1925 monthly average.....	4,759,000	1,452,000	6,211,000
1926 monthly average.....	5,304,000	1,602,000	6,906,000
1927 monthly average. a.....	5,259,000	920,000	6,179,000
May 1928.....	5,891,000	593,000	6,484,000
June 1928.....	5,691,000	476,000	6,167,000
July 1928.....	5,619,000	427,000	6,046,000

a Preliminary figures.

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

The following preliminary estimates for the month of August, as given in the United States Bureau of Mines report, are subject to slight revisions, which will be issued in the weekly coal report about the 15th of this month. All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the results of the complete canvass of production made at the end of the calendar year. The figures as now reported show that 41,041,000 net tons of bituminous coal were produced in August 1928, an increase of 4,765,000 net tons over the previous month and a decrease of 664,000 net tons as compared with the figure for the month of August 1927. Anthracite production during the month under review showed an increase of 2,314,000 net tons as compared with the preceding month, but was 905,000 net tons under the total for the month of August 1927. The statistical tables as given by the Bureau of Mines are appended:

	Total for Month (Net Tons).	Number of Working Days.	Average per Work'g Day (Net Tons).
August 1928 (preliminary)—a			
Bituminous coal.....	41,041,000	27	1,520,000
Anthracite.....	6,789,000	27	251,000
Beehive coke.....	291,000	27	10,780
July 1928 (revised)—			
Bituminous coal.....	36,276,000	25	1,451,000
Anthracite.....	4,475,000	25	179,000
Beehive coke.....	271,000	25	10,840
August 1927—			
Bituminous coal.....	41,705,000	27	1,545,000
Anthracite.....	7,694,000	27	285,000
Beehive coke.....	500,000	27	18,520

a Slight revisions of these estimates will be issued in the Weekly Coal Report about the middle of the month.

Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Production Higher.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, production of bituminous coal during the week ended Aug. 25 amounted to 9,274,000 net tons, as compared with 8,959,000 tons in the preceding week and 9,742,000 tons during the week ended Aug. 27 1927. Output of anthracite during the week ended Aug. 25 1928 is estimated at 1,732,000 net tons as compared with 2,092,000 tons during the corresponding week last year and 1,416,000 net tons in the week ended Aug. 18 1928. The Bureau of Mines report is as follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Aug. 25, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,274,000 net tons.

Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this shows an increase of 315,000 tons, or 3.5%. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of Aug. 25 amounted to 9,742,000 tons.

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

	1928		1927	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year
Aug. 11.....	9,002,000	285,094,000	9,093,000	325,673,000
Daily average.....	1,500,000	1,505,000	1,516,000	1,720,000
Aug. 18. b.....	8,959,000	294,053,000	9,140,000	334,813,000
Daily average.....	1,493,000	1,505,000	1,523,000	1,714,000
Aug. 25. c.....	9,274,000	303,327,000	9,742,000	344,555,000
Daily average.....	1,546,000	1,506,000	1,624,000	1,712,000

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

The total production of bituminous coal during the present calendar year to Aug. 25 (approximately 201 working days) amounts to 303,327,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1927.....	344,555,000 net tons	1924.....	297,116,000 net tons
1926.....	346,412,000 net tons	1923.....	369,622,000 net tons
1925.....	309,439,000 net tons	1922.....	231,430,000 net tons

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Aug. 18 amounted to 8,959,000 net tons. This is a decrease of 43,000 tons as compared with the output in the preceding week.

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

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

State—	Week Ended—				Average a
	Aug. 18 '28.	Aug. 11 '28.	Aug. 20 '27.	Aug. 21 '26.	
Alabama.....	271,000	289,000	364,000	383,000	397,000
Arkansas.....	37,000	35,000	46,000	25,000	26,000
Colorado.....	146,000	150,000	185,000	190,000	173,000
Illinois.....	814,000	728,000	161,000	1,129,000	1,363,000
Indiana.....	266,000	223,000	293,000	430,000	440,000
Iowa.....	48,000	51,000	10,000	66,000	100,000
Kansas.....	27,000	22,000	31,000	70,000	84,000
Kentucky.....	987,000	1,005,000	1,141,000	957,000	765,000
Western.....	257,000	245,000	460,000	267,000	217,000
Maryland.....	11,000	51,000	58,000	55,000	44,000
Michigan.....	52,000	12,000	14,000	12,000	21,000
Missouri.....	60,000	52,000	31,000	47,000	61,000
Montana.....	55,000	52,000	59,000	51,000	50,000
New Mexico.....	54,000	53,000	58,000	46,000	49,000
North Dakota.....	16,000	12,000	13,000	20,000	20,000
Ohio.....	298,000	307,000	138,000	444,000	871,000
Oklahoma.....	48,000	48,000	63,000	44,000	55,000
Pennsylvania.....	2,237,000	2,260,000	2,269,000	2,723,000	3,734,000
Tennessee.....	101,000	104,000	91,000	108,000	118,000
Texas.....	17,000	19,000	24,000	20,000	24,000
Utah.....	73,000	68,000	89,000	99,000	83,000
Virginia.....	225,000	235,000	250,000	265,000	248,000
Washington.....	41,000	36,000	40,000	49,000	47,000
W. Va.—Southern b.....	1,963,000	2,040,000	2,670,000	2,071,000	1,552,000
Northern c.....	746,000	788,000	827,000	759,000	838,000
Wyoming.....	110,000	116,000	111,000	105,000	154,000
Other States.....	1,000	1,000	4,000	5,000	4,000
Total bituminous.....	8,959,000	9,002,000	9,140,000	10,440,000	11,538,000
Pennsylvania anthra. d.....	1,416,000	1,389,000	1,585,000	1,770,000	1,926,000
Total all coal.....	10,373,000	10,391,000	10,725,000	12,210,000	13,464,000

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

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended Aug. 25 is estimated at 1,732,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows an increase of 316,000 tons. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of Aug. 25 amounted to 2,092,000 tons.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1928		1927	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year
Aug. 18.....	1,416,000	45,159,000	1,585,000	50,254,000
Aug. 25. a.....	1,732,000	46,891,000	2,092,000	52,346,000

a Subject to revision.

President Roome of Excelsior Savings Bank Says Slower Progress Has Been Made by Savings Banks in Services to Depositors Than by Other Financial Institutions—Contends That Savings Banks Are Walled in by Legislative Restrictions.

Bankers and banking officials of the country must start working now to achieve the kind of savings bank of 1935 which depositors need, declared Reginald Roome, President of the Excelsior Savings Bank, of New York, on Aug. 31. Savings banks have made slower progress than any other financial institutions in meeting the needs of those who use them, says Mr. Roome, because of the deadening restrictions which started as supervision for safety. Mr. Roome says: "The type of mutual savings bank which will be needed in 1935 and is, in fact, needed now, cannot be developed unless all concerned begin immediate active measures. The savings banks have always needed at least ten years to effect changes for the benefit of their depositors which any other type of institution could accomplish in a year. This is because the savings banks are protected to death. They have not for many years been permitted to give their depositors the service so urgently needed and unless action is begun soon, it may be too late.

"While the savings banks have been walled in by legislative and supervisory restrictions, unsupervised and superficially regulated financial methods have been allowed to play havoc with the savings of the 'un-wealthy.' Fraudulent securities, loan sharks and similar criminal destroyers of the people's resources are obviously undesirable competition for the savings banks. But the less obvious competition, even when honest and laudable in many ways, had diverted funds from the savings bank to investments often having a considerable element of risk. The so-called protection of the savings banks has been one of the greatest disservices to the great masses of the people rendered by the State governments. What was certainly meant well has turned out to be real harm.

"The savings bank of 1935 must be able to offer all people of limited means exactly the same services which other financial institutions offer those who have more. The personal and family finances of the poor are just as important and need just as careful counsel and management as those of the rich—perhaps more. They need just as much service in investment, the financing of education and other vital activities, and the conservation of estates as the more fortunate; and it is the duty of the savings bank to give such service. The savings bank of 1935 will do so, if we plan for it now."

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Sept. 5, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows increases for the week of \$41,300,000 in holdings of discounted bills, of \$2,500,000 in bills bought in open market, of \$50,000,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and of \$4,700,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and decreases of \$2,600,000 in holdings of United States securities, and of \$17,600,000 in cash reserves. Total bills and securities were \$41,300,000 above the amount held on Aug. 29. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The principal changes in holdings of discounted bills were increases of \$57,700,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and \$15,300,000 at San Francisco, and decreases of \$25,500,000 at Chicago and \$5,500,000 at Cleveland. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market increased \$2,500,000, while holdings of United States bonds declined \$900,000, of Treasury notes \$1,200,000, and of certificates of indebtedness \$500,000.

All Federal Reserve banks report a larger Federal Reserve note circulation than a week ago, the principal increases being \$15,700,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$7,300,000 at San Francisco, \$6,900,000 at Chicago, \$5,300,000 at Boston, and \$3,700,000 at Dallas.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week, and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 1359 and 1360. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Sept. 5 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	-\$17,600,000	-\$377,900,000
Gold reserves.....	-9,700,000	-380,500,000
Total bills and securities.....	+41,300,000	+327,700,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+41,300,000	+630,600,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	+47,700,000	+410,100,000
Other bills discounted.....	-6,400,000	+220,600,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+2,500,000	-10,500,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	-2,600,000	-293,100,000
Bonds.....	-900,000	-183,800,000
Treasury notes.....	-1,200,000	-21,600,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	-500,000	-87,700,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+50,000,000	-19,700,000
Total deposits.....	-19,100,000	-62,200,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+4,700,000	-45,100,000
Government deposits.....	-18,400,000	-11,900,000

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

Beginning with the returns for June 29 1927, the Federal Reserve Board also began to give out the figures of the member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District, as well as those in the Chicago Reserve District, on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and for the same week, instead of waiting until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks—now 635—cannot be got ready.

The following is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks, which this week again show an increase, this time of \$54,061,000, the grand aggregate of these loans on Sept. 5 being \$4,289,209,000; this total is only \$274,031,000 below the record total of June 6.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	Sept. 5 1928.	Aug. 29 1928.	Sept. 7 1927.
New York—45 Banks.			
Loans and investments—total.....	7,260,913,000	7,138,313,000	6,633,967,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	5,386,488,000	5,274,559,000	4,835,020,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	48,736,000	45,796,000	36,666,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	2,502,291,000	2,383,390,000	2,233,015,000
All other loans and discounts.....	2,835,461,000	2,845,373,000	2,565,339,000
Investments—total.....	1,874,425,000	1,863,754,000	1,798,947,000
U. S. Govt. securities.....	1,025,049,000	1,001,914,000	878,643,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	849,376,000	861,840,000	920,304,000
Reserve balances with F. R. bank.....	685,552,000	690,825,000	726,734,000
Cash in vault.....	53,429,000	52,377,000	59,255,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,109,733,000	5,032,980,000	5,209,161,000
Time deposits.....	1,171,794,000	1,161,977,000	1,003,120,000
Government deposits.....	15,700,000	19,631,000	886,000
Due from banks.....	86,074,000	77,695,000	83,967,000
Due to banks.....	1,135,353,000	1,080,871,000	1,174,269,000
Borrowings from F. R. bank—total.....	260,205,000	197,824,000	132,096,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	187,870,000	115,645,000	86,450,000
All other.....	72,335,000	82,179,000	45,646,000

	Sept. 5 1928.	Aug. 29 1928	Sept. 7 1927.
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds):			
For own account.....	906,779,000	792,766,000	1,046,074,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,521,723,000	1,535,163,000	1,233,328,000
For account of others.....	1,860,707,000	1,907,219,000	921,986,000
Total.....	4,289,209,000	4,235,148,000	3,206,299,000
On demand.....	3,481,887,000	3,417,938,000	2,402,020,000
On time.....	807,322,000	817,210,000	804,279,000

Chicago—43 Banks.			
Loans and investments—total.....	2,035,532,000	2,051,421,000	1,954,649,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	1,564,447	1,579,518	1,499,249
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	13,250,000	14,352,000	16,191,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	784,177,000	786,116,000	801,381,000
All other loans and discounts.....	767,020,000	779,050,000	681,677,000
Investments—total.....	471,085,000	471,903,000	455,400,000
U. S. Govt. securities.....	209,518,000	216,022,000	196,565,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	261,567,000	255,881,000	258,835,000
Reserve with F. R. bank.....	180,930,000	174,519,000	181,176,000
Cash in vault.....	16,853,000	15,970,000	20,182,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,244,682,000	1,222,552,000	1,311,125,000
Time deposits.....	677,547,000	680,421,000	615,414,000
Government deposits.....	7,932,000	9,918,000	597
Due from banks.....	160,398,000	142,739,000	148,203,000
Due to banks.....	340,642,000	336,870,000	385,930,000
Borrowings from F. R. bank—total.....	41,924,000	71,165,000	2,485,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	34,685,000	59,969,000	1,955,000
All other.....	7,239,000	11,196,000	530

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 635, 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 Aug. 29.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 635 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Aug. 29 shows increases for the week of \$31,000,000 in loans and discounts, of \$45,000,000 in net demand deposits, and \$16,000,000 in time deposits, and decreases of \$30,000,000 in Government deposits, \$3,000,000 in investments, and \$23,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$6,000,000 below the Aug. 22 total at all reporting banks, decreases of \$14,000,000 in the New York district and \$10,000,000 in the Boston district being partly offset by increases of \$13,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$7,000,000 in the Kansas City district. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$36,000,000 in the New York district and \$38,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$1,000,000 and of other bonds, stocks, and securities \$2,000,000.

Net demand deposits were \$45,000,000 above the amount reported a week ago, the principal increases by districts being: New York \$41,000,000, San Francisco \$6,000,000, and St. Louis \$5,000,000. Time deposits increased \$10,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$5,000,000 in the New York district, and \$16,000,000 at all reporting banks. All districts participated in the reduction of \$30,000,000 in Government deposits.

The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks were decreases of \$37,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district and \$11,000,000 in the Chicago district, and increases of \$12,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$5,000,000 each in the Philadelphia, Kansas City, and San Francisco districts.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 635 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Aug. 29 1928, follows:

	Increase (%) or Decrease (-) During		
	Aug. 29 1928.	Week.	Year.
Loans and investments—total.....	22,134,464,000	+28,865,000	+1,403,677,000
Loans and discounts—total.....	15,729,207,000	+31,412,000	+976,275,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	125,147,000	-731,000	+864,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	6,522,925,000	-5,624,000	+493,893,000
All other loans and discounts.....	9,081,135,000	+37,767,000	+481,518,000
Investments—total.....	6,405,257,000	-2,547,000	+427,402,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,908,200,000	-751,000	+405,431,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,497,057,000	-1,796,000	+21,971,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve banks.....	1,660,784,000	-7,221,000	-36,234,000
Cash in vault.....	246,947,000	+896,000	-6,722,000
Net demand deposits.....	12,870,985,000	+44,629,000	-509,533,000
Time deposits.....	6,912,285,000	+15,574,000	+592,445,000
Government deposits.....	117,866,000	-30,313,000	+77,555,000
Due from banks.....	1,007,772,000	-35,189,000	-117,872,000
Due to banks.....	2,964,321,000	+3,933,000	-373,083,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks—total.....	774,366,000	-23,325,000	+533,990,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	479,506,000	+591,000	+323,874,000
All other.....	294,860,000	-23,916,000	+210,116,000

* Aug. 22 figures revised.

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 Sept. 8 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

AUSTRALIA.

Some improvement is shown in seasonal trade. Rain is reported needed at this time in most wheat areas. The Victorian Government has allocated 751,000 pounds sterling for State roads for the fiscal year 1928-29, of which 217,000 is to be used for main roads and the remainder for developmental work. Activity in aviation in Australia is increasing. The German Dornier Wal is negotiating for a Sydney mail and passenger service to New England. Sultana raisin producers are asking for an investigation of California prices with a view to the application of anti-dumping tariffs, since departmental estimates now indicate that Australian production of raisins this year is only about one-half that of last year.

BULGARIA.

The Budget for 1928-29, as recently voted by Parliament, shows a decrease in both revenues and expenditures from the previous year. Revenues are estimated at 6,788,000,000 leva and expenditures at 6,747,000,000 leva, as against a balance of receipts and expenditures at 6,993,000,000 leva for 1927-28. For 1928-29 the budget of "special funds" has been added to the ordinary budget at the suggestion of the Financial Commission of the League of Nations. This item amounts to 777,000,000 leva, but is not included in the above total of estimated receipts. (Lev. equals \$0.0072)

CANADA.

The Canadian Wheat Pools have announced an initial payment of 85 cents per bushel on No. 1 Northern wheat of the new crop. This compared with an initial payment of \$1 per bushel on No. 1 Northern for the past four years. In general, harvesting weather has been ideal. August movement from the Head of the Lakes has been at a substantially higher rate than last year, stocks at Fort William and Port Arthur on Aug. 24 were reported as having been reduced to 6,055,000 bushels. Receipts at Montreal, which were five million bushels under the 1927 figure on Aug. 1, are now nine million bushels in excess of receipts to Aug. 29, 1927. Employment in the Dominion continues to exceed any previous record, with August returns indicating unusual gains in construction and manufacturing. All provinces apparently share in the increase, although Ontario and the western provinces show the greatest relative advance.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Czechoslovak industry and trade continues to maintain a high level of activity. The coal output is increasing and improving conditions prevail in the electrical and chemical industries. The cotton mills are slack, but an improvement is expected. Effective Sept. 1, exports of fodder molasses are subjected to license restrictions on account of the feed shortage. As the result of a smaller area, the sugar crop is estimated at 30% below last year; the sugar beets have been retarded by the drought. Cereal crops are above average except oats; the flax and potato crops are reported poor. The money market is easy with funds ample for the requirements of the hops harvest now beginning. The National Bank's foreign exchange holdings have increased despite gold purchases in London amounting to 33,000,000 crowns.

DENMARK.

Commercial and industrial conditions in Denmark continued to show a slow steady improvement during August. The industries were satisfactorily occupied and unemployment showed a further decrease, from 39,000 for July to 37,000 for August. The labor market in general continued to show a steady improvement. Shipping was generally active with no idle tonnage. Weather conditions improved crop outlook. The production and export of agricultural products remained high with prices firm; those for hogs showed a slight advance. The money market during July showed a slight improvement over June and was generally satisfactory. The decline in deposits discontinued during the month while loans and discounts at the National Bank were also lower. The note circulation was again lower and the gold cover correspondingly increased by 2% to 65%. The crown exchange was firm during the month. The bourse was quiet and price levels showed a slight upward tendency. Foreign trade continued active during July but the result was not so favorable as in the 2 months earlier. Trade for the month showed an import surplus of 11,000,000 crowns as against a practically balanced foreign trade in June.

ESTONIA.

Conditions in Estonia remain generally satisfactory. The money market in particular reflects the favorable situation. The foreign loan received early in the year tended to eliminate the uncertain feeling and during the first seven months of the year activities at the commercial banks showed steady growth and with the rapid accumulation of deposits the strained credit situation has been relieved. Foreign exchange holdings at the State Bank have also shown a steady expansion. Agriculture remains satisfactory but abnormal weather conditions have damaged the crops. The production and export of dairy products continue to grow and are substantially above those of last year. Budget receipts for the first eleven months of the fiscal year are above those for the corresponding period of the year earlier. Both imports and exports are above those of last year but the surplus of imports is greater. The railways show increased activities and earnings.

JAPAN.

Business in Japan is dull and featureless. The import trade is spotty, and exports are quiet. Money is tight and firm rates for call money are stiffening and the stock market is reported adversely affected by uncertain political situations. Continued bad weather in the Kwanto district indicates that the rice crop may prove to be below normal. Some agitation has been started for the removal of rice import restrictions.

NORWAY.

A slight seasonal dullness was noticeable in industry and commerce in Norway during August. Shipping was rather quiet although orders for new ships were increasing, thus further stimulating the ship building industry. Agriculture remains unsatisfactory with crop prospects discouraging. The situation of the fisheries remains satisfactory and large catches are reported by the whaling fleets. Industrial activity was rather low during the month but the labor situation showed further improvement. The number of unemployed showed a further reduction and was estimated at 25,000 for the month as against 26,000 for July. No outstanding change was noticeable in the money market. The note circulation was somewhat lower on Aug. 15 than on July 15. The bourse was fairly active and quotations were higher following a downward tendency in June. Prices were stable. Both imports and exports were lower during July than during the month earlier and with a marked reduction in the former, the import surplus was less than half of that for June.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

With continued quiet and overstocked export markets, the past week saw little change in the prevailing business inactivity. There was slightly more interest manifested in abaca trade in the early part of the week, but prices remain unchanged and receipts continue heavy. Arrivals of copra from the provinces are also heavy and all coconut oil mills are in operation. The provincial equivalent of resocado (dried copra) remains at 12.25 pesos per picul of 139 pounds delivered at Manila, with slight reductions in the Hondagua and Cebu prices, which are 11½ and 11¼ pesos respectively, the latter quotations being f. o. b. Cebu.

POLAND.

According to preliminary data published by the Central Statistical Bureau, foreign trade for July closed with an adverse balance of 86,673,000 zlotys (par value \$0.1122). Imports totalling 288,195,000 zlotys against 201,552,000 zlotys of exports. Compared with the preceding month, this represents a decline of 10,876,000 in the amount of the adverse balance, accounted for chiefly by an increase of 9,561,000 zlotys in exports, while imports decreased by 1,315,000 zlotys. Foreign trade operations for the first seven months of the current year resulted in a debit balance of 649,221,000 zlotys, with imports aggregating 2,053,582,000 zlotys and exports, 1,404,361,000 zlotys. Compared with the respective period of 1927, this shows an increase of 419,674,000 zlotys in the adverse, balance composed of 405,035,000 of greater imports and a decrease of 14,539,000 in exports. The bulk of the increase in imports comprises mainly raw materials, semi-manufactured products and manufactures used for agricultural and industrial purpose. The largest increases occurred in imports of textiles (110,000,000), machinery (67,000,000), and automotive vehicles (25,000,000).

YUGOSLAVIA.

Government receipts during the first 11 months of the 1927-28 fiscal year (Apr. 1-Mar. 31) totaled 9,592,224,400 dinars and expenditures 9,443,885,000 dinars, indicating a surplus of 148,338,800 dinars. Budget estimates of revenues and expenditures for this period balanced at 10,521,105,800 dinars. (Dinar equals \$0.0176).

Completion of Four Years Transitional Period under Dawes Plan—Germany's Annual Payments Hereafter About \$600,000,000.

Sept. 1 marked the beginning of the standard annuity under the Dawes plan under which the German Government will be called on to make annual payments of 2,500,000,000 marks, about \$600,000,000, to the creditor powers. Associated Press advices from Berlin in noting this said:

With the completion of the four years' transitional period prescribed in the expert's plan, Germany has made total payments in progressive annual levies of 5,470,000,000 marks in cash and deliveries in kind, the volume of the latter showing a steady increase of requisitions by the creditor nations for industrial, commercial and agricultural commodities.

The latter total does not include gold payments made to France, Great Britain and Belgium before the adoption of the Dawes plan. While these also run well up into the billions, they have been the subject of unadjusted controversies between the German Government and the allied creditors.

The four-year period of so-called probation has elapsed without inflicting apparent menace to German economy or the Reich's currency. German critics, however, say that reparation payments, since the expert's plan became operative on Sept. 1, 1924, have chiefly been met through recourse to foreign loans of which Germany has absorbed more than 10,000,000,000 marks during the past four years.

While Germany's payments during this period have been rendered with promptness and she has also fulfilled other requirements of the plan, German pessimism stressed the fear that unless the practice of floating loans abroad is allowed to prevail, the first standard annuity year will also fail to serve as a reliable criterion of the stress imposed on her budget by an annual payment of 2,500,000,000 gold marks.

As the expert's plan provides for due consideration of Germany's economic condition in so far as it is affected by her reparations obligations, a few financial writers believe that the most effective test for determining the Reich's ability to meet the standard annuity would be rigid dependence on its own economic resources without recourse to foreign financial aid. Such a test, they declare, would soon demonstrate the necessity of applying the safety valve supplied by the experts' scheme which allows for an increase or decrease in annual reparation payments in accordance with the index of the nation's prosperity.

With the advent of the first standard payment year, Germans are giving renewed attention to the frank recommendation of S. Parker Gilbert the Reparation Agent-General, that Germany's ultimate reparations liability should be definitely determined, both for the benefit of her own economy and in the interests of the creditor powers.

According to a Berlin message to the "Times" from Berlin Sept. 1, the advent of the crucial date was signalled by the statement issued on behalf of Parker Gilbert, Reparations Agent-General, to the effect that throughout the fourth year, ending Aug. 31, all the German payments had been made "fully and punctually, as they became due." Mr. Gilbert added:

"Transfers have been made during the year to an amount substantially equivalent to the year's receipts."

From the "Times" account we also quote as follows:

This tribute to the Reich's past performances offers no evidence, however, that the total reparational levy will be forthcoming.

The tone of the German press, which limits itself to vague and inconclusive commentary, is pessimistic. The "Berliner Tageblatt" declares that neither the Federal and State finances, nor the country's business conditions are "adequately prepared" for full payment. The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" takes the German Government severely to task for not defining publicly its reparations policy and for not voicing its ultimate determination to obtain a downward revision of the Dawes plan.

Payment Called Dubious.

During the coming year Germany is supposed to deposit to the Agent-General's account 1,250,000,000 marks from the budget; 290,000,000 from the proceeds of the transfer tax; 300,000,000 interest on her industrial debentures, and 660,000,000 interest on her railroad bonds, a total of 2,500,000,000 marks.

Whether the payment will be made nobody can foretell. Fiscal and political authorities have repeatedly expressed the nation's resolve to carry out the plan if it is possible to do so, but they have been extremely non-committal about the possibilities of fulfillment. Experts consulted by newspapers are unanimously dubious about the payment. Even if the scheduled sum is paid, the feasibility of its being transferred to the allied treasuries is negated by most students of the subject here. Transfer obstacles in the end will wreck the whole Dawes system, according to accepted German opinion.

In this connection, therefore, it is significant to note the circumstance emphasized in Mr. Gilbert's statement to-day, that of 1,746,000,000 marks collected during the year that ended yesterday, all but 7,000,000 was transferred successfully. Moreover, 943,000,000, or over 54% of the total, reached the Reich's creditors in the form of foreign currency, the balance being liquidated by deliveries in kind or payments in marks to the occupation forces on the Rhine, or to various allied commissions in Germany.

Customs Increases Predicted.

Through the British and French Reparation Recovery acts, and the special arrangement with the United States, which country received 30,000,000, about 380,000,000 was obtained. Cash shipments abroad aggregated 460,000,000 marks.

There is nothing to show that a greater amount of cash could not have been sent out of the country without disturbing the national equilibrium, so that no estimate of the amount that can be transferred in the current year can be formulated. Certainly, however, it should be a comparatively simple matter to transfer at least as much as last year, and doubtless a lot more.

Where the hardest pinch comes, as regards collection, is in the German budget, which from now on must produce annually 1,250,000,000 instead of 500,000,000 marks. The nation's past revenues, newspaper commentators agree, afford no guarantee whatever that so heavy a burden can be borne by the State Treasury. To meet the obligations, it is argued, taxes must be raised to a level absolutely crushing to the economical structure of the Reich, and the duty on imports must be dangerously increased.

How it proposes to pay seven-twelfths of the nominal annuity falling due within Germany's current fiscal year, which ends March 31 next, has never been clearly elucidated by the German Government. The present Cabinet, headed by Hermann Mueller, Socialist, has dodged public discussion of the whole reparations problem as much as possible.

The small balance on the fourth year's debt is not yet actually on deposit in the Agent-General's account, and about 4,000,000 marks will be forthcoming this month, Mr. Gilbert reports.

Reich Stand on International Debt—Holds Problem Has Nothing to Do with Reparations.

That Germany does not consider the time ripe for discussing the question of connecting reparations with the international debt problem is apparent from the attitude of the Foreign Office at Berlin, according to a wireless message Sept. 5 to the "Times" which also has the following to say:

Germany has expressed without equivocation that she takes a firm stand on the thesis that reparations are purely and solely a European problem and that the international debt problem has nothing to do with the Reich. To try to make either one dependent on the other is sure to result in disaster, it is argued.

Reparations concern her since she is the one obliged to do the paying. The Reich plays no part in the international debt problem and holds that to try to make evacuation and reparations dependent on debt settlements is the same as trying to add dissimilar quantities and express the total as a single quantity.

The German Foreign Office again expresses its determination not to purchase freedom of the Rhine. From the political standpoint further occupation is wrong, it is argued, in view of the conclusion of the Locarno Treaty and the Kellogg Pact. Morally, keeping foreign troops on German soil works counter to the spirit of peace.

Again the Reich stresses that the Versailles Treaty provides for early evacuation provided Germany is fulfilling her obligations, which has been the case, and that besides the other nations hold guarantees for the future.

The fact that Chancellor Mueller had little to report after his conference with M. Briand tonight in Geneva caused little surprise since political circles here do not regard the Reich's chances as favorable as long as M. Poincare holds the balance of power over M. Briand in the present Government. When the new French Parliament reassembles, giving more support to the Briand policies, Germany will make a greater effort with hope of success.

The fact that M. Briand was overruled recently by the Premier by 7 to 4 votes shows that the Foreign Minister is not in position at this League session to make proposals amounting to concessions in the eyes of M. Poincare and have the backing of the French Government.

Closer French-German Financial Ties Looked for—Deutsche Bank Opening Office in Paris, Report—Word Received Here of Conference of Bankers.

From the "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 8 we take the following:

Word has reached banking circles here that closer relations have been established between leading French and German banking groups as a result of a conference recently held in Paris. The eventual result of these closer relations, it is expected, will be that Paris will take the place of New York as the chief purveyor of capital to the German market.

In this connection, it is reported here that the Deutsche Bank has decided to open an office on Paris. This will be the first German bank to take such a step in the post-war period, and it is believed that similar action will be taken by several other leading German financial institutions.

No German Financing Here.

There has been a virtual cessation of German issues here since the middle of June. German financing reached abroad a new high record level in the second quarter of 1928, when more than \$175,000,000 of new capital was raised by Germany in foreign financial centers, for the most part in New York. This total was exceeded for a similar period only during the last quarter of 1924, but this included the Dawes plan issue, which is not properly comparable with other German issues.

Paris is now the lowest rate short-term capital market in the world. The discount rate of the Bank of France is $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, while that of the Reichs-

bank is 7%, having been at that figure throughout the present year. These rates measure to some extent the relative level of short-term interest rates in the two markets.

As a result of recent political and banking developments the French appear to have a large measure of confidence in the German market. As far as can be learned, the transfer question is not being considered an obstacle to the free flow of French short-term capital into Germany. The result is that the French are not only in a position to take the place of the United States in the German short-term capital market, but are quite willing to assume this role.

Thus far, practically no important issue of long-term bonds has been made in France by German borrowers. It is not expected that large-scale financing by German borrowers will be resumed in the New York market within the near future, although several issues have been primed for offering here. At the same time the yield on long-term bonds in the French market has been steadily declining of late, so that the yields of 7% and better available on many German external bonds of the better grade may shortly result in German offerings in Paris. There still remains a substantial discrepancy between short-term and long-term rates in France.

Germans Expectant.

An indication of what the German market is coming to expect of Paris is given in the current review of the Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft of Berlin which says:

France is the third of the great capital exporting countries. She has for some time equalized her balance of trade (the current year is thus far slightly adverse) and this suggests that the substantial surpluses which she achieves through tourist traffic and from her foreign investments enable her to lend considerable volumes of capital abroad. To this must be added the reparation payments, which exceed the annuities payable on the inter-allied debts.

France's ability to export capital has been indicated by the development of French short term interest rates. The rediscount rate of the Bank of France is the lowest to be found among the great creditor nations. Since the uncertainty regarding the stability of the French currency has now been removed, the volume of available capital should also find expression in long term interest rates, as has already been suggested by the trend of the last few months. It may therefore be expected that France will soon again become an important lender of capital and will therefore perform great services in the reconstruction of Europe and the rest of the world.

Plans of Berlin Boerse—Negotiations for Lower Commissions on Stock Sales to Increase Trading.

From the "Times" we take the following Berlin advices Aug. 31:

Bankers and workers in this market are negotiating to reduce commissions on sales or purchases of shares on the Stock Exchange. Such reform would lead to more active trading. Abolition of the mid-month settlements, which has already been decided upon, is expected to have a similar effect, because the bi-monthly settlement system compels dealers in futures to pay commissions twice during the month. With the abolition of the mid-month adjustment, the commissions will be paid only once each month.

In the generally firm but irregular Berlin stock market of the week, certain groups of shares declined while others, particularly steel, coal and potash, rose. The large demand for bank stocks toward the week-end was due to rumors of impending increase in capital of various institutions. There was particularly heavy trading in shares of the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft Bank.

L. I. Estrin of American Exchange Irving Trust Co. Finds Substantial Improvement in Conditions Abroad—Likelihood of Austria and Germany Uniting.

Substantial improvement in the economic conditions of the countries of Central Europe was reported in an interview Sept. 5 by L. I. Estrin, Assistant Vice-President of the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., who has just returned from a three months' business trip abroad. In expressing his views Mr. Estrin said:

During my visit in Germany I was impressed by the remarkable progress made since 1926, the date of my last visit. The outstanding element in this situation is that the unemployment problem, which was exceedingly acute two years ago, has now largely been solved. The solution was not along the old-fashioned trade union idea that the less the individual works the more work is left for others, but along the modern American plan of speeding up individual production, increasing the earning power of the individual and by building up in this manner a greater internal market, providing more work for the unemployed.

The position of German industries, so far as working capital is concerned, has also been substantially improved, not only through money borrowed abroad but also through substantial earnings in the last couple of years, which are only being shown in part in the published balance sheets on account of heavy taxation and which are being plowed back again into the business.

The Germans continue to complain about the crushing taxation burden and the reparation payments, but in spite of this, it seems that they are, on the whole, better off economically than most of their European neighbors.

The outstanding fact about the Austrian situation is that union with Germany is being very seriously discussed and is regarded as a practical possibility of the comparatively near future. Industry and agriculture are developing, and with the good crop of this year Austria will provide within its own borders a major part of its requirements in the way of foodstuffs.

The atmosphere in Budapest is very optimistic in expectation of an unusually good harvest this year, which promises much both as to quality and quantity.

Czechoslovakia also has made remarkable progress and continues to be the outstanding example of political stability in Europe, being the only country where the President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have not been changed since the war. The friction between the Czechs and the Germans has largely been eliminated and the German elements are now represented in the government. The outstanding industrial problem in Czechoslovakia is that connected with sugar refineries, which are hard hit by the new British tariff which discriminates in favor of raw sugar as against refined. It is felt, however, that new markets can be developed and that internal consumption can be increased.

One outstanding comment of bankers in that part of the world is that conditions in Russia have become much worse and that the financial resources of the Russian Government have become very much reduced. It was informed by several institutions, which formerly discounted Russian acceptances, that they no longer do so and that credits generally are being

allowed to run off without being renewed, this in the face of the fact that most of these countries appear to have found business with Russia rather profitable. It is remarked that Russia, a large grain exporter before the war, now is importing wheat, whereas in other parts of Europe the harvests are unusually good. This shortage of wheat for export seems to be due in part to the fact that the peasants are not planting on as large a scale as formerly and in part to their unwillingness to sell for export, preferring apparently to feed any surplus to the hogs rather than to let it get into world trade channels.

None of my informants upon the Russian situation suggested anything in the way of a real political revolution, the fact apparently being that the suggestion of power expressed in the Soviet military establishment is sufficient to dampen the ardor of anyone attempting anything in the direction of an overthrow of the government. The difficulty clearly is economic and beyond doubt is serious. I was told that the internal depression of Russian currency has gone on apace and that the Soviet regime is regarded now as being in more serious difficulties than any time in recent years.

Comment frequently encountered throughout the Central European countries suggests that in spite of the active efforts of the International Chamber of Commerce, commercial movement between these nations is still seriously embarrassed by customs and other regulations which seem entirely out of line with the generally accepted modern theory of international economic relations. Progress toward the elimination of these economic absurdities is being made, but in general the problem of the frontiers remains to be solved.

Myron T. Herrick, Ambassador to France, Arrives in United States for Vacation.

Myron T. Herrick, Ambassador to France, arrived in the United States on Sept. 4 on the French liner Ile de France. In indicating that he had come to enjoy a vacation, Ambassador Herrick said, "I was ill last year, and returned to duty three months sooner than my doctor wished me to, so it is really the first vacation I have had in two years."

The "Times," in reporting his arrival, said:

Mr. Herrick spoke with great enthusiasm of the Kellogg treaty renouncing war, characterizing it as one of the great events of modern times.

"During the war," he said, "Cardinal Mercier mobilized the spiritual forces of the world. Now, despite critics, I feel that we are mobilizing another one of the greatest forces in the world, public opinion. We will see the results during our life."

Ambassador Herrick, who is a Republican, indicated without mentioning Mr. Hoover's name, that he was strongly in favor of his election.

"I feel that the most important thing for the United States to do is caring for its own interests and synchronizing them with the rest of the world," he said. "The United States is like a big railroad, or like this splendid steamer. If one of these were to change its organization completely it might get a good one, even one as good as that which it has, but for a time it would not be running smoothly. I can't help thinking that the United States at the present moment, when we have so much that is pretty good, should not change its management."

Bank of France Likely to Continue Importing Gold According to Bank of America, N. A.

The Bank of France, despite the passage of the French banking law on June 25, will probably continue to import gold, although in smaller amounts than heretofore, according to the monthly review of the Bank of America, N. A. On the subject of general business in the United States the review expresses the belief that trade during the autumn months will be in large volume for the financing of which a very considerable amount of credit will be sought. The review says:

"That the passing of the French banking law on June 25, by which the value of the franc was legally fixed, the gold standard adopted and other important reforms making for financing stability effected, marks the end of the period of gold purchases by the Bank of France is an opinion frequently expressed by those who, hoping to conserve our own gold reserves, make the wish father to the thought. A less biased view of the case, however, seems to indicate that there is no reason for drawing any such conclusion. Even after the very great accomplishments of the past two years, it is apparent that France is not yet in any position to rest upon her laurels, but must continue to make every effort to conserve her financial strength and maintain her exchange between the gold export and import points. For this purpose she doubtless will require not only the gold already on hand, but quite conceivably additional amounts from time to time, although it is improbable that gold imports will continue at the high levels recently established.

"The heavy gold reserve accumulated within the last few years has placed France in a very strong position in the international money market. The relatively low level of French money rates has made it possible recently for Paris to offer an increasing amount of competition to New York in foreign banking, and it is believed that further progress along this line may be expected."

France Annoyed At Soviet Terms On Peace Treaty—Qualified Acceptance Seen As Red Effort To Keep On Meddling In Arms Issue.

From the "Herald-Tribune" we take the following Paris (copyright) advices Sept. 1:

Once again Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Russian Government's Assistant Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, has dexterously tweaked the ears of British, French and other European statesmen for failing to make progress in genuine disarmament. The first reaction here to Moscow's qualified acceptance of the Kellogg treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy is that the Soviet Government is seizing on treaty adherence as an excuse to reemphasize its own ideas of armament limitation, and that the acceptance note sounds as though M. Litvinoff had handed it out with his tongue in his cheek.

The French can see little other reason for the Moscow Government so quickly forgetting all its criticizing of the Briand-Kellogg treaty in the last 3 months, making a complete about face, and declaring its willingness to

adhere, than that the Soviet Government wishes to keep its fingers in all international efforts in any manner relating to disarmament.

May Aid Stand at Geneva.

It is agreed here that M. Litvinoff at the next disarmament session at Geneva would be robbed of much of his moral force if he had to admit that Moscow had completely rejected the widely accepted treaty renouncing war. On the other hand, if Moscow accepts even in quasi-fashion M. Litvinoff will be able to point to this as evidence of good faith and demand even more insistently that the next step be a wholesale, definite slashing of armaments of all categories. This appears to be a logical reason for the Soviet Government's decision to join the rapidly growing circle of war renouncers.

There is also a second explanation of the Soviet Government's reversal. This is that Moscow has availed itself of a rare opportunity to annoy Great Britain. M. Litvinoff painstakingly took a shot at Great Britain's recently announced "Britannic Monroe Doctrine," demanding special rights in regions where the British Empire's welfare is concerned. By declaring that Moscow wishes to know exactly where British freedom of action begins and ends, the Soviet Government is thought to have served notice that it is ready at any time to deny justification for this freedom of action, and once Soviet Russia adheres to the compact she will have a perfect right to question British motives on almost any occasion—especially wherever British interests clash with Russian.

Effort to Win Recognition.

Another joker is seen in M. Litvinoff's note where he asks a condemnation of a refusal to renew normal relations between the signatories or a rupture of diplomatic relations. "Le Temps" remarks that the obvious intent of this is an "obligation for all nations signatories of the compact to recognize the Soviet Union and restore relations with it. This theory is simply absurd."

The newspaper adds that Moscow is attempting to maneuver so that the reservations formulated by such powers as Great Britain and France and accepted by all the signatories to date should not hold water for the Soviet Republic. It is certain that both France and Great Britain will oppose any special privileges or understandings for the Soviet Government and will even favor disregarding these items as reservations and dismissing them merely as "observations."

Soviet Russia's Declination to Join League of Nations Conference to Control Manufacture of Arms.

Elsewhere in our issue to-day we refer to the acceptance by the Russian Soviet Government of the invitation to join the multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war. The fact that the Soviet Government declined to participate in the discussions of the League of Nations to control the manufacture of arms was noted in Associated Press accounts from Geneva, Aug. 28, which said:

With Soviet Russia telling the League of Nations that attempts to control the manufacture of arms are useless, the Advisory Commission, which is trying to draft a convention on this subject, struggled unsuccessfully to-day to reach an accord on the text. The meeting finally adjourned, without an agreement being reached.

While the proceedings were under way a telegram from Maxim Litvinoff, Assistant Soviet Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, arrived and was read at the meeting. The message announced that Russia had declined to participate with the commission because she was convinced that no good could be achieved there, explaining that this was so because the general League Disarmament Commission has rejected the Soviet plan of total disarmament.

The United States and Canada strove together to-day to secure the widest kind of publicity concerning the manufacture of armaments.

Their representatives, Ambassador Hugh Wilson for the United States and Dr. W. A. Riddell for Canada, voiced their disapproval of a draft project reported to the commission which is trying to frame a convention for the control and manufacture of arms, on the ground that it did not go far enough.

Both delegates favored giving the same publicity to arms manufactured by Governments as to arms made in private factories.

Dr. Riddell declared that countries depending largely on private manufacture should not be expected to furnish statistics if countries depending upon Governmental manufacture were permitted to withhold such figures.

Mr. Wilson said that he had grave doubts whether the American Government would accept the publicity portion as framed. He said he thought the Government might deem it a retrogression rather than a step in advance.

The draft provision will be sent to the Council of the League with reservations attached, and the Council and the Assembly must decide whether with the project subject to differences of opinion it is feasible to convoke an international conference for its discussion.

Soviet Russia Accepts Multilateral Treaty for Renunciation of War—Declares, However, Universal Disarmament Essential—Takes Exception to British and Other Reservations.

Answering the invitation, extended through France, to adhere to the multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy, Soviet Russia has signified its acceptance of the invitation to join in the pact, at the same time stating that in assenting it [the Soviet Government] avails of a chance "to put before all the participants of the compact a question most important for peace, the question of disarmament, the solution of which is the only guarantee of prevention of war." The answer of the Soviet Government was addressed to Jean Herbet, French Ambassador at Moscow, and was signed by Maxim Litvinoff, Vice-Commissioner for Foreign Affairs. The note was made public at Moscow Aug. 31. In giving the text of the note Associated Press advices from Moscow observe:

The note declares that from the very beginning of its existence the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics took the securing of permanent universal peace as the basis of its foreign policy. In pursuance of this, the note recalls, Russia proposed to the Preparatory Disarmament Commission a program of complete disarmament. When this was rejected by a com-

mission, a majority of which was composed of signers of the anti-war treaty, Russia offered a partial disarmament plan.

When this, too, was rejected, Russia proposed bilateral treaties forbidding all armed conflicts, the note continues, but the powers which signed the Paris treaty declined "with the strange explanation, that unconditional prohibition of attack was incompatible with their obligations toward the League of Nations."

In view of Russia's activities for peace, the note suggests that it is strange the Soviets were not invited to participate in the negotiations for the Paris treaty, but is disposed to sign anyway.

In taking exception to the reservations of Great Britain the note of the Soviet Government states that the British Government reserves a freedom of action toward a series of regions which it does not even enumerate, and says:

This reservation the Soviet Government cannot but consider as an attempt to use the pact itself as an instrument of imperialistic policy. * * *

The Soviet Government also cannot agree with any other reservations which can serve as justification for war, particularly with reservations which are made in said correspondence in order to keep effective the pact and resolutions entailed by affiliation with the League of Nations and the Locarno agreements.

The following is the text of the note addressed by the Soviet Government to Ambassador Herbette:

M. Jean Herbette:

On Aug. 27 you were so kind as to bring officially to my cognizance, under instruction of your government, the multilateral pact signed that same day in Paris by your government, the German Republic, the United States of America, Belgium, Great Britain and her dominions, Italy, Japan, Poland and Czechoslovakia. By this pact the signatory nations undertook not to resort in their mutual relations to war as an instrument of national policy, and to settle any disagreement arising between them only by peaceful methods.

Having handed me a copy of that pact and having explained its history, you, M. Ambassador, also kindly informed me that the limitation of the number of the original participants was an idea of the United States and corresponded only to practical considerations and purposes of the quickest realization of the pact, but that (A) it had always been kept in view of its final shaping to guarantee immediate cooperation of all the peoples of the world on the same conditions and with the same advantages which were granted to original participants.

You explained, too, that—

(B) in correspondence with your Government the United States had authorized it to accept declarations from all nations desirous of joining in the agreement.

(C) That representatives of the United States in all foreign countries, with the exception of representatives in those countries which had already signed the pact, and received instructions to communicate to the Governments to which they were accredited the text of the pact signed in Paris;

(D) That the Government of the United States expresses its readiness now to accept adherence from those same States;

(E) That the French Government undertook through you, M. Ambassador, mediation with this Government, to bring to the cognizance of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics the text of the aforesaid pact and ask that it consent to join in the agreement;

(F) That in case of positive answer you, M. Ambassador, are authorized to accept the pact of joining in this for transmission to Washington.

Communicating to you by the present note the reply of the Government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics to your questions, I have the honor, M. Ambassador, to ask that you kindly transmit to your Government and ask it to transmit to the United States the following:

Soviet Government "Constant Adherent to Peace."

(1) Having taken from the very beginning of its existence as a basis for its foreign policy the preservation and security of universal peace, the Soviet Government has always and everywhere acted as a constant adherent to peace and has gone halfway to meet every other nation in this direction. At the same time the Soviet Government has considered and considers now that the carrying out of a plan for universal and full disarmament is the only actual means of preventing armed conflicts, because in an atmosphere of general feverish armament every competition of the powers inevitably lead to war, which is the more destructive the more perfect is the system of armaments. The project for full disarmament has been worked out in detail and proposed by the delegation of the Soviet Union in the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament Conference of the League of Nations, but unfortunately it did not gain the support of the commission, the majority of which included representatives of those powers which are original participants of the pact just signed in Paris. The project was declined, notwithstanding that its acceptance and realization would have meant a real guarantee of peace.

Soviets Proposal for Partial Disarmament.

(2) Not desiring to omit any chance to contribute to the reduction of the burden of armaments, painful for the peoples and masses of the world, the Soviet Government, after having had its proposal for complete disarmament rejected, not only did not refuse to discuss partial disarmament, but through its delegation to the Preparatory Commission came itself with a project for partial but very essential disarmament, worked out in detail. However, the Soviet Government must state regretfully that this project also did not meet with the sympathy of the Preparatory Commission, thus demonstrating once more in full the weakness of the League of Nations in the cause of disarmament, which is the strongest guarantee of peace and the most powerful method of abolition of war. There was obvious resistance to the Soviet proposals from part and almost all of the States which first gave their signatures to the pact for prohibition of wars.

(3) Together with the systematic defense of the cause of disarmament long before the idea of the newly signed Pact of Paris arose, the Soviet Government also addressed to the other powers a proposal anent the prohibition by the conclusion of bilateral compacts not only of wars foreseen by the Pact of Paris but wars of all attacks one upon the other, and all armed conflicts whatsoever. Some States, such as Germany, Turkey, Afghanistan, Persia and Lithuania, accepted the same proposal and concluded with the Soviet Government corresponding pacts; other States passed silently this proposal and evaded reply, but a third of the States declined the proposal with this strange explanation, that unconditional prohibition of attack was incompatible with their obligations toward the League of Nations. This, however, did not prevent the same powers from signing the Pact of Paris with a full silence in the very text of the compact concerning the inviolability of the said obligations.

(4) The above-mentioned facts are irrefutable proof of the fact that the very idea of suspension of wars and armed conflicts as a matter of international policy is a basic idea of Soviet foreign policy. Nevertheless the initiators of the Pact of Paris did not deem it necessary to invite the Soviet

Government to participate in the negotiations for the Pact of Paris and the elaboration of the very text of the compact. In the same way were not invited also powers which were indeed interested in guaranteeing peace because either they have been the objects of attacks (Turkey and Afghanistan) or are so now (the republic of the great Chinese people). The invitation to join in the compact as transmitted by the French Government also does not contain conditions which could allow the Soviet Government to influence the very text of the document signed in Paris. However, the Soviet Government puts as axiomatic premises that under no conditions can it be deprived of that right which Governments already signatory to the pact realized or could realize, and in exercise of this right must first make several remarks concerning its attitude toward the compact itself.

Absence in Paris Pact of Disarmament Obligation.

(5) First of all the Soviet Government cannot fail to express its deepest regret as to the absence in the Pact of Paris of any obligations whatsoever in the domain of disarmament. The Soviet delegation to the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament already has had the chance to declare that only the culmination of a compact forbidding war with the full realization of universal disarmament can give real effect in guaranteeing universal peace and that on the contrary an international treaty "forbidding war" and unaccompanied by even such elementary guarantee as limitation of incessantly growing armaments will remain a dead letter without real meaning. Recent public declarations of some participants of the Pact of Paris concerning the inevitableness of further armaments even after the conclusion of the agreement confirm this. New international groupings which have appeared at the same time, especially in connection with the question of renewal of armaments, have still more underlined this situation. Therefore the conditions created by the compact reveal at the present time more than ever the necessity of taking resolute measures in the domain of disarmament.

(6) Considering the text of the compact itself the Soviet Government thinks it necessary to point out the insufficient definiteness and clearness in the first clause concerning the formula for the prohibition of wars itself, this having the effect of permitting various and arbitrary interpretations. It believes on its part that international law must be forbidden not only as so-called "an instrument of national policy" but also a method serving other purposes (for instance, oppression, liberative national movements, &c.).

In the opinion of the Soviet Government there must be forbidden not only wars in the form of the juridical meaning of this word but also such military actions, as, for instance, intervention, blockade, military occupation of foreign territory, foreign ports, &c. History in recent years had known several military actions of this kind which have brought enormous calamities to various nations. The Soviet Republics themselves have been the objects of such attacks and now 400,000,000 Chinese suffer from similar attacks. More than that, similar military actions often grow into big wars which it is already absolutely impossible to stay. Meanwhile these most important questions from the viewpoint of the preservation of peace are silently passed over. Furthermore, the same first clause of the compact mentions the necessity of solving all international disputes and conflicts exclusively by peaceful means. In this connection the Soviet Government considers that among the unpeaceful means forbidden by the compact must also be included such as the refusal to re-establish peaceful and normal relations, or the rupture of these relations between peoples, because such actions mean the suspension of peaceful methods in solution of disputes and by their very existence contribute to the creation of an atmosphere favorable to the breaking out of wars.

British Reservation.

(7) Among the reservations made in the diplomatic correspondence between the original participants of the compact, especial attention of the Soviet Government is drawn by the reservation of the British Government in Paragraph 10 of its note of May 19 this year. By virtue of this reservation the British Government reserves a freedom of action toward a series of regions which it does not even enumerate. If it means provinces already belonging to the British Empire or its Dominions, they are already included in the compact in which are foreseen cases of their being attacked, so that the reservation of the British Government regarding them must seem at least superfluous. However, if other regions are meant, the participants of the compact are entitled to know exactly where the freedom of action of the British Government begins and where it ends. But the British Government reserves freedom of action not only in case of military attack on these regions but even at any "unfriendly act" of so-called "interference," while it obviously reserves the right to an arbitrary definition of what it considered an "unfriendly act" of "interference," justifying commencement of military action on the part of the British Government.

Recognition of such a right of the British Government would mean justification of war and could be a contagious example also for the other participants to the compact who, in virtue of their equality, might take the same right regarding other regions, and in result perhaps there would be no such place on the terrestrial globe regarding which the compact could be applied. Indeed, the reservation of the British Government contains an invitation addressed to every other participant to act as exempt from this exaction here and in other regions.

This reservation the Soviet Government cannot but consider as an attempt to use the compact itself as an instrument of imperialistic policy. However, inasmuch as the note of the British Government has not been communicated to the Soviet Government as an integral part of the compact or its supplements, it therefore cannot be considered obligatory for the Soviet Government. Similarly, other reservations contained in the diplomatic correspondence concerning the compact between the original participants may be passed over.

Other Reservations.

The Soviet Government also cannot agree with any other reservations which can serve as justification for war, particularly with reservations which are made in said correspondence in order to keep effective the compact and resolutions entailed by affiliation with the League of Nations and the Locarno agreements.

(8) Summarizing what has been said above, one must state the absence of the compact of obligations concerning disarmaments, which is the only essential element of peace guarantee, the insufficiency and indefiniteness of the formula itself for prohibition of war and the existence of several reservations having as their object beforehand the suspension of even any appearance of obligations toward the cause of peace.

Nevertheless, inasmuch as the Pact of Paris objectively imposes certain obligations on the powers before public opinion and gives the Soviet Government a new chance to put before all the participants of the compact a question most important for peace, that is the question of disarmament, the solution of which is the only guarantee of prevention of war—the Soviet Government expresses its willingness to sign the Pact of Paris.

In consequence of this assent I shall have the honor to hand over to you, M. Ambassador, the corresponding act of my Government in its joining in this compact as soon as the formalities connected with this are ended.

Report of Proposed \$75,000,000 Greek Loan.

The following Associated Press advices were reported from London Sept. 3:

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens states that an agreement has been reached between the Greek Government and the Seligman banking house of New York for a loan of \$75,000,000. The money would be used for productive works. The dispatch says the agreement probably will be signed this week.

Economic and Industrial Conditions in Denmark during July.

In the statement regarding the economic and industrial conditions in Denmark during July issued Aug. 30 by the National Bank of Copenhagen and the Danish Statistical Department, we find the following concerning banking and financial conditions:

In the three private principal banks the outstanding loans have increased about 15 Mill. Kr., while the deposits have decreased about 13 Mill. Kr. These transpositions, which are the result of very different movements on the balances of the three banks, as regards foreign countries are caused partly by the opening of reimbursements, partly by increased loans on the cash credit account. The decrease in the deposits, however, is of a more formal character, and is to a certain degree caused by the half yearly statement (payment of interests due) and by the regulation made by the bank in cashing coupons. The difference between the increase in the loans and the decrease in the deposits has been met by a loan from the National Bank, by increase of deposits from other banks and savings banks, by use of the bond and stock fund, etc. At the same time the three banks together have been able to increase their foreign assets 5½ Mill. Kr., which almost corresponds with the amount, with which the foreign valuta fund of the National Bank was diminished.

On July 31st the National Bank closed its fiscal year 1927-28. Of the surplus 4.9 Mill. Kr. are used in regulating the loss caused by the rise of the Krone, which loss was entered on the "joint account of the Government and the bank," after which this account is withdrawn from the statement. Furthermore, current amounts have been written off and the year thereafter closes with an account gain of 589,000 Kr., which together with a subsidy from the stockholders' dividend-regulation fund has made possible a dividend payment of 8% to the stockholders.

The transactions on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange for bonds and stocks were in July for bonds 2.4 Mill. Kr. (June 2.3) and for stocks 1.3 Mill. Kr. (June 1.6). In July 1927 the corresponding figures were respectively 2.7 and 1.2 Mill. Kr.

The index figure for bonds remained unchanged during July at 92.8 (July 1914-100), while the stock index dropped from 100.4 to 99.8. Compared to July 1928 most of the groups were relatively high this year, the index for banks being 86.3 (July 1927: 82.6) shipping stocks, 115.4 (108.3), industrial stocks 91.3 (91.6) other companies 103.6 (86.8) and the total index 99.8 (92.8).

We also quote from the statement as follows:

The Danish export of agricultural products was for July 1928 somewhat lower than during the corresponding month last year, as the average weekly exportations amounted to: Butter, 3,007,200 kilos (July 1927, 3,134,000 kilos); eggs, 965,400 scores (1,087,300 scores); bacon, (4,858,600 kilos (5,053,200 kilos); beef and cattle, 942,200 kilos (1,023,400 kilos).

The prices on the export products were for most products except eggs higher than in July last year. The average weekly quotations were: Butter, 300 Kr. (July 1927, 264 Kr.) per 100 kilos; eggs, 1.21 Kr. (1.27 Kr.) per kilo; bacon, 1.54 Kr. (1.40 Kr.) per kilo; beef and cattle, 63 ore (62 ore) per kilo on the hoof.

The trade balance with the foreign countries during June amounted to 138 Mill. Kr. for imports and 137 Mill. Kr. for exports, so that there was an import surplus of 1 Mill. Kr.; for the months January-June incl. the import surplus was 57 Mill. Kr. this year against 39 Mill. Kr. in 1927.

The Statistical Department's wholesale index was the same in July as in June, 155; concerning the fluctuations in the separate groups should be mentioned, that animal food stuffs which rose 4 points during the previous month, rose 6 points during this month, while hides, leather and foot wear rose 3 points; the decrease was especially in vegetable food stuffs, namely 3 points, and wood and paper, 2 points. The increase in the animal food stuffs has caused a rise during the month in the index figure for export products from 134 to 140, while the index figure for the import products has remained stationary at 151. By this a better relation has been established in the foreign trade balance.

The freight rate figure rose from 97.8 in June to 99.6 in July; in June 1927 the figure was 107.2.

The percentage of unemployed was at the end of July 13.5 against 17.2 in July 1927; in the real industrial professions the percentage was respectively 15.4 and 18.8.

The Government's revenue from consumption taxes was in July 21.5 Mill. Kr., of which 10.2 Mill. Kr. were custom revenue taxes proper. In July 1927 the corresponding figures were 23.0 Mill. and 10.8 Mill. Kr.

Decorations Conferred by Poland on New York Federal Reserve Bank Officials.

It was announced on Sept. 5 that the President of Poland, acting through Jan Ciechanowski, Minister of Poland to the United States, has conferred the highest rank of the order of Polonia Restituta, the grand cross with star, upon Benjamin Strong, Governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Deputy Governors Case and Harrison received the Knight Commander's cross of the same order and Assistant Deputy Governor J. E. Crane the officer's cross of the order.

President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia Confers Cross of Grand Officer on Walker D. Hines of Cotton Textile Institute, Inc.

The Cross of Grand Officer of the Czechoslovak Order of the White Lion has been awarded by President Masaryk to Walker D. Hines, President of the Cotton Textile Institute,

Inc., in recognition of the "eminent services" rendered by Mr. Hines as an arbiter of certain international disputes in Europe following the World War. An announcement in the matter says:

The peace treaties had provided that numerous important and difficult questions as to allocation of river shipping on the international rivers of Europe as between the Allied countries and the ex-enemy countries should be decided by an arbitrator designated by the United States. President Wilson designated Mr. Hines as such arbitrator and this designation was confirmed by the Conference of Ambassadors.

Mr. Hines assumed those duties in June 1920, residing in Paris until October 1921, and for a large part of that time having also a branch office in Vienna. He rendered various decisions on these questions as between France and Germany, and as between Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Rumania on the one hand, and Germany, Austria and Hungary on the other hand. All of his decisions were accepted and put into operation by the countries affected.

In 1923 the League of Nations requested Mr. Hines to make an investigation of conditions of navigation on the Danube and Rhine, and he devoted his vacation that year to make this study with the aid of Major Somervell of the United States Army, who acted as his assistant. The report on this subject was submitted to the League of Nations in August 1925.

Mr. Hines has two other decorations in recognition of his services as arbitrator respecting questions of river shipping in Europe. He is Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur of France and is a member of the Order of the White Eagle, First Class, of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

President Calles in Addressing Mexican Congress Declares He Will Not Again Serve in Presidency—Urges Representation in Congress of Minority and Reactionary Groups.

His "uncheageable resolution not to occupy again the Presidency of the Republic" was emphasized by President Calles in his message delivered at the opening of the new session of the Mexican Congress on Sept. 1. President Calles further declared that he would not seek prolongation of his present term by accepting an appointment as provisional President. In his address, he referred to the death of President-elect Obregon as "an irreparable loss," and he said that "for the first time in Mexican history the Republic faces a situation whose dominant note is the lack of a leader of military power, which is going to make it finally possible for us to direct the policy of the country into truly institutional channels." He observed that "it is needless to recall how the dictators stood in the way of true national progress," and he advised that "the rulers who may arise either by your appointment or who may be elected by the people . . . not be chosen . . . on account of their personal strength, but on account of . . . their ability to legislate and rule." The Associated Press in its account of the speech said:

President Calles, in his speech to Congress, advised that all minority and reactionary groups, "even the clerical reactionaries," have representation in Congress.

"Taking into consideration preparation of the organization which the revolutionary party now has, it is much less dangerous to accept minority groups of all kinds, giving them voice in this Parliament, than to persist with extreme political intolerance and absolute control by one group.

"My advice is based upon the conviction of admitting into Congress representatives of reactionary groups even from clerical reactionaries, which should not alarm true revolutionists because the new ideas presently will be shared by the great majority of Mexican people. So any electoral districts where political or clerical reactionaries might be victorious over men representing the advanced social movement of Mexico must be only a minority.

"Then the post election and revolutionaries and reactionists will all support the person lawfully elected. Thus it will give him a greater sense of responsibility and succeed in establishing an honest capable Government."

In a report of the Foreign Office presented to the opening session of Congress after the President's address, betterment of external relations of Mexico with all the nations of the world is stressed. Special paragraphs take note of the influences of Ambassador Morrow's stay in this capital and of the visit of Colonel Lindbergh to Mexico City. Attention is called to the reciprocal visit of Captain Carranza to the United States.

Referring to Ambassador Morrow, the report said: "Washington has sent to Mexico an agent of concord, good-will and high aims, empowered to settle and terminate the prolonged, the useless discord which had existed between Mexico and the United States. He had not been here many months before the good results, policies began to be apparent, showing that it is easy for a government and people to understand each other when efforts are made for mutual co-operation."

According to the "Times," President Calles spoke substantially as follows:

"The death of President-elect Obregon is an irreparable loss. It leaves the country in a particularly difficult situation. With General Obregon's disappearance, the country has to face one of the gravest and most vital problems, not merely of a political character, but affecting the very life of the nation.

"The void created by General Obregon's death brings into prominence needs and problems both political and administrative, and the period in which we now find ourselves postulates every day with greater urgency the need to conduct our Government along new lines and with new methods.

"For the first time in Mexican history the republic faces a situation whose dominant note is the lack of a leader of military power, which is going to make it finally possible for us to direct the policy of the country into truly institutional channels, striving to pass once for all from our historical condition of one-man rule to national law and institutions.

"The outstanding solemnity of this hour calls for the most unselfish and patriotic consideration, and places the president under an obligation to

look, not merely into the circumstances of the moment, but rather into the very nature of our present governmental and political life. Exact understanding and fair estimation of facts may point out the way we must go if we are to make secure immediate and future peace, thus safeguarding the gaps of revolution made sacred with the blood of thousands of our countrymen.

Makes "Unalterable Declaration."

"Before analyzing present conditions I deem it necessary to make a final and unalterable declaration. I make it my word of honor to the national Congress, to the country and to the family of civilized nations. But let me say beforehand that suggestions and promises have been made to me, even a certain pressure exerted, all disguised under the aspect of considerations of patriotism and the country's good, for me to continue in power. But on account of the moral principles involved, I consider it necessary to pass from a system of government by one man to a government of institutions. Therefore I have decided to declare solemnly, that my words may not be misinterpreted, that I shall not seek prolongation of my term by accepting an appointment as provisional president.

To Continue in Public Service.

This does not mean the remotest intention on my part of abandoning civic duties nor retirement from the life of struggle and responsibility which are the lot of every soldier. I know there are plenty of situations in the military, administrative, political, or civic field which I can occupy and which, no matter how modest they may seem in comparison with the presidency I now hold would mean for complete acceptance of the responsibilities and dangers involved and could give me opportunity to discharge my duties, as a man of the revolution.

Thus eliminating all possibilities, as far as the present moment is concerned, of preserving in Mexico the traditional policy of indispensable men, this is an opportunity to present in all clearness, sincerity, and courage, the problem of the future in order that the nation may understand the seriousness of this hour.

Calls Hindsight Too Harsh.

"The historical judgment, being in every case posteriori, is frequently harsh and unfair. That is so because many circumstances determining attitudes and actions at the moments when events took place may later be forgotten. We shall not, then, try now to analyze the history of Mexico from the beginning of its independent life with the idea of casting all blame and responsibility on those men who ruled as dictators. We know that the inert condition of the rural masses and the regrettable civic indifference of the middle classes, both now fortunately awakened by the revolution, made them dictators and regarded them, through conviction, flattery or cowardice, as indispensable.

"It is needless to recall how the dictators stood in the way of true national progress; how they were obstacles, perhaps unconsciously but in reality, to the rise, formation and development of men of national calibre to whom the nation might turn in times of domestic or foreign crisis; how they thwarted, against their own inclinations at times, but always as a matter of fact, peaceful evolution in Mexico as an institutional country in which men should not be anything but mere incidents without real importance in themselves when compared with the eternal and august serenity of institutions and laws.

Warns Against "Outstanding Men."

"Regarding the appointment by Congress of a provisional president, may I say that it is useless to seek outstanding or dictatorial persons, as there are none? It would be neither wise nor patriotic to try to form them, as our past history has taught us they arise only from painful or violent struggles. We also know that outstanding leaders, even those with such exceptional qualities as those of him whose death we lament, who was truly patriotic, able and sincere, have all implied dangers for the country, the least of which may be, as is the case at present, bewilderment and the possibility of anarchy brought about by the elimination of the leader.

"It is not the man himself but the exaltation of the law that can and must be the source of strength, prestige, loyalty and authority for his success as chief executive of the nation.

"In the concrete case before you your solution will result in the appointment of a provisional president who will receive all the material and moral support of my government as well as the material and moral support of the army, which at present, I assure you, fulfills and dignifies its noble and only mission as the guardian of the dignity and safety of the nation, its institutions and its legitimate government. If we are all united in this common aspiration, that of directing Mexico under a government genuinely constitutional, and if your resolution is inspired only by patriotic considerations, it will receive the unanimous backing of the revolutionary family.

Pleads for Real Parties.

"May the solemnity of this hour as well as the great responsibility which is yours, may the conscience and sense of duty of the army, may the clamor of victims asking that their sacrifice be not in vain, may the figure of the great leader who has fallen and whose life, had it been spared, could only have contributed to strengthen Mexico's course toward institutional life—I assure you, that was his fondest hope—may the unanimous accusation, the relentless cry, the vigorous condemnation of public opinion of any one who might rise and try to stand in the way of this reform which, for you, should have all the meaning and strength of an absolute need for the redemption of Mexico; may all these facts and factors help you to a final realization of these ideals: the final entrance of Mexico into the sphere of law and institutions and the establishment of real national parties to regulate our political life.

"Let the rulers who may rise either by your appointment or who may be elected by the people, be they civilians or military men, not be chosen by surprise, nor appointed, nor their election be on account of their personal strength, but on account of their civic virtues, their ability to legislate and rule.

Wants Real Representatives.

"When this comes to pass, then the chosen men, no matter how humble they may have been, will be real representatives of the nation.

"If the National Congress takes into consideration my plan and takes steps which my experience, my sincerity and my absolute unselfishness propose it will be a clear obligation of the army, of political leaders, of the whole revolutionary family and of all citizens to rally around the man whom Congress appoints to strengthen his administration.

"I also want to state that the contest for the election of a president to complete the period from 1928 to 1934 must be carried out in a spirit of true democratic freedom and respect for the suffrage. More than on

any other occasion, we should avoid a heated and undignified contest which might slowly but surely lead us into fields of enmity, disorder and violence.

"To conclude, I want to address myself to the Mexican Army, I speak in the triple capacity of a member of the Revolutionary Party, General of Division and as Supreme Chief of the Army, which I am as President of the Republic.

Warns Army to Guard Prestige.

"Never as to-day, after my unchangeable resolution not to occupy again the presidency of the republic, but I felt more sure in vouching for the unselfish and noble conduct of the army. The sacrifices of all kinds which have been necessary tend to dignify this institution, to place it at the admirable height to which it has now risen and to give the glory and name which it has deservedly made for itself both at home and abroad—all this, I say, demands that each of its members watch zealously and maintain untarnished that position and that prestige.

"Let all members of the National Army, with full understanding of the important role they must play at this moment, become imbued with a real and noble conception of their loyal standards and aims.

"Let them shut their ears and condemn with all their strength the wicked and hidden insinuations of politicians who might attempt to draw them into their wake and let them choose between disloyalty and treason to their country in this most solemn hour of our life and the satisfaction of duty well done, with respect from abroad and the gratitude of the republic."

Mexico Budget Cut by 21,000,000 Pesos—Debt Settlement Urged—Mexican Economist Says Present Situation Harms Country—Suggests a 60-Year Payment Plan.

It was officially reported Sept. 5 that Mexico's budget expenditures next year have been calculated in round figures at 270,000,000 pesos (about \$128,500,000), as against 291,000,000 for the current year, and that this reduction of 21,000,000 pesos will result completely from the new financial system established by Minister Montes de Oca and his insistence that the Governmental departments must continue to live within the limits allotted them by the financial experts. The foregoing is from a Mexico City cablegram Sept. 5 to the New York "Times," which said:

From this unusually good financial statement one is able to foresee to a certain extent what may be the Mexican intentions on the renewal of the payment of their foreign obligations. Borja Bollado, in his new publication "Economista," has some pertinent observations to make in that connection under a heading to the effect that Mexico should not pay more than her economic capacity permits, he says in part: "Up to this moment the Mexican Government and its creditors have not reached an agreement and the exchange of opinions still continues. On this point both the New York bankers as depositaries of the bondholders and the Mexican Ministry of Finance have considered it necessary, as the primary basis of any arrangement for payments, that the agreement must provide for the settlement, not only of the payment of interest on foreign indebtedness, but also for progressive amortization."

Senor Bollado emphasizes that European nations indebted to Washington have arranged extended payments on a basis of 60 years, and that although Mexico's indebtedness really is not limited to any one foreign Government, the situation of his country as a debtor nation is the same as the war debtors. Senor Bollado regrets the lack of publication of the report of the international bankers on Mexico after the visit of their experts to study the economic situation here on the spot.

He goes on to say that the prevailing moratorium on foreign interest payments does Mexico no good, and insists that to get to the bottom of the matter and fix a new and permanent agreement there must be an early solution.

With regard to any new agreement with international bankers there is another point of importance to consider. It arises from reports circulated locally that many Mexican bond issues have passed from the hands of the original holders, who were bona fide purchasers, into those of a group of speculators who probably bought them at an immense discount and now await the fulfillment of President Calles' declaration that Mexico will comply with her obligations in order to collect the premium which critics say they are not entitled to. Whether the Mexican bonds have passed into the hands of speculators or not, does not affect the national obligations, but some see no reason why, if any such bonds are outstanding, Mexico should not buy in its own paper.

Decree on Mexican Gold Shipments.

It was stated in the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 6 that President Calles of Mexico has issued a decree regarding export of coin and bar metals. All exporters of bar metal, required to reimport in gold the equivalent of all metals exported by them, may do so within 30 days. The advices add:

In addition the free exportation of old Mexican silver coinage will be permitted with no other requisite than customs examination.

Gold transportation permits will be granted exclusively by the Bank of Montreal, which is charged with the stabilization of the currency. Any public carrier who accepts gold in coin or in bars, for transportation without the permit of the Bank of Montreal, will be fined 2% of the value of the shipment.

Legal Facilities to Oil Industry Offered by Mexican Minister of Industry.

Associated Press advices from Mexico City Sept. 5 stated: Dr. Jose Manuel Puig-Casauranc, Minister of Industry and Commerce, announced today that he was ready to give all kinds of legal facilities to parties engaged in the oil industry who were willing to abide by the oil laws. The industry, he said, will be viewed hereafter as a public utility. He added that he would not consider hostile any action by oil companies or other parties who, exercising the legal rights granted to them by law filed an appeal with the President against any decision he might make

Redemption of Portion of Republic of Colombia Bonds —Bonds in Definitive Form Available.

Hallgarten & Co., and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., fiscal agents for the \$35,000,000 Republic of Colombia 6% external sinking fund gold bonds, dated April 1 1928, have redeemed through purchase in the open market for the first sinking fund \$190,000 principal amount of bonds leaving outstanding \$34,810,000 par value of bonds.

Hallgarten & Co., and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., also announce that definitive bonds of the \$35,000,000 Republic of Colombia 6% external sinking fund gold bonds, dated April 1 1928 are ready for delivery in exchange for and upon surrender of interim receipts at the office of National Bank of Commerce, 31 Nassau St., New York City.

Construction Starts on Bolivian Government's \$35,000,000 Railroad Project.

Construction has just begun, it was announced Sept. 4, on the first part of the Bolivian Government's \$35,000,000 railroad project, under contract with Kennedy & Carey, New York. The first 100 miles of track between Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, a total distance of 350 miles over extremely broken country, will be completed in two years. The announcement states:

The new railroad will be of great national importance to Bolivia. At present the easiest natural access to its rich eastern districts lies through Brazil and Paraguay, while the industrial and commercial centers of Bolivia, around La Paz, can be reached from Santa Cruz only by difficult mule-train marches. The new railroad will provide the first direct rail contact between the rest of Bolivia and the Department of Santa Cruz, with its 200,000 inhabitants and 140,000 square miles of fertile land. The railroad will therefore aid in unifying the whole country.

The Santa Cruz district lies low on the eastern slope of the Andes, which rises westward to more than 12,000 feet elevation. The gradual ascent provides marked changes in climate, from wholly tropical to temperate, producing varied agricultural products. The Santa Cruz district produces sugar cane, mahogany, cotton, coffee and rubber and affords splendid cattle grazing land. Petroleum deposits have been found in it and it also contains salt, gold, tin, coal and copper mines.

Upon completion of the new railroad, the development of this eastern portion of Bolivia is expected to be rapid.

New York Trust Co. Reports Unprecedented Prosperity In Argentine.

With a background of four years of unprecedented prosperity, the Argentine Republic is enjoying a highly satisfactory condition in both business and finance, according to THE INDEX published by The New York Trust Company. It says:

"For four consecutive years revenues have exceeded expenditures and the balance of trade (but not the balance of international payments) has, on the whole, been favorable with only small deficits in 1925 and 1926, against larger surpluses in 1924 and 1927. Last year the country's exports alone equalled the total foreign trade in 1913."

It is pointed out that the Republic is one of the largest holding countries in the world. On March 31 of this year these holdings amounted to 629,485,000 gold pesos (the gold peso is worth about 96 cents), and the gold holdings of the Conversion Office alone showed a ratio of gold to notes of about 80% as compared with 64.3% at the end of 1914. Exports in 1927 amounted to 1,008,179,000 gold pesos as compared with 792,179,000 in 1926. The favorable balance of trade amounted to 151,569,000 gold pesos. Although the volume of exports was less in the first half of this year than in the first half of last, there was an increase in value. The net result is a substantial increase in customs receipts, the chief source of revenue.

Agricultural products constitute about 95% of the country's total exports, and this dependence upon crop conditions, causes a considerable fluctuation in the trade balance. The balance of international payments, on the whole, shows a deficit which has been met by additional foreign borrowings.

Offering of \$16,000,000 6% Bonds of Republic of Chile— Issue Oversubscribed—Books Closed.

The National City Co. offered on Sept. 4 at 94 and interest, to yield 6.64% to final maturity, \$16,000,000 Republic of Chile external loan 6% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1928 and due Sept. 1 1961. Simultaneous offering of £2,000,000 of the bonds was made in London by a banking group by N. M. Rothschild & Sons at 95½ and interest. Announcement was made the same day (Sept. 4) by the National City Co. that subscriptions had been received in excess of the issue of \$16,000,000 and the books were closed. Advices from N. M. Rothschild & Sons, London, announced that the issue of £2,000,000 made in the London market

also had been heavily oversubscribed, subscriptions in excess of \$25,000,000 having, it is said, been received.

This is the second large block of Republic of Chile bonds to be offered here this year, the previous financing (referred to in our issue of Jan. 28, page 515) having been floated in the form of \$45,912,000 of 6% bonds of the Republic of Chile Railway, of which the major part was used for redeeming the two issues of 8% dollar bonds. The previous issue was offered at 93½ and the bonds since then have sold as high as 97 in general trading on the New York Stock Exchange. As in the case of the present issue, the previous offering was made by the National City Co., investment affiliate of the National City Bank of New York, which is fiscal agent for the Republic. As to the purpose of the present issue, it is stated:

The proceeds of the present loan, as well as of the £2,000,000 being offered simultaneously in the London market by N. M. Rothschild & Sons, will be applied to the construction of public works, including railways, irrigation works, port works, sewerage and water works, and public buildings, as well as to the redemption of \$7,000,000 of bank loans advanced for such public works and the redemption of a £500,000 5-year note issue maturing Nov. 1 1928. The Government of Chile is now carrying out a comprehensive plan of public works, as authorized under Law 4303, which provides for an expenditure of 200,000,000 pesos (\$24,332,500) in 1928, of which amount 25,000,000 pesos have already been raised through an internal loan, the remainder to be provided for from the proceeds of the present dollar and sterling issues.

It is also stated that:

The bonds of this loan, authorized by Laws 4303 and 4386 of the Chilean Congress, dated Feb. 16 1928 and Aug. 9 1928, respectively, will be direct obligations of the Republic of Chile, which agrees that if, in the future, it shall sell, offer for public subscription or in any manner dispose of any bonds or contract or create any loan, internal or external, secured by lien or charge on any revenue or asset of the Republic, the bonds of this loan shall be secured equally and ratably therewith.

A cumulative sinking fund will operate to redeem the entire issue by drawings at par. The Republic reserves the right to increase the semi-annual sinking fund payments. The bonds, coupon, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, will be registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (M. & S. 1) payable in New York City in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any present or future Chilean taxes, at the head office of the National City Bank of New York. Interest also collectible, at the option of the holders, in London, England, either at the city office of the National City Bank of New York or at the office of N. M. Rothschild & Sons, in pounds sterling, at the fixed rate of \$4.8665 per pound sterling.

Advices from Don Pablo Ramirez, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Chile, to the National City Co., state:

Chile, with a population now estimated at over 4,200,000, has an area of 290,000 square miles. The leading industries are agriculture and mining. Agriculturally the country is self-supporting and its mineral output averages approximately \$200,000,000 per annum. American capital invested is estimated at over \$500,000,000, with a similar amount of investments by British capital.

The Chilean Government is carrying out, with modifications, a program of administrative reform outlined by the Kemmerer Financial Commission in 1925. This has resulted in the stabilization of the currency on a gold basis, the establishment of a central bank of issue, a general budget law with a balanced budget, and the installation of an independent Comptroller-General. Various measures have been passed to stimulate the economic development of the country, taxation has been reorganized and economies effected by a reduction of personnel and control of expenditures.

The gold and gold exchange held by the Banco Central de Chile on May 5 1928 was \$69,465,133, providing a ratio of gold to cover notes outstanding and deposits of 111.6%.

The ordinary revenues for 1927, excluding loans, as reported by the Comptroller-General totalled \$110,607,000, as compared with ordinary expenditures of \$110,185,555. Budgetary estimates made early in 1928 place ordinary revenues at \$116,688,890 and ordinary expenditures at \$114,689,865, while the actual ordinary revenues for the first six months of 1928 were \$70,880,676, compared to ordinary expenditures totalling \$68,388,589. The surplus of ordinary revenues over ordinary expenditures for the current year is now estimated at \$2,433,000.

The total funded debt as of Dec. 31 1927, including all guaranteed obligations, was \$335,484,769, of which \$226,068,104 was a direct debt of the Government.

Brokers Loans on New York Stock Exchange Increase \$214,089,826 in Month—Again Go Over Five Billion Dollar Mark.

Increasing by \$214,089,826 during the month, brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange reached a total of \$5,051,437,405 on Aug. 31, according to the figures made public by the Exchange on Sept. 4. This is the second time that the loans have exceeded five billion dollars—the previous occasion having been May 31 this year, when the total reached \$5,274,046,281. The Aug. 31 total is made up of \$4,093,889,293 demand loans and \$957,548,112 time loans. At the end of August the Stock Exchange loans totaled \$4,837,347,579, of which \$3,767,694,495 represented demand loans and \$1,069,653,084 time loans. Commenting on the figures made public this week the "Times" of Sept. 5 said:

An increase in the loan total had been predicted generally in Wall Street, but the size of the expansion was far greater than most forecasts had made

It was based largely on the strength and activity in the stock market, particularly in the last week. Many stocks reached new high levels for the year last week and trading was on a large scale. Such conditions in the past have been accompanied almost always by mounting totals of brokers' loans.

Federal Reserve's Figures.

The weekly figures of the Federal Reserve Board on brokers' loans usually furnish a guide to the movement of the Exchange's compilations, but they reflected contrary trends last month. In the four weeks from Aug. 1 to Aug. 29 the Federal Reserve figures showed a net reduction of \$24,248,000, a moderate increase at the start of the month having been followed by total declines of more than \$70,000,000 in the two succeeding weeks and an increase of more than \$34,000,000 in the final week of the month. It was pointed out a week ago, however, that special conditions were affecting the Federal Reserve figures, and that the Stock Exchange report probably would throw a clearer light on the amount of stock market credit outstanding. One of the factors responsible for this was that many corporations were readjusting their loan activities in anticipation of the new Clearing House rules which went into effect yesterday. These rules fix a minimum of \$100,000 for loans placed for "others." For a week or more corporations having funds out on call have been withdrawing them and making new loans through organizations which are not members of the Clearing House and whose operations are not covered in the Federal Reserve figures. If it were not for this, it was said, last week's Federal Reserve loan figures would have shown a much larger increase than was the case.

The following is the statement issued Sept. 4 by the Stock Exchange:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Aug. 31 1928, aggregated \$5,051,437,405. The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies	\$3,419,802,772	\$840,256,084
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York	674,086,521	117,292,028
	\$4,093,889,293	\$957,548,112
Combined total of time and demand loans		\$5,051,437,405

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

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

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans	Total Loans.
Jan. 30	\$2,516,960,599	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,535,590,321
Mar. 31	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
April 30	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30	2,225,453,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,997,759,527
Aug. 31	2,363,861,352	778,286,688	3,142,148,040
Sept. 30	2,419,206,724	799,730,288	3,218,937,012
Oct. 31	2,289,430,450	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30	2,329,536,550	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
Dec. 31	2,541,682,885	751,178,370	3,292,861,255
1927—			
Jan. 31	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
April 30	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31	2,673,993,079	783,875,950	3,457,869,029
June 30	2,756,968,593	811,998,250	3,568,966,843
July 30	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31	2,745,570,788	928,320,545	3,673,891,333
Sept. 30	3,107,674,325	896,958,245	4,004,632,570
Oct. 31	3,023,288,874	925,895,500	3,949,184,374
Nov. 30	3,134,027,603	957,809,300	4,091,836,903
Dec. 31	3,480,779,821	952,127,500	4,432,907,321
1928—			
Jan. 31	3,392,873,281	1,027,479,260	4,420,352,541
Feb. 29	3,294,378,654	1,028,200,260	4,322,578,914
Mar. 31	3,580,425,172	1,059,749,000	4,640,174,172
April 30	3,738,937,699	1,188,845,000	4,927,782,699
May 31	4,070,359,031	1,203,687,250	5,274,046,281
June 30	3,741,632,505	1,156,718,982	4,898,351,487
July 31	3,767,694,495	1,069,653,084	4,837,347,579
Aug. 31	4,093,889,293	957,548,112	5,051,437,405

New York Clearing House Association Puts Into Operation Measures Adopted With View to Curbing Loans.

Incident to the putting into effect of the newly adopted measures of the New York Clearing House Association (referred to in our issue of Aug. 4, page 627) designed to curb loans by corporations and others than banks on Stock Exchange collateral, the "Herald-Tribune" of Sept. 5 had the following to say:

The first day during which the new Clearing House rules designed to curb brokers' loans for "account of others" were in effect produced no significant outward change in Wall St., yesterday. The new service charge of 1/2 of 1% supplanting the old rate of 5% of the interest proceeds, went into effect yesterday along with the rule which prohibits clearing banks from making call loans for "others" unless they are at least \$100,000 in amount. The 1/2% increase in the interest paid by banks on corporation deposits went into effect on Aug. 6.

About \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 in loans was called by local banks to care for demands upon them caused by the return of checks by which interest and dividends were paid, and money went to 8%, but for the most part such withdrawals were counteracted by increased discounting at the Federal Reserve. Since any immediate results produced by the new rules might also have been counteracted for the present by increased discounts at the Federal Reserve, it will be impossible to measure definitely their effectiveness until after the appearance of the weekly reserve statement on Thursday afternoon. It has been previously estimated that \$75,000,000 to \$85,000,000 of brokers' loans would be cut down by the rulings. This money could be pooled and lent by the banks, however, and this step is regarded as probable.

The rate on 5 and 6 month bankers' bills was again reduced by dealers yesterday, to give those who were looking for signs of easier money some encouragement. Time money was firm at 6 1/2% bid, however, and commercial paper continued steady.

The loss of control of the money market by New York banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System, in spite of and possibly in some cases as a direct result of their action to cut loans made for "account of others" was demonstrated by the increase of \$214,000,000 in Stock Exchange members' "Street loans" during August. During the nearest com-

parable period the weekly totals of brokers' loans actually showed a reduction of \$24,000,000. This would indicate that more and more loans were being granted to brokers through banks and institutions which are not members of the Federal Reserve System or the New York Clearing House Association.

Market Value of Securities Listed on Chicago Stock Exchange Approximately Eleven Billion Dollars.

The growing importance of Chicago as a financial market is evidenced by the fact that stock of 96 companies have been added to the trading list of the Chicago Stock Exchange during the first eight months of 1928. The total number of shares of stock listed on the Chicago Exchange since Jan. 1 of this year are 37,874,715. The present market value of these securities is \$2,564,280,000. These new 1928 additions bring the total market value of the securities on the Chicago Stock Exchange up to approximately eleven billion dollars.

Chicago Clearing House Committee Recommends Change in Loan Charges to Conform to N. Y. Clearing House Rates.

Associated Press advices from Chicago yesterday (Sept. 7) said:

Adoption of a higher charge on demand loans of corporations and individuals placed by Chicago banks has been recommended by the Chicago Clearing House committee. Final approval by the Clearing House membership is regarded as a certainty.

The new rate, if authorized, will be 1/2 of 1% interest annually on the amount of funds placed on call. This is the charge authorized by the New York Clearing House on Aug. 3, and placed in effect Sept. 1. It replaces the old charge of 5% of the interest received on the loan.

In addition the Chicago Clearing House Association contemplates the restriction of loans by corporations and individuals to \$100,000 or multiples thereof.

Brokerage Firm of H. G. Lane & Co., Oakland, Cal., Placed in Receivership.

The permit of H. G. Lane & Co. (head office Oakland, Cal.) to conduct a stock and grain brokerage business has been suspended by the California Commissioner of Corporations, according to advices from San Francisco on Sept. 4 to the "Wall Street News." Later Samuel M. Shortridge was named receiver for the firm by the Federal Court. The action of the State Commissioner of Corporations followed, the advices said, an audit of the company's books in which it was found that liabilities exceeded the assets, although to what amount will not be known until all the branch offices are checked. The firm consisted of H. G. Lane, George A. Horal, R. H. Blanchard, J. J. M. Martin and George Butler, and maintained offices in San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah. Although preliminary estimates were that the firm would pay 50 cents on the dollar, the dispatch stated, "it is now thought that conditions may be much better." The following statement issued by Mr. Shortridge the Receiver was contained in the dispatch:

It now appears that a number of asserted claims are of very doubtful validity. If this be so the liabilities will be materially reduced. Any shortage in the assets of the company to pay creditors can be made up by recourse to the partners, some of whom are apparently solvent and anxious to effect a reorganization. This will mean satisfactory settlement with the creditors.

I think matters should be allowed to rest just as they are at present, and that it would be inadvisable to attempt to force the company into bankruptcy, because the company would undoubtedly resist such proceedings on the grounds that the assets are sufficient to pay valid claims, and because it would probably kill all plans for reorganization.

In reporting the failure of the company on Sept. 1 in its issue of Sept. 2, the San Francisco "Chronicle" stated that the firm failed with liabilities of approximately \$500,000 and with assets of \$200,000. Thousands of clients, stockholders and creditors, it was said, were caught in the crash "which is attributed by the State Corporation Commission to mismanagement." From this paper we take the following:

Citations charging conspiracy to commit grand theft were issued for Carl Hendrickson and Frank Horal, employes of the company, by the District Attorney's office.

An attempt was made to get in communication with H. G. Lane, former head of the company, who, the Commission was told, speculated heavily in grain and lost. Lane is reported to have resigned last week and to have gone to Florence, Col.

The company's financial condition first came to light earlier in the week when A. Brizzolari complained that a check for \$1,975 he received from the company and which he presumed was for profits was returned by the bank marked "not sufficient funds."

The check later was made good, but when he demanded a return of money and stocks he had sent the company, he alleges it was refused. It was out of this episode that the grand theft citations were issued.

The State Corporation Commission late Friday night (Aug. 31) after a 4-day audit of the company's books, issued notice to H. G. Lane & Co. that its license had been suspended. Consequently, doors of the main offices in San Francisco and branches in Oakland, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Portland, Ore., failed to open yesterday morning.

Later United States District Judge Louderback appointed Samuel Shortridge, Jr., Receiver for the company on petition of R. H. Blanchard of Portland, one of the partners, the petition to the Federal Court because Blanchard's residence is Oregon and Lane's address, 1930 Sacramento St., San Francisco.

According to Deputy Corporation Commissioner Howard C. Ellis, auditors found that the books of the company had not been posted since July, that the company was in a bad financial condition due to mismanagement, that its responsible executives had resigned or were missing and that the concern did not have money to meet settlements with its clients or even the current payroll of its employees.

"In going over the Lane company's books this department found no evidence to substantiate rumors that the concern's troubles dated from the recent slump in Bank of Italy stocks. We found that one trouble was that the company was carrying customers on improper margins and in many cases on no margin at all.

"One account with no margin was for \$30,000 and another was for about \$40,000, I believe. The chief trouble was bad speculations in the grain market to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars. The books were in a chaotic condition.

"Guy Wolf, the company's assistant manager in Oakland, tells me that \$100,000 or thereabouts is available to clients on the sold out margin accounts and that there will be a little over that to take care of the customers.

"Wolf has taken up the matter with the District Attorney's office here and it will be brought before the San Francisco Grand Jury next Tuesday night. He will take similar action in Alameda County, he tells me."

The petition for receivership was filed for Blanchard by Attorney C. W. Haswell. In it Blanchard stated that he is a co-partner with Lane in the company and that J. J. Martin, San Mateo financier, also is a co-partner, but denies co-partnership by reason of an alleged dissolution June 29 last.

The petition says that Lane is absent from the State and from the jurisdiction of the Federal Court here, and that because of this and because the company has liabilities in excess of its assets, its license has been suspended. The assets comprise stock of fluctuating value, Blanchard said, and on his information and belief the assets are about \$200,000. He was unable to venture what the liabilities are, but are said unofficially to approximate some \$500,000.

Northwest Lending Money to East—Contrast With Former Financing of Northwestern Harvest Through Eastern Credit.

Noting that "time was when a Northwestern harvest could not be financed without large advances of Eastern credit," the Aug. 27 Review of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis observes that "now, on the contrary, the Northwest is lending money to the East." "It is safe to say," the bank adds, "that there is an increase in deposits of all Northwestern banks over a year ago, although complete information is not available,—not a large increase in deposits, but still substantial." In its comments on conditions generally, the Bank states:

Individual bits of current information concerning conditions in the Northwest are largely of favorable import; pieced together these fragments make a convincing picture of improvement. The main immediate drawback is that one of our sources of new wealth, grain, is coming to market at lowered prices; production, however, is large and the quality is good. Current items of banking information give evidence of a solidifying prosperity. If people of this district have been suffering from a feeling of inferiority as to our relative position in the national league of trade territories, they may as well forget it. This is not saying that our agricultural, industrial, commercial and other interests are necessarily booming, but they are now established on a foundation that has been reinforced gradually to an extent sufficient to absorb all shocks which may reasonably be expected. A few months ago country banks in this reserve district reached a new low point in volume of borrowings from the reserve bank; their deposits maintained with city correspondent banks touched a new high figure; and their holdings of investment securities were the greatest ever recorded. Midsummer is a period when the aggregate income of farmers is smallest and when they can be expected to draw most heavily against reserve funds; consequently the same period is the one in which country banks liquidate their security holdings to the greatest extent. Security holdings of these banks, however, have been liquidated this summer by a surprisingly small amount. Because of the softened bond market, it is now an inauspicious time to dispose of securities; alternatives, if funds are needed and investment holdings are not liquidated, are borrowings at the reserve bank or from city correspondents. Borrowings at the reserve institution by country member banks have been, however, less than they were last year, and the demand for credit from city correspondents is in no wise out of the ordinary. Simultaneously with the retention of investment holdings and borrowings held down to a very moderate scale, country banks (if conclusions may be drawn from data furnished to the reserve institution by reporting member banks) have increased their loans to local customers and at the same time have maintained deposit levels in a very satisfactory manner.

Repeal of California Corporate Securities Act Urged in Report of Committee Inquiring Into Law.

The repeal of the California Corporate Securities Act, and the enactment of new provisions modeled after the Colorado Corporation Act is recommended by the subcommittee appointed by James S. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on the Corporate Securities Act of Regulatory Commissions Committee of the State Bar of California, to study its proposed repeal and its substitution by some other type of law. Los Angeles advises to the "Wall Street News" regarding the findings of the subcommittee state:

The committee finds that it does not prevent fraud as intended, that there is no provision for the extension of its scope or jurisdiction to regulate corporations issuing securities or to the development of a prosecutions' department or department of research and public relations, that it is actually burdensome and harmful to organizations coming under its scope and has actually driven financial and corporate business in huge amounts from the state and that it has created unnecessary barriers to new business and modern financial operations.

Called Harmful.

The convictions for fraud and other law violations have not been numerous or important enough to outweigh the harmful effect of the regulatory

practice under the act, the subcommittee finds. The report goes on to state:

"We find that practice under the act does not in fact prevent fraud in cases enough to justify the delays, expense and trouble incident to the great majority of cases, and in the principal cases where the law has been invoked its operation has been so slow, ponderous and uncertain that inestimable loss has resulted and that instead of preventing fraud it has resulted in many cases in glaring injustice to the public.

"Your committee does not believe that you can legislate against the speculative spirit of mankind and that the attempt ends in a hodgepodge of rules and regulations under the doubtful police power of the state and a maladministration of the legislative, executive and judicial functions of government. This is further borne out by the language of the Delaware Court of Chancery in the case of Mau, a citizen of California, vs. Montana Pacific Oil Co. et. al., not yet reported, but in which the court said:

"It does not believe that California intended by its enactment to declare void the stock issue of any corporations other than those of its own creation; that no doubt the courts of California if called upon to construe the section in question would restrict the application of its admittedly general language to the field of its appropriate domestic application."

"If personal stock issued under some other state jurisdiction is not void in the state of issue then no legal bar can be placed on its sale by its owner anywhere under his Constitutional right. Whether the California act is broad enough to make illegal the sale in California by the owner of stock validly issued in other states in view of the decision in State vs. Pace or whether this state can legislate on matters affecting interstate business is not for our committee to decide, but we find the effect of these decisions and the state of the law is to make remedies uncertain and nullify the corporate securities act, and its attempt to regulate business in the face of the uncertainties described results in driving business out of the state or encouraging owners of foreign issued stock to use the possible defense set up by and suggested in the effect of the Page decision.

Works Hardship.

"It puts upon innocent business the appearance of being penalized to promote the operation of an act admittedly ineffective and uncertain in its basic features. We again quote the same eminent authority as cited above in the remarks on the Pace case. He says:

"Supervision of the few frauds probably does not equal the burden to innocent business imposed by the act." He says further: "That in 19 out of 20 cases supervision would be unnecessary."

"Your committee desires to emphasize this position, namely, that while the act is bound to anticipate some fraud its consideration as a fraud preventative measure is of vastly less importance to the State of California than the fact that it is a burden to all businesses that come under its scope, a positive menace to some and a fatal obstacle to many, especially to those enterprises dealing with the development of raw materials and mineral resources.

"The Commissioner's office asserts that it is favorable to the development of new businesses and explorations. We do not doubt the sincerity of the Commissioner in this assertion but our conclusions are that the claim is not borne out by the facts. We find that its rules and arbitrary policies applicable alike to all enterprises coming before it result in a type of standardized business that defeats the intentions of the act, dampens inspirations on which pioneer businesses are founded, ties their hands and graciously destroys them. While apparently giving them birth it strangles them with recitations, conditions and restrictions which confuse and discourage the investor and make it impossible to float their securities, and dishearten the sponsors of the new enterprises.

"The committee find that the proportion of companies which have lost their permits for failure to finance under the conditions imposed is much too great but that this phase of loss to the state is insignificant in comparison to the vast volume of new business that either lies undeveloped because of the conditions imposed or has gone to other states for organization and finance. The loss in the latter case is incalculable. If this type of loss could be balanced against the small percentage of frauds prevented and funds recovered, it would show conclusively the impotency and undesirability of the act.

Powers Coercive.

"Your committee finds that the regulatory phases of this act as practiced give the Commission autocratic and coercive powers without the corresponding checks and balances needed; that while the courts are open to an aggrieved applicant for a permit only the abuse of discretion can be reviewed by the courts, and that in practice this takes so much time and money that it virtually compels the abandonment of the enterprise.

"Your committee finds that the penal provisions of the act are not as effective in the punishment of crimes already committed as are the existing statutes and laws of the state which are better known, more readily understood and applied.

Recommendations.

"The committee recommends that there be substituted for the present act an act modeled upon the Colorado securities act.

"This act is not paternalistic. It does not attempt to decide for the investor how he shall spend his money. It creates no officer to say what the investor may or may not do. But it does provide the investor with the means to protect himself against fraud. It gives him a real opportunity to ascertain the real facts concerning any security offered him.

"Under the present California Corporate Securities Act all information gleaned concerning a security is locked in the files of the Commissioner of Corporations and is not open to the public except upon his special permission. The public never gets possession of the real facts from an official source. There is no way in which the small investor can inform himself from a reliable source at reasonable cost. Despite the expense incurred in informing the Commissioner the little fellow cannot avail himself of it.

Colorado Law Cited.

"Under the Colorado law the investor is given the means of acquiring official information without expense. Briefly the law provides under penalty that within 12 months next before selling or offering for sale any security the issuer shall issue a prospectus which shall contain:

"(a) The name of the issuer with the address of his, or its principal and head office, both within and without the State of Colorado, the date when the issuer commenced business and the date of the prospectus.

"(b) If the issuer is an individual, his occupation; if the issuer is a partnership, the individual names of the partners; if the issuer is not an individual or a partnership, the particulars of the act or instrument under which the issuer is constituted and operating, or a description of the organization.

"(c) The location, or the proposed location, of the undertaking of the issuer.

"(d) If the issuer is other than an individual or partnership, the names, addresses and occupations of the directors, trustees, principal officers, proposed principal officers or other persons acting in similar capacities.

"(e) The nature of the business or proposed business of the issuer, and if the issuer is a corporation a concise statement of its powers and objects.

"(f) If the issuer is other than an individual or partnership, the authorized capital, the issued capital, the paid up capital, the amount and particulars of all securities which are issued or authorized and are already or may thereafter become a charge on the assets and undertaking of the issuer.

"(g) The number and classes of securities into which the capital is divided and the par value of securities in each class, a description of the respective voting rights, preferences, rights to dividends, profits or capital of each class with respect to each other class.

"(h) If the issuer is other than an individual or partnership, the manner in which the issuer's capital has been paid in, whether in cash or property, or by any other consideration; the amount paid in cash, in property and for other consideration, stated separately, with a description of the character and value of the property, and consideration other than money, received by the issuer for such payments.

"(i) The amount of the proposed issue and details of the principal purposes and uses to which the proceeds of the issue will be applied.

Discusses Issue.

"(j) If the issuer has not been carrying on business for more than three years, the amount or the estimated amount of the issuer's preliminary and organization expenses and the names and addresses of and the amount paid or payable to, any person, in consideration of the organization or promotion of the undertaking of the issuer, and or for the sale of the securities, with particulars of the services rendered by each such person.

"(k) If the issuer has been carrying on business for more than three years, the name and address of, and the amounts paid or payable to, any person in consideration of the issue, sale, or offering for sale of the securities, and the particulars of the services rendered by each such person.

"(l) The amount and description of securities issued or proposed to be issued as fully paid, for any consideration other than cash, and the particulars of such consideration.

"(m) The names and addresses of the vendors of any property purchased or acquired or proposed to be purchased or acquired which is to be, or has been, paid for, wholly or partly, out of such issue or the proceeds thereof, or the purchase or acquisition of which has not been completed at the date of the statement.

"(n) The amount, if any, paid or payable, as purchase money, in cash, securities or otherwise, for any property mentioned in the next preceding clause, specifying the amount, if any, paid or payable for good-will, patent right, copyright, trade-mark, process or other intangible asset, and the nature of the interest of the issuer in such property, stating whether it is absolute, or conditional ownership under lease, option to purchase, or license of occupation, and where there is more than one vendor, or the issuer is a sub-purchaser, the amount payable to each vendor, provided that members of firm shall not be regarded as separate vendors.

"(o) Full particulars of the nature and extent of the interest, if any, of every director in the promotion of, or in the property proposed to be acquired by the issuer, or, where the interest of such director consists in being a partner in a firm, the nature and extent of the interest of the firm, with a statement of all sums paid or agreed to be paid to him or to the firm in cash or shares, or otherwise, by any person, either to induce him to become or to qualify him as a director, or otherwise, for services rendered by him or the firm in connection with the promotion or formation of the issuer."

Advertising a Factor.

"This prospectus must be signed by the issuer or its principal officers and two copies filed with the Secretary of State. Every advertisement of the security must refer to the act, the date of the prospectus, that it is filed and open to public inspection and an offer to send a copy to any person requesting it.

"Full civil remedies protect the investor by providing that he is deemed to have relied upon all of the representations in the prospectus.

"Sufficient penal remedies are provided by making any violation of the act subject for a first offense to a fine of \$2,000 and imprisonment in the state penitentiary for two years and for subsequent offenses \$5,000 and five years.

"Your subcommittee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved that the regulatory and permissive provisions of the California Corporate Securities Act be repealed and that new provisions modeled after the Colorado Corporation Act be substituted therefor.

"Respectfully submitted,

"E. D. FOSTER, Chairman.

"KIMBALL FLETCHER, Vice Chairman.

"EZRA NEFF, Secretary."

Proposal to Increase Limit of Savings Deposits to \$10,000 Opposed by Brooklyn Savings Banks.

Opposition to the proposal that the deposit limit of savings banks be raised from \$7,500 to \$10,000 was expressed by representative Brooklyn savings bankers, says the Brooklyn "Eagle" of Aug. 28. The paper quoted states:

The proposal was discussed at the last annual convention of the Savings Banks Association of New York at Buffalo last May, and questionnaires have been sent to various member banks of the association, but no action is expected before next month's meeting of the association's executive committee.

It is pointed out that large accounts are "investment" accounts rather than "savings" accounts, and are virtually always allowed to remain on deposit for the full interest period. When a withdrawal is made, it is usually the entire deposit, thus placing a strain on the bank's liquid funds. Bankers assert that it is the small account, to which deposits are made at regular intervals, that enables the banks to pay dividends of 4½%, since the entire account does not draw interest for the full period.

"Savings banks are designed for the small depositor," Laurus E. Sutton, Vice-President of the Brooklyn Saving Bank, declared. "It is our purpose to encourage thrift and to help the person of small income accumulate funds to buy a home or for other purposes.

"The investor account is of no value in the savings bank scheme for the reason that an accumulation of these accounts would mean the possibility of forced liquidation if there was a large demand from such depositors, which would, of course, work an injustice on the little saver."

Edwin A. Ames, President of the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, expressed a similar view, declaring that the present \$7,500 limit was too large.

"When a man has \$10,000 to invest," Mr. Ames said, "he can usually take care of himself. He doesn't need us to invest his money for him."

Henry R. Kinsey, Comptroller and Trustee of the Williamsburgh Savings Bank, said he would prefer not to express an opinion until he had studied the subject.

Average of Twenty-five Insurance Stocks Up to 72% in Twenty Months According to Survey by Gilbert Elliott & Co.

Stocks of the 25 leading fire and casualty insurance companies are selling at an average price of \$530 a share, as compared with an average selling price of \$309 a share in January 1927 and a high of \$616 last May, according to a survey of the insurance stock market made by Gilbert Elliott & Co., specialists in bank and insurance stocks. Between January 1927 and May 1928 insurance stocks, it is stated, appreciated on the average about 99% but later lost 27% of this gain with the result that today at current market levels, making due allowance for stock dividends, rights, etc., the average value of these shares is \$530 or a 72% appreciation above the January 1927 levels. The bankers point out:

"It is interesting to note that during the above period the rate of appreciation has been similar to the rate of appreciation which has prevailed for the last ten years. During the period 1918-1927 a representative group of fire and casualty insurance stocks showed an average gain to shareholders of 55.04% per year (including market appreciation and dividends). Such companies as City of New York, Continental, Fidelity Phenix, Boston, Northwestern National, St. Paul Fire & Marine, Continental Casualty, Maryland Casualty, Fidelity & Deposit, American Surety show average gains to stockholders of between 50% and 75% per year during this ten year period, while Globe & Rutgers, Providence-Washington and North River Insurance showed average gains of from 118% to 182% during the same period."

The year 1928 is proving an even better year so far than the record-breaking 1927, from an underwriting standpoint. Last year was the first in seven years in which the companies as a whole were able to show a profit from underwriting operations. In the first seven months this year fire losses are slightly lower even than for the same period in 1927.

High Call Money Rates Due to Risk Involved, Says A. D. Langwell of Wilfred E. Boughton & Co.

The current high rates for call money loaned on securities are not due to an actual scarcity of funds, according to Arthur D. Langwell, Vice-President of W. E. Boughton & Co., Inc. (43 Exchange Place) but to the risk presented by the ruling level of prices for active stocks and bonds. "It is evident from recent events," said Mr. Langwell, "that there are ample funds available on call at a price no matter how high the total of stock exchange loans or quotations may go. That is why rates of from 7% to 10% for call money have been followed by over-night declines to 4½% and 5%." He continues:

These violent fluctuations and the generally higher level of rates are caused by the inherently greater risk involved in lending money on securities at the price level where they are today rather than by the altitude of the present loans total.

The wealth of the nation has grown so enormously that old measuring instruments are no longer useful; it is not possible, therefore, to compare accurately the relation of loans and stock prices of the present with similar ratios of five or ten years ago, but that prices are unusually high is an obvious fact and one that must have its effect.

To prove the statement in regard to the reason for costly stock market money it is only necessary to contrast the call rates of from 7% to 10% with those ranging from 5¼% to 5¾% on commercial paper and rates from 4¼% to 5¼% on bank acceptances. The commercial loans, however, are self-liquidating and almost non-fluctuating whereas security borrowings are not—the difference in the risk entailed causes the variation in the interest rate.

The fact that money can always be obtained if the borrower will pay the price accounts in part for the apparent indifference of stocks to costly money and the absence of general liquidation. Another factor in the situation is the exceptionally large margins carried by the average broker's customers. As a consequence the customers generally have not suffered any serious harm from interest levies because a charge of 7% on a 50% margin against a given debit, is actually less than one of 6% where only a 40% margin exists.

Action Against Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank Alleging Coercion in Par Collection of Checks Decided In Favor of Reserve Bank.

We are giving below the text of a decision handed down on June 8 by the Supreme Court of Minnesota, in which it is held that there was no evidence to justify the jury in finding that there was coercion on the part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis in attempting to collect at par checks drawn on the First State Bank of Hugo, Minn. The findings of the State Supreme Court as given herewith, are from the July number of the Bulletin issued by the Federal Reserve Board:

In 1925 the First State Bank of Hugo, Minn., a nonmember bank, instituted suit in the State court against the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of the action of the Federal Reserve Bank in attempting to collect at par checks drawn on the First State Bank of Hugo. It was alleged in substance that the Federal Reserve Bank, in order to coerce the First State Bank to remit at par during the year 1920, presented checks over the counter by means of an agent until the First State Bank finally surrendered and agreed to remit at par, which it continued to do until October 1, 1924. The case came to trial in the lower court and a verdict was rendered by the jury against the Federal Reserve Bank. A motion was thereupon made to the court by the Federal Reserve Bank for a judgment in its favor notwithstanding

standing the verdict of the jury or, in the alternative, for a new trial. Upon this motion being overruled by the lower court, the case was taken to the Supreme Court of Minnesota. On June 8, 1928, a decision was rendered by the Supreme Court of Minnesota holding that there was no evidence to justify the jury in finding that there was coercion by the Federal Reserve Bank and that, therefore, the Federal Reserve Bank was entitled to a directed verdict and to judgment notwithstanding the verdict of the jury. The supreme court accordingly reversed the decision of the lower court with a direction that judgment should be entered for the Federal Reserve Bank.

There is printed below the opinion which the Supreme Court of Minnesota rendered in this case.

(Opinion of the Supreme Court of Minnesota.)

The First State Bank of Hugo, Minn., respondent, v. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, appellant.

Syllabus.

1. To sustain an action for damages on the ground of coercion there must be some wrongful or unlawful act, acts, or conduct on the part of the defendant, sufficient to constrain the plaintiff, against his will, to do or refrain from doing something which he has a legal right to do or refuse to do, and resulting in damage to him.

2. A Federal Reserve Bank is required to receive on deposit for collection at par, from member banks of the Federal Reserve system, checks payable on presentation drawn upon any member bank in its district. It is authorized but not required to so receive checks upon nonmember banks within its district. Federal reserve banks are not authorized to pay exchange on checks collected by them.

3. State banks, not members of the Federal Reserve system, are not affected by the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act against charging exchange, and may continue to demand exchange on remittances made by them.

4. Where a nonmember bank declines to remit at par, the Federal Reserve Bank may present checks for payment at the counter of such bank and employ proper agencies for so doing, subject to the limitations that it may not delay presentation so as to accumulate checks in a body in a large amount for presentation at one time for the purpose of coercing or injuring the bank, or employ other unreasonable and oppressive means or threats in the collection thereof.

The publication of a list, known as a par list, stating that defendant Reserve Bank will receive for credit and collection checks upon all banks in Minnesota, held not wrongful or oppressive, although not all banks in the State had consented to remit at par.

5. Held, that there is no evidence to sustain a finding of coercion in the present case.

Reversed.

Opinion.

Defendant appeals from an order denying its alternative motion for judgment or a new trial.

The action was brought to recover damages from the defendant for the alleged coercion of plaintiff thereby compelling and forcing plaintiff against its will to agree to and remit to defendant for all checks sent to plaintiff by mail, drawn upon plaintiff bank, without making any exchange charge.

The defendant is a Federal Reserve Bank located at Minneapolis, in this State. Plaintiff is a small State bank with a capital of \$10,000, located in the village of Hugo, about 25 miles from Minneapolis, and the only bank in that village. It is not a member of the Federal Reserve system, but is located in defendant's district.

Plaintiff recovered a verdict. Defendant contends that there was no evidence presented justifying the submission of the question of coercion to the jury; that there was no evidence of any wrongful or unlawful conduct on its part; and no evidence that plaintiff acted under coercion or duress in the matter, hence defendant was entitled to a verdict and judgment in its favor.

1. The term "coercion" is somewhat difficult to define with sufficient exactness to apply to all cases. It is said to be compulsion, force, or duress. It is said to exist where one, by the unlawful act of another, is induced to do or perform some act under circumstances which deprive him of the exercise of his free will. (11 C. J. 946, 947.) This definition is adopted in *State ex rel Young v. Ladeon*, 104 Minn. 252, 116 N. W. 486. In *State ex rel Smith v. Daniels*, 118 Minn. 155, 136 N. W. 584, coercion is stated to be either physical force, used to compel a person to act against his will, or implied legal force, where one is so under subjection of another that he is constrained to do what his free will would refuse, and that coercion is usually accomplished by indirect means, such as threats or intimidation. Coercion, as a misdemeanor, is defined by section 10431, G. S. 1923, which provides that every person who, with intent to compel another to do or abstain from doing an act which such other person has a legal right to do, or abstain from doing, shall wrongfully and unlawfully attempt to intimidate such person by threats or force, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

To sustain an action for damages on the ground of coercion, there must be some wrongful or unlawful act, acts or conduct, on the part of the defendant sufficient to constrain the plaintiff, against his will, to do or refrain from doing something which he has a legal right to do or refuse to do, and resulting in damage to him. The acts or conduct complained of need not be unlawful in the technical sense of that term. It is sufficient if same is wrongful in the sense that it is so oppressive under given circumstances as to constrain one to do what his free will would refuse.

2. Federal Reserve Banks are required to receive on deposit at par from member banks and Reserve Banks checks and drafts upon any of its member banks. They are authorized to so receive checks, payable on presentation, upon any bank within their respective districts, whether such bank is a member bank or not. No exchange charge can be made against the Reserve Banks by member banks, and the Reserve Banks are not to pay exchange. The result is a system of par clearance of checks and items among member banks and between such banks and the reserve banks.

3. These provisions as to exchange are held not to apply to nonmember State banks, and such banks are not compelled to forego any rights they may have under State laws and may continue to charge exchange. Where checks on a nonmember bank were presented to a Reserve Bank for deposit and collection, the Reserve Bank could not accept or clear such checks unless either the nonmember bank agreed to remit therefor at par, without charging exchange, or the Reserve Bank, at its own expense, employed other agencies to collect same by presentation for payment at the banking house of the nonmember bank. In this situation the Federal Reserve Board and Reserve Banks sought to have a system of par clearance agreed to and adopted by the nonmember State banks so as to include all banks and banking institutions in the United States. Letters and circulars were sent out by the board and the Reserve Banks explaining the system and urging nonmember banks to agree to remit to Reserve Banks without exchange charge. Many State banks agreed; others refused. Par lists were prepared and sent out by the board through the Reserve Banks, showing towns and cities where all banks remitted at par, and, where not all so remitted, the names of banks not so doing were given. Where all banks in a State so remitted, the name of the State was given.

4. Negotiations were carried on by defendant, by correspondence, with plaintiff in the matter. On July 31 1919, defendant sent plaintiff a circular letter, stating that it was making a final appeal and that, if no reply was received, it would be assumed that plaintiff preferred to have checks drawn on it and received by defendant presented at plaintiff's counter for payment in cash. On March 30 1920, defendant wrote to plaintiff stating that, as it has received no reply to a letter of March 10, it assumed that plaintiff would remit at par, and that on April 15 it would commence sending regular remittances with the understanding that plaintiff would remit in payment without exchange charges. A par list was issued by the Reserve Board under date of April 1 1920, stating that the Reserve Bank would receive for collection and credit items on all banks in Minnesota. Upon receipt of defendant's letter of March 30, plaintiff wrote on the bottom thereof the statement that it did not wish to be on the par list and would continue to charge exchange, and return such letter and statement to defendant. The exact date when this was received by defendant does not appear. On April 12, the defendant wrote to plaintiff acknowledging receipt and expressing regrets. In this letter defendant called attention to the fact that the Reserve Bank was prohibited from paying exchange, and stated that where a nonmember bank refused to remit at par the Reserve Bank would be forced to seek some other method and through some agency present checks and drafts at the bank's counter for payment in cash. The letter further stated that it had been said that it was defendant's practice to hold back items until they amounted to a considerable sum and then, for the purpose of embarrassing the bank, present them on one day. It assured plaintiff that this was not the case and that it had no desire to cause any unnecessary inconvenience; that it might be possible, if it received items amounting to less than \$100 on one day, that it would hold such items for a day or two to save unnecessary expense. The defendant then, on or about April 17, adopted the method of turning over checks in its hands on the plaintiff bank to the American Railway Express Co. for collection. That company, as part of its business, collects and transmits money for compensation. A few days later, on or about April 28, it changed agencies and employed the postmaster at Hugo to collect and transmit such collections by mail. These two agencies presented checks on plaintiff bank, coming into defendant's hands, daily at plaintiff's counter from April 17 to 30, inclusive, and received payment therefor in cash. The evidence tends to show that defendant was willing to receive drafts on plaintiff's correspondent bank instead of cash, if plaintiff had so requested. Plaintiff's correspondent bank, at the time, was the First National Bank of St. Paul, located adjacent to Minneapolis and somewhat nearer to plaintiff's place of business than Minneapolis. The amount of checks so presented varied from day to day and ran in amounts from \$100 to \$1,200. On April 30 plaintiff wrote to defendant that it might discontinue sending checks to be cashed over the counter; that plaintiff had decided to remit at par by draft, and that defendant might send the checks by mail in the usual way. Thereafter plaintiff continued to remit to defendant at par, by draft on its correspondent, for checks and items sent to it by defendant by mail from day to day until Oct. 1 1924. On September 25 1924, plaintiff informed defendant, by letter, that on Oct. 1 it intended to again charge exchange. Thereupon defendant ceased to accept for collection checks on plaintiff bank and, on the par list issued under date of Oct. 1, plaintiff was listed as withdrawn from the list. During the 10 days that defendant had its checks presented for payment in cash at plaintiff's banking house, no difficulty arose. The presentation was courteous and orderly; so far as appears plaintiff suffered no injury or embarrassment; relations were apparently friendly.

There is evidence that the Reserve Banks were conducting what is called a campaign to induce non-member banks to agree to remit at par; that placing Minnesota banks on the par list resulted in bringing to defendant bank a large number of checks drawn on nonmember banks and on this plaintiff; that the gathering of such checks in defendant's hands and presentation thereof at plaintiff's counter for payment required plaintiff to keep a larger cash reserve on hand otherwise necessary and resulted in the loss of interest which it could have earned by keeping more of its reserve in its correspondent bank. It is urged also that plaintiff feared and had cause to fear that on some days so large an aggregate amount of checks might come to the Reserve Bank and be presented for payment in cash that the plaintiff would be unable to pay them and be forced to suspend. As evidence of that, it is shown that during the four and a half years that plaintiff remitted to defendant at par there were two days on which checks aggregating slightly over \$8,000 each day were mailed to it by defendant for payment by draft on plaintiff's correspondent; and on a number of other days checks aggregating over \$3,000 were so received. The answer to that is the uncontradicted evidence of defendant's officer that it would readily have accepted drafts on plaintiff's correspondent bank instead of cash at any time if inconvenient for plaintiff to pay in cash. It is further to be noted that plaintiff's place of business is not over 20 miles distant from its correspondent bank in St. Paul, where it carried its reserve, and funds available from that source within an hour, if needed.

The case of *American Bank & Trust Co. v. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta*, 262 U. S. 643, 67 L. ed. 1153, is of interest. In that case a number of State banks in Georgia brought suit to enjoin the Reserve Bank from publishing their names in the par list and to enjoin it from collecting checks on them by presenting such checks by its agents for payment at the counter of these banks in cash, or collecting such checks otherwise than in the usual way, which was alleged to be by mailing them to the bank upon which drawn and accepting remittance therefor by draft, less exchange. We infer there was the usual prayer for other and further relief. The Federal District Court dismissed the case for insufficiency of the complaint and the decision was affirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals. The case then came before the United States Supreme Court, reported in 256 U. S. 350, 65 L. ed. 983. It was there held that the complaint stated a cause of action in that it alleged that defendant intended to accumulate checks in large amounts and present them at one time in a body for the purpose of injuring and coercing the plaintiff and breaking down its business, and the decree of dismissal was reversed. The case was then tried in the district court and is reported in 280 Federal, 940. The trial court granted an injunction restraining the defendant from including the names of plaintiffs in the par list and denied any other relief. It was held that the Reserve Bank, in the exercise of its clearing-house functions, was authorized to accept any and all checks payable on presentation, when deposited with it for collection; that checks so accepted must be collected by it at par; that it was not permitted to accept less than full face value; that it was authorized to adopt any reasonable measure for these purposes; that, if the drawee bank refused to remit without exchange charge, the Reserve Bank had power to employ any proper agency to collect the checks from the drawee bank and to pay the necessary cost of such service; that the daily collection of such checks did not constitute any accumulation thereof and was lawful; that it was proper for such bank to publish a par clearance list, but not to place thereon the name of a nonmember bank without its consent. The court further found that there was no evidence to sustain any charge that the Reserve Bank had acted illegally or exercised any of its rights so as to oppress or injure the plaintiffs. This decision was affirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, 284 Federal, 424. It came again before the

United States Supreme Court, 262 U. S. 643, 67 L. ed. 1153, and was affirmed. In that decision it is stated that the decree left the Reserve Bank free to publish in its par list that it would collect at par checks on all banks in any town, that is, it might name the town or city as one wherein it collected checks at par, although there were banks in that town or city which would not remit at par, so long as it did not publish the names of such banks. Here, in our present case, the par list complained of did not even name the town in which plaintiff bank is located, but named merely the State of Minnesota as a district in which defendant would collect checks at par. The court further states that Federal Reserve banks are authorized to collect for member banks and affiliated nonmember banks checks on any banks within their respective districts, if the checks are payable on presentation and can in fact be collected consistently with the legal rights of the drawee without paying an exchange charge, that, within these limits, reserve banks have ordinarily the same right to present checks to the drawee bank for payment over the counter as any other bank, State or national, would have. The limitations referred to are that the Reserve Bank may not accumulate checks for presentation or make other unreasonable or oppressive demands or threats in connection with the collection for the purpose of injuring the drawee bank or compelling it to agree to remit without exchange. The court states that the advantages offered by the Reserve Banks have created a steady flow in increased volume of checks on country banks to the Reserve Banks, and that collecting such checks over the counter will subject the country banks to certain losses of exchange and interest, but that country banks are not entitled to protection against legitimate competition and such losses are of the kind to which business concerns are commonly subjected when improved facilities are introduced by others, or a more efficient competitor enters the field.

It is urged that the Reserve banks had adopted a plan to coerce and compel country banks to remit at par and that defendant, in what it did, was engaged in carrying out such unlawful purpose, and that plaintiff was thereby coerced and compelled to act against its free will. A wrongful purpose or intent alone can not constitute coercion. There must be threats or oppressive acts or conduct sufficient to overcome the will and constrain the one coerced to go against his free will. There were here no threats, wrongful publication of par lists, accumulation of checks or other oppressive conduct.

Brookings State Bank, v. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, 277 Fed. 430, 281 Fed. 222, was a case where the Reserve Bank treated checks as dishonored where plaintiff refused to remit at par by mail, and so informed its clients. This was held wrongful and defendant enjoined from sending letters to its clients advising them that they must look to plaintiff bank for protection for its failure to protest the checks.

Farmers & Merchants Bank of Catlettsburg v. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 286 Fed. 610, is cited. A mere reading of the statement of facts in that case shows that the collection of checks there was accompanied by such disturbance, threats, armed messenger, interference with the bank's customers and business, public display of checks and claims against the bank, espionage and such words and acts of oppression as to clearly render the defendant's conduct wrongful and unlawful. The holdings of the Federal district court that defendant should be enjoined from continuing to so collect checks drawn on plaintiff bank and from advertising that it would collect such checks free of charge, must be held to be limited to the facts in the case. That case was decided by the District Court before the final decision by the Supreme Court in the Atlanta Bank case.

The case of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Monroe v. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, 262 U. S. 649, 67 L. ed. 1157, was decided at the same time and the opinion written by the same justice as in the Atlanta Bank case. It does not change or modify the holdings in that case. The question there decided was the constitutionality of a State statute authorizing State banks to pay their checks, when presented by a Federal Reserve Bank or its agents, in exchange drawn on the reserve deposits of the drawee bank. This permitted the State banks to deduct exchange. The law was held constitutional. While the Federal Reserve Act is construed as applied to that situation, it is so construed in harmony with the Atlanta Bank case.

Primarily, the benefit from having checks cleared at par goes to the makers of such checks, the customers of the bank upon which they are drawn. If such a customer can send his check to another city or place in payment of his debts or purchases and have the check cleared at par, he saves money and inconvenience, saves purchasing a draft and paying the exchange thereon. He can not compel his debtor or obligee at the other end to accept his check subject to exchange charges. His bank is, to that extent, favoring him, and, incidentally, attracting customers to itself.

5. This case has been fully and fairly tried. Our conclusion is that there is no evidence justifying the jury in finding that there was coercion. Defendant, therefore, was entitled to a directed verdict and to judgment notwithstanding the verdict.

The order appealed from is reversed with direction to have judgment entered for defendant.

Treasury Department's September Financing—Offering of \$525,000,000 4½% Treasury Certificates—Final Redemption of Third Liberty Loan Bonds.

An offering of \$525,000,000 (or thereabouts) of Treasury certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at the high rate of 4½% was announced on Sept. 6 by Secretary Mellon. The issue is of a short term nature, the notes running for nine months, from Sept. 15 1928 to June 15 1929. The rate of interest borne by the notes is the highest paid on Government securities for some time. In 1923 several issues of Treasury Certificates, and one issue of five-year Treasury notes, were put out at 4½%.

The June financing of this year was made up of two series of Treasury certificates, one for six months carrying 4% interest and the other for nine months at 3⅞%, while an offering the following month (in July) consisted of Treasury Bonds with interest at 3⅞%. Regarding this week's offering a Washington dispatch Sept. 6 to the "Times" stated:

As high as 6% was paid on short-term certificates maturing in 1921, but the interest rate slowly receded after that and in more recent offerings the effort has been to put the rate as close as possible to 3%.

The present offering was delayed until the last practical day, as the Treasury Department had hoped to keep the interest rate below 4%. The unusual conditions in the money market, caused in no small measure by the speculative activities on the stock exchanges and the heavy export of

gold in recent months, however, made it apparent that such an accomplishment was impossible, if the success of the issue was to be assured.

The rate quoted on to-day's offering was fixed after a series of conferences between Secretary Mellon, Under-Secretary Hills and officials of the Federal Reserve Board. The credit conditions were carefully studied and the possibility of shading the rate of interest below the mark finally fixed was discussed.

Treasury officials did not seem to feel that the jump in the rate on this short term issue, which will be retired in nine months, was of any great importance in regard to the future, but it was with reluctance, nevertheless, that they admitted that interest on an offering must go above 4% again.

The nature of to-day's offering was taken here as an indication that the Treasury did not anticipate any great easing of money rates in the open market for some time.

In announcing the new offering, Secretary Mellon stated that the Treasury will accept in payment for the new certificates, at par, Third Liberty Loan bonds maturing Sept. 15 1928. Subscriptions for which payment is tendered in Third Liberty Loan bonds will be allotted in full. We give herewith Secretary Mellon's statement:

The Treasury is to-day announcing its September financing, which takes the form of an offering of nine months 4½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, dated and bearing interest from Sept. 15 1928 and maturing June 15 1929. The amount of the offering is \$525,000,000 or thereabouts.

The Treasury will accept in payment for the new certificates, at par, Third Liberty Loan bonds maturing Sept. 15 1928. Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in Third Liberty Loan bonds maturing Sept. 15 1928 will be allotted in full up to the amount of the offering.

About \$970,000,000 of Third Liberty Loan bonds are still outstanding and become payable on Sept. 15 1928. Also about \$70,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become payable on that date.

The final redemption of the Third Liberty Loan brings to a close the vast operations begun by the Treasury in 1927, which, in the course of 18 months, have resulted in the refunding or retirement of over 5 billions of Liberty Loan bonds accompanied by important reduction in interest charges. Of \$5,264,000,000 of Second and Third Liberty Loan bonds outstanding in February, 1927, all but \$20,000,000 of which bore a 4½% rate of interest, about \$1,300,000,000 will have been retired from sinking fund and surplus. The balance have been replaced by bonds bearing 3⅞% interest, by three 5-year notes bearing 3⅞% interest, all with maturity or call dates convenient for sinking fund purposes, and by short term certificates, including the issue now offered, all maturing on quarterly tax payment dates.

The new certificates are designated Series TJ-1929. They will be in bearer form in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable Dec. 15 1928 and June 15 1929. Third Liberty Loan coupons dated Sept. 15 1928, which become payable on that date, are to be detached from any bonds of the Third 4½s in coupon form tendered in payment for the new certificates, and the coupons collected by the holders in regular course.

The official circular offering the new certificates follows:

United States of America, 4½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, series TJ-1929. Dated and bearing interest from Sept. 15 1928. Due June 15 1929.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act, approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of series TJ-1929, dated and bearing interest from Sept. 15 1928, payable June 15 1929, with interest at the rate of 4½% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable Dec. 15 1928 and June 15 1929.

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said Act approved Sept. 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The certificates of this series will be accepted at par during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of this series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Subscriptions in payment for which Third Liberty Loan 4½% bonds of 1928 (hereinafter referred to as Third 4½s) are tendered will be allotted in full up to the amount of the offering. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of the allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Sept. 15 1928, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment, Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Bonds of the Third 4½s, maturing on Sept. 15 1928, will be accepted at par, in payment for any certificates of the series now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted, with an adjustment of accrued interest, if any, on the certificates of the series so paid for.

Bonds of the Third 4½s tendered in payment for any certificates of the series now offered should be presented when the subscription is tendered. The bonds must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder. Coupons

dated Sept. 15 1923, which become payable on that date, should be detached from any bonds of the Third 4 1/4s in coupon form so tendered, and such coupons should be collected by the holders thereof in regular course. Third 4 1/4s in registered form tendered in payment for certificates subscribed for must be duly assigned to "The Secretary of the Treasury for payment," in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing such assignments. Final interest due Sept. 15 1923, on registered bonds of the Third 4 1/4s so tendered will not be paid by interest checks in regular course but will be covered by payments to be made simultaneously with the delivery of the certificates (or interim receipts) upon allotted subscriptions. Facilities for transportation of bonds by registered mail insured may be arranged between incorporated banks and trust companies and the Federal Reserve Banks, and holders may take advantage of such arrangements, when available, utilizing such incorporated banks and trust companies as their agents. Incorporated banks and trust companies are not agents of the United States under this circular.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Banks of the respective districts.

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

President Sloan of General Motors Corporation in Favor of Herbert Hoover for President.

Samuel Sloan, Jr., President of the General Motors Corp. sees nothing to justify a change in administration, and declares that "therefore I am for Mr. Hoover, and always have been." In giving the statement issued on Sept. 3 by Mr. Sloan in support of Herbert Hoover, the Republican candidate for President, the "Herald-Tribune" said:

Mr. Sloan's statement of his position accentuates the differences in the personal political opinions of high officials of the General Motors Corporation and the closely affiliated E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., upon which public attention was focussed in July when John J. Raskob, Vice-President, Director and Chairman of the Finance Committee of General Motors and a Director of the du Pont Company, accepted the post of Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and became Governor Smith's campaign manager.

Associates' Actions His Cue.

In fact the statement indicated that it was because of the alignment with the Smith forces of Mr. Raskob, who was nominally a Republican; the stand of Pierre S. du Pont, Chairman of the boards of both General Motors and the Du Pont Company, and also a Republican, in favor of Governor Smith solely on the prohibition issue, and the recent declaration for Mr. Hoover of Lamont du Pont, President of the Du Pont Company and a director of the General Motors Corporation, that Mr. Sloan felt impelled to declare himself.

Both Mr. Raskob and Pierre du Pont were granted leaves of absence from General Motors in order to devote themselves entirely to furthering Governor Smith's candidacy, while Lamont du Pont and Mr. Sloan restricted themselves to stating their political preference without any indication they expect to take an active hand in the campaign.

Like Mr. Sloan, who also is a Republican, Lamont du Pont based his decision on the belief that continued prosperity is the real issue of the election and that prohibition is a secondary consideration.

Mr. Sloan's statement follows:

"I have received a considerable number of inquiries from associates in business, members of various organizations with which I am connected and from other sources. It seems necessary that I should state my personal viewpoint on the political situation.

"I am in favor of the election of Mr. Hoover for President. In making that statement I want to emphasize that it is my position as an individual and has nothing to do with any business enterprise in which I may be connected.

"I am for Mr. Hoover because I believe in him personally, his record, his experience and what he represents; also in the organization behind him. History demonstrates that this country has been more generally prosperous under Republican administration and as a result of Republican policies.

"We have never been so prosperous as a whole as under the administration of Mr. Coolidge. I am confident that Mr. Hoover can be counted upon to carry forward all the policies and principles which have contributed to this prosperity. As a matter of fact, that is his policy. He has the experience and capacity to do this constructively. Likewise, he has the ability to recognize that we must adjust our course from time to time on many questions as evolution and experience may dictate.

"To my mind, picking out the Chief Executive for any Government—the greatest business in the world—is no different in principle from picking out an executive for any other business. I believe I should pin my faith on the ability, integrity, honesty of purpose and principles that the Executive stands for. I do not think that I should be led astray even if in some detail I may differ. No executive or administration can satisfy all the people all the time on all questions.

"Would the stockholders of any business the management of which has built up generous profits, made liberal disbursements in dividends, increased prestige and the value of the corporation's securities, brought prosperity to the organization, be likely to change that management? As stockholders in the United States have we not received excellent dividends in the way of reduced taxes, improved standards of living, with quite general prosperity? Why, then, is a change logical?

"I appreciate there are problems unsolved, some of them important. There always will be. Prohibition is one of these. Having been intimately connected with industrial problems for many years, I am thoroughly convinced that prohibition has increased our national efficiency, has added to the purchasing power of the people and given us an advantage in our competition for foreign trade.

"At the same time I recognize that conditions respecting the observance of the law are far from satisfactory and time may prove the necessity for some adjustments. If so, I am for having those adjustments brought about by an Executive in sympathy with the economic benefits that the closest possible adherence to the prohibition idea is sure to bring about.

"It seems to me, therefore, that we should ask ourselves whether this or any other problem is likely to be any more constructively handled under a change in administration. I see nothing to justify any change. Therefore I am for Mr. Hoover and always have been."

It is noted in the "Herald-Tribune" that besides the General Motors Corp. and E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Mr. Sloan is a director in some 25 industrial and financial institutions, including the Chase National Bank and the Empire Trust Co. of New York.

Foreign Holdings of United States Steel Corp. Shares Decline.

United States Steel Corp. shares, both common and preferred, held abroad at the close of the second quarter of this year were less than the holdings as of Mar. 31 1923. Common shares held by foreign stockholders on June 30 1923 aggregated 180,829 shares, against 187,006 shares on Mar. 31, and preferred shares totaled 110,023 shares on June 30 1923 as compared with the holdings abroad on Mar. 31 1923 of 112,385 shares. The decline as compared with the period before the war is of course very striking. On Dec. 31 1914 common shares held abroad were no less than 1,193,064 shares, while preferred holdings totaled 309,457 shares. Below we furnish a detailed statement of the foreign holdings at various dates since Dec. 31 1914:

FOREIGN HOLDINGS OF SHARES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

	June 30 1923.	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.	Dec. 31 1925.	Dec. 31 1924.	Dec. 31 1923.	Dec. 31 1914.
Common Stock.							
Africa	177	175	125	125	139	190	2
Algeria	---	---	---	---	---	---	340
Argentina	20	20	230	---	45	90	8
Australia	185	189	27	121	120	107	3
Austria	3,022	4,095	2,737	2,364	2,080	1,636	690
Belgium	2,498	2,502	2,290	2,388	2,346	2,318	3,509
Bermuda	147	150	100	200	196	191	46
Brazil	1	---	1	---	---	---	---
British India	261	231	164	126	162	142	18
Canada	53,174	42,374	29,121	23,966	22,838	23,422	54,259
Central America	391	244	260	322	243	226	282
Chile	345	326	235	165	230	209	8
China	30	34	50	46	141	172	13
Colombia	1	1	---	---	---	---	---
Denmark	36	36	26	26	26	26	---
Ecuador	3	3	2	2	2	2	---
Egypt	60	60	---	---	---	60	---
England	43,407	46,513	29,385	26,217	100,689	101,118	710,631
Finland	---	---	4	4	---	---	---
France	13,209	14,313	9,937	9,990	10,921	11,203	64,537
Germany	968	1,271	663	632	520	291	2,664
Gibraltar	---	---	---	---	---	---	100
Greece	38	38	6	6	5	5	---
Holland	48,330	48,991	36,168	40,285	45,606	51,054	342,645
India	14	14	35	147	96	127	---
Ireland	267	250	134	184	228	399	2,991
Italy	704	734	500	386	461	317	146
Japan	47	46	24	23	19	66	6
Java	---	---	---	---	11	15	---
Luxembourg	1	1	1	1	1	1	---
Mexico	56	56	40	40	40	40	75
Norway	25	24	92	211	225	340	300
Peru	74	84	60	60	60	60	70
Poland	14	5	---	---	5	33	---
Portugal	1	553	395	405	503	3	---
Rumania	9	---	---	---	---	---	190
Russia	4	4	3	7	8	8	---
Scotland	2,884	3,814	3,037	2,781	2,489	2,199	4,203
Serbia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Spain	1,242	1,102	579	642	561	232	1,225
Sweden	575	557	385	157	104	178	1
Switzerland	2,133	2,076	2,229	3,409	2,793	2,473	1,470
Turkey	218	218	199	199	197	197	18
Uruguay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Venezuela	32	25	10	---	---	---	---
West Indies	6,226	6,307	3,828	3,765	3,888	3,942	623
No address	---	3	---	---	---	---	1,872
Total	180,829	177,452	123,090	119,414	198,010	203,109	1,193,064
Preferred Stock							
Africa	392	392	393	339	89	116	58
Algeria	---	---	---	---	---	---	75
Argentina	15	15	15	15	15	15	11
Australia	60	60	90	90	90	113	484
Austria	476	483	410	422	428	28	2,086
Azores	120	120	120	120	120	120	---
Belgium	694	619	614	257	192	292	697
Bermuda	747	747	747	349	476	430	21
Brazil	---	---	---	---	---	---	31
British India	---	---	---	174	168	36	81
Canada	28,066	27,850	28,966	28,280	28,069	27,794	34,673
Central America	---	---	24	74	182	140	146
Chile	16	16	15	15	15	41	12
China	136	138	139	139	106	100	42
Colombia	5	5	5	5	5	5	---
Denmark	255	260	260	55	50	70	40
Egypt	---	---	---	---	---	---	140
England	38,117	38,098	42,039	44,693	45,444	46,513	174,906
France	16,137	17,156	14,337	16,317	14,170	15,644	36,749
Germany	1,006	1,080	961	1,134	1,374	1,101	3,252
Greece	18	18	5	5	5	5	38
Holland	10,949	11,120	11,040	10,210	10,616	10,742	29,000
Hungary	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
India	616	616	616	302	302	290	---
Ireland	563	523	756	971	989	939	4,119
Italy	1,527	1,579	1,724	1,884	1,880	1,968	1,678
Japan	1	1	1	1	1	1	81
Luxembourg	63	63	63	23	23	23	---
Malta	---	50	50	50	50	50	406
Mexico	66	66	164	114	56	116	235
Morocco	---	---	---	---	---	---	27
Norway	12	12	12	12	12	12	9
Poland	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
Portugal	---	---	---	22	4	---	---
Russia	7	9	9	15	15	15	120
Scotland	1,405	1,305	1,648	1,438	1,318	1,448	13,747
Serbia	---	---	---	---	---	---	220
Spain	537	737	847	877	975	1,065	432
Sweden	753	753	749	102	84	84	1,137
Switzerland	3,785	3,804	2,606	3,188	2,745	2,772	2,617
Turkey	105	105	105	105	105	115	100
Wales	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,068
West Indies	---	---	---	---	---	---	874
Total	110,023	111,262	112,562	113,843	111,759	113,155	309,457

In the following table we also show the number of shares of the Steel Corporation distributed as between brokers and investors as on June 30 1928 and June 30 1927:

Common—	June 30 1928.	Ratio.	June 30 1927.	Ratio
Brokers, domestic and foreign	1,622,381	22.79	1,887,593	26.53
Investors, domestic and foreign	5,493,854	77.21	5,228,642	73.47
Preferred—				
Brokers, domestic and foreign	212,797	5.19	195,832	5.43
Investors, domestic and foreign	3,390,014	94.09	3,406,979	94.57

The following is of interest as it shows the holdings of brokers and investors in New York State:

Common—	June 30 1928.	Ratio.	June 30 1927.	Ratio.
Brokers	1,521,271	21.37	1,797,791	25.26
Investors	1,718,419	24.15	1,690,583	23.71
Preferred—				
Brokers	183,025	5.08	169,544	4.70
Investors	1,466,196	40.69	1,463,832	40.62

COMMON.			PREFERRED.		
Date.	Shares.	Per Cent.	Date.	Shares.	Per Cent.
Mar. 31 1914	1,285,636	25.29	Mar. 31 1914	312,331	8.67
June 30 1914	1,274,247	25.07	June 30 1914	312,832	8.67
Dec. 31 1914	1,193,064	23.44	Dec. 31 1914	309,457	8.59
Mar. 31 1915	1,130,209	22.23	Mar. 31 1915	308,005	8.55
June 30 1915	957,587	18.84	June 30 1915	303,070	8.41
Sept. 30 1915	826,833	16.27	Sept. 30 1915	297,691	8.26
Dec. 31 1915	696,631	13.70	Dec. 31 1915	274,588	7.62
Mar. 31 1916	634,469	12.48	Mar. 31 1916	262,091	7.27
Sept. 30 1916	537,809	10.58	Sept. 30 1916	171,096	4.75
Dec. 31 1916	502,632	9.89	Dec. 31 1916	156,412	4.34
Mar. 31 1917	494,338	9.72	Mar. 31 1917	151,757	4.21
June 30 1917	481,342	9.45	June 30 1917	142,226	3.94
Sept. 30 1917	477,109	9.39	Sept. 30 1917	140,039	3.59
Dec. 31 1917	484,190	9.52	Dec. 31 1917	140,077	3.88
Mar. 31 1918	485,706	9.53	Mar. 31 1918	140,198	3.90
June 30 1918	491,464	9.66	June 30 1918	149,092	4.13
Sept. 30 1918	495,009	9.73	Sept. 30 1918	147,845	4.10
Dec. 31 1918	491,580	9.68	Dec. 31 1918	148,223	4.11
Mar. 31 1919	493,552	9.71	Mar. 31 1919	149,832	4.16
June 30 1919	465,434	9.15	June 30 1919	146,478	4.07
Sept. 30 1919	394,543	7.76	Sept. 30 1919	143,840	3.99
Dec. 31 1919	368,895	7.26	Dec. 31 1919	138,566	3.84
Mar. 31 1920	348,036	6.84	Mar. 31 1920	127,562	3.54
June 30 1920	342,567	6.74	June 30 1920	124,346	3.46
Sept. 30 1920	323,438	6.36	Sept. 30 1920	118,212	3.28
Dec. 31 1920	292,835	5.76	Dec. 31 1920	111,436	3.09
Mar. 31 1921	289,444	5.69	Mar. 31 1921	106,721	2.96
June 30 1921	288,749	5.68	June 30 1921	105,118	2.91
Sept. 30 1921	285,070	5.60	Sept. 30 1921	103,447	2.87
Dec. 31 1921	280,026	5.50	Dec. 31 1921	128,818	3.58
Mar. 31 1922	280,132	5.51	Mar. 31 1922	128,127	3.55
June 30 1922	275,096	5.41	June 30 1922	123,844	3.43
Sept. 30 1922	270,794	5.32	Sept. 30 1922	123,710	3.43
Dec. 30 1922	261,768	5.15	Dec. 30 1922	121,308	3.36
Mar. 29 1923	239,310	4.70	Mar. 29 1923	119,738	3.32
June 30 1923	207,041	4.07	June 30 1923	117,631	3.27
Sept. 30 1923	210,799	4.14	Sept. 30 1923	118,435	3.29
Dec. 31 1923	203,109	3.99	Dec. 31 1923	113,155	3.10
Mar. 31 1924	201,636	3.96	Mar. 31 1924	112,521	3.14
June 30 1924	203,059	3.99	June 30 1924	112,191	3.12
Sept. 30 1924	201,891	3.97	Sept. 30 1924	111,557	3.01
Dec. 31 1924	198,010	3.89	Dec. 31 1924	111,739	3.19
Mar. 31 1925	195,689	3.85	Mar. 31 1925	111,463	3.10
June 30 1925	191,325	3.59	June 30 1925	111,890	3.19
Sept. 30 1925	127,078	2.50	Sept. 30 1925	112,679	3.12
Dec. 31 1925	119,414	2.35	Dec. 31 1925	113,843	3.16
Mar. 31 1926	122,098	2.40	Mar. 31 1926	112,844	3.13
June 30 1926	129,020	2.53	June 30 1926	111,908	3.10
Sept. 30 1926	123,557	2.43	Sept. 30 1926	112,822	3.12
Dec. 31 1926	123,090	2.52	Dec. 31 1926	112,562	3.14
Mar. 31 1927	120,348	2.37	Mar. 31 1927	113,478	3.15
June 30 1927	168,018	2.36	June 30 1927	113,432	3.15
Dec. 31 1927	177,452	2.49	Dec. 31 1927	111,262	3.08
Mar. 31 1928	187,006	2.62	Mar. 31 1928	112,385	3.12
June 30 1928	180,829	2.54	June 30 1928	110,023	3.06

President Coolidge Raises Tariff Duty on Sodium Silicofluoride.

On Aug. 31 President Coolidge, under the terms of the flexible tariff law, adjusted the duty of sodium silicofluoride from 25% ad valorem on the foreign market value to 25% ad valorem on the American selling price. Superior (Wis.) advances to the "Times" Aug. 31 state:

The action was based on a recommendation of the Tariff Commission, which has been investigating production costs in this country and Denmark and which reported that these costs could be equalized only by the change indicated.

Sodium silicofluoride is a white soluble chemical compound produced from the fumes resulting as a by-product from the conversion of phosphate rock into fertilizer acid phosphate. Domestic production began about twenty years ago and expanded largely during the World War.

The chief uses of sodium silicofluoride are as an ingredient in acid rinses in laundries, in the manufacture of iron enamelware, and in the production of opalescent glass. It is used also to some extent in the manufacture of sodium fluoride and other fluorides. The domestic consumption of sodium silicofluoride amounts to about 5,000,000 pounds a year and imports have ranged from about 2,000,000 to more than 3,000,000 pounds annually for four years.

The tariff change is effective fifteen days from the date of the proclamation, which was dated Washington, Aug. 31, and signed by J. Rueben Clark, Acting Secretary of State, as well as by the President. President Coolidge's course will probably be contested in Congress.

Felix M. Warburg Declares His Faith in Hoover.

Felix M. Warburg, banker and philanthropist, declared on Aug. 30 for Herbert Hoover, Republican nominee for President, in a statement made public through the Hoover-Curtis Campaign Committee. In telling why he was for Mr. Hoover, Mr. Warburg, it is learned from the "Times," said:

"I am not only for Mr. Hoover, but I am an enthusiastic supporter of his. My conviction is based on my personal acquaintance with him. I have been associated with him in a number of ways, from which I have been able to satisfy myself that his heart has always promptly responded to people in need, that his judgment in matters American and international has been excellent and that his leadership is irresistible. I am sure I am only one of many who admire him because they have worked under him.

"I am not influenced entirely by the fact that Mr. Hoover is unquestionably the ablest man we have to administer the business affairs of the nation. It is important that our material prosperity continue and increase, but it is far more important that the well-being of humanity in general be furthered. Mr. Hoover has the advantage of having done this."

The "Times" adds:

"Mr. Warburg was closely in touch with Mr. Hoover in the latter's relief work abroad, especially in connection with the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which was one of the most important relief factors in Eastern Europe. Through his philanthropic work in America Mr. Warburg has been further in touch with Mr. Hoover's child welfare work and other efforts to bring about better living conditions."

Mortimer L. Schiff for Hoover.

Mortimer L. Schiff, a partner in the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and a member of the New York Stock Exchange, who recently returned from a three months' business and pleasure trip in Europe, was reported in the "Wall Street Journal" as stating that he will support Herbert Hoover in the Presidential campaign. Mr. Schiff declared that Mr. Hoover is singularly well equipped to be President of the United States.

F. J. Lisman Explains Causes of Lack of Prosperity in Northwest.

The fact that the least prosperous railroads of the United States are in the northwestern section of the country is explained by F. J. Lisman in a statement issued yesterday as due to the following fundamental causes:

- (1) Competition with Lake Superior, a natural waterway, 18 feet deep in its shallowest part, which makes it possible to transport freight from Duluth to Buffalo via the Lakes at less cost than by rail from Chicago to Buffalo.
- (2) The Hoch-Smith resolution which prevents the Inter-State Commerce Commission from allowing advances on farm products as long as the farm is not prosperous.
- (3) Lack of good crops in northwestern States for many years, with the exception of 1927 and present favorable outlook for 1928.
- (4) Restriction of immigration, checking steady annual growth of population.
- (5) Loss of traffic to the Panama Canal which offers cheaper rates for heavy commodities, such as lumber, canned goods, &c.
- (6) Enforcement by the Canadian Parliament of very low railroad rates on wheat originating in the Canadian Northwest, which creates unrest in the mind of the American farmer.

"Legislation," says Mr. Lisman, "is no remedy for hard times; the only cure for them is an adjustment to changing conditions on the part of practically everybody. The railroads of the Northwest, as a whole, are splendidly managed because they must be. There is no likelihood of any rate advance but, if given an opportunity to economize in every direction, they may gradually become more prosperous especially if the Northwest should have several seasons of good harvests. The farmers and the railroads depend on each other as much as the arms and legs depend on each other. The farmer grows, more or less, with his arms and, figuratively speaking, the railroads are the legs which take his products to market."

Pointing to the change of the railroads' place in the Wall Street market, Mr. Lisman recalls that until about 1900 Wall Street was occupied almost exclusively in dealing in railroad securities and railroad bonds were practically the only type of investment outside of government and municipal issues. At the present time, he says, the railroads come fourth in their requirements, being exceeded by public utility, foreign and industrial issues in varying order.

"Passenger rates since the war are on an average of 20% higher than previous to 1914. Freight rates are about 30% higher; wages per man per year are about 120% higher and the average cost of materials is probably 60% higher. It would take about 20% of the railroad companies' gross earnings to pay 6% on the capital invested and the average surplus or net earnings of the railroads applicable to interest on capital has been around 15%.

"The railroads have been able to maintain some surplus earnings above operating expenses and taxes by getting greater efficiency out of men and supplies. The increase of about 20% in freight tonnage is handled with rather less freight trains than formerly. The number of pounds of coal consumed per thousand tons of freight moved one mile has decreased nearly 20%; terminal and other expenses have been reduced by the use of all kinds of mechanical contrivances, &c. All these economies have been accomplished, a little at a time, and under meticulous attention to details on the part of everybody concerned.

"When demagogues shout for substantial reduction in freight rates they either do not know or do not want to realize that a reduction of 15% in freight rates all around would wipe out all earnings applicable to capital and that thereafter the railroads would be unable to render any service. They would be in the position of the Irishman's horse which died just when it had become used to doing without feed."

Net Operating Income of United States Railroads for July and the Seven Months.

According to the Bureau of Railway Economics at Washington, D. C., class 1 railroads in July had a net railway operating income amounting to \$95,226,267 which, for that month, was at the annual rate of return of 4.34% on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public today. In July 1927, their net railway operating income was \$85,135,153 or 3.97% on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals but before interest and other fixed charges are paid.

This compilation as to earnings in July is based on reports from 185 class 1 railroads representing a total mileage of 239,994 miles. Gross operating revenues for the month of July amounted to \$512,953,453 compared with \$509,678,377 in July 1927 or an increase of 6-10th of 1%. Operating expenses in July totaled \$375,489,900 compared with \$383,913,386 in the same month in 1927 or a decrease of 2.2%. Class 1 railroads in July paid \$32,592,568 in taxes, an increase of 4.1% over the same month in 1927. This brought the total tax bill of the class 1 railroads for the first seven months in 1928 to \$214,465,224, a decrease of \$2,216,979 or 1% below the corresponding period in 1927. Twenty-one class 1 railroads operated at a loss in July of which six were in the Eastern, five in the Southern and ten in the Western district.

Class 1 railroads for the first seven months in 1928 had a net railway operating income amounting to \$557,251,433, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.36% on their property investment. During the corresponding period of the preceding year, their net railway operating income amounted to \$558,133,495 or 4.47% on their property investment. Further details follow:

Gross operating revenues for the first seven months in 1928 amounted to \$3,419,809,817 compared with \$3,534,617,731 during the corresponding period in 1927 or a decrease of 3.2%. Operating expenses for the first seven months period of 1928 totaled \$2,581,155,648 compared with \$2,694,463,568 during the corresponding period the year before or a decrease of 4.2%.

Net railway operating income by districts for the first seven months with the percentage of return based on property investment on an annual basis follows:

New England Region.....	\$21,203,549	4.45%
Great Lakes Region.....	104,732,868	4.77%
Central Eastern Region.....	127,427,634	4.72%
Pocahontas Region.....	38,752,691	6.69%
Total Eastern District.....	\$292,116,742	4.91%
Total Southern District.....	\$70,670,890	4.03%
Northwestern Region.....	\$55,092,945	3.45%
Centralwestern Region.....	91,546,375	3.34%
Southwestern Region.....	47,824,481	4.32%
Total Western District.....	\$194,463,801	3.82%
United States.....	\$557,251,433	4.36%

Eastern District.

The net railway operating income of the Class 1 railroads in the Eastern District during the first seven months in 1928 totaled \$292,116,742 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.91% on their property investment. For the same period in 1927 their net railway operating income was \$308,325,034 or 5.30% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the first seven months in 1928 totaled \$1,696,063,092, a decrease of 5.4% under the corresponding period the year before while operating expenses totaled \$1,270,147,987 a decrease of 6% under the same period in 1927.

Class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the month of July had a net railway operating income of \$48,479,077 compared with \$46,617,961 in July 1927.

Southern District.

Class 1 railroads in the Southern District for the first 7 months in 1928 had a net railway operating income of \$70,670,890 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.03% on their property investment. For the same period in 1927 their net railway operating income amounted to \$78,390,228 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.60%. Gross operating revenues of the Class 1 railroads in the Southern District for the first seven months in 1928 amounted to \$448,130,367, a decrease of 6.6% under the same period the year before while operating expenses totaled \$343,983,580, a decrease of 6.1%.

The net operating income of the Class I railroads in the Southern District in July totaled \$8,263,091 while in the same month in 1927 it was \$9,177,338.

Western District

Class 1 railroads in the Western District for the first seven months in 1928 had a net railway operating income of \$194,463,801 which was at the annual rate of return of 3.82% on their property investment. For the first seven months in 1927, the railroads in that district had a net railway operating income of \$171,418,233 which was at the annual rate of return of 3.45% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class 1 railroads in the Western District for the first seven months this year amounted to \$1,275,616,358, an increase of 1.1% above the same period last year while operating expenses totaled \$967,024,081, a decrease of 1% compared with the first seven months the year before.

For the month of July, the net railway operating income of the Class 1 railroads in the Western District amounted to \$38,484,099. The net railway operating income of the same roads in July 1927 totaled \$29,339,854.

CLASS 1 RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

Month of July.

Total operating revenues.....	1928. \$512,953,453	1927. \$509,678,377
Total operating expenses.....	375,489,900	383,913,386
Taxes.....	32,592,568	31,308,317
Net railway operating income.....	95,226,267	85,135,153
Operating ratio.....	73.20%	75.32%
Rate of return on property investment.....	4.34%	3.97%
<i>Seven Months Ended July 31st.</i>		
Total operating revenues.....	1928. \$3,419,809,817	1927. \$3,534,617,731
Total operating expenses.....	2,581,155,648	2,694,463,568
Taxes.....	214,465,224	216,682,203
Net railway operating income.....	557,251,433	558,133,495
Operating ratio.....	75.48%	76.23%
Rate of return on property investment.....	4.36%	4.47%

Presidential Candidates, Hoover and Smith, Asked By Chairman of Security Holders' Committee To Give Consideration to Subject of Fair Return in Western Trunk Line Territory.—Test Seen of Transportation Act.

The Presidential candidates are asked in a letter under date of Sept. 4 to give consideration to the situation of the railroads in Western trunk line territory where, it is said, impairment of their credit through an inadequate rate structure, is resulting in a gradual confiscation of railroad property. W. Emlen Roosevelt, Chairman of the Security Holders' Committee, for a Fair Return, which represents \$635,000,000 bonds of these railroads owned to a large extent by savings bank and life insurance companies, says:

Because of a gradual impairment of the credit of these roads the necessary development of railroad facilities in this territory is threatened, and in some cases even a breakdown of the present facilities. The possible strike of trainmen and conductors on which a strike vote is now being taken, is but one evidence and one result of the unsound rate conditions in this territory. Affecting as it does nearly one third of the nation's railroad mileage and involving the development of 12 great States, there is no more vital domestic problem confronting the Federal Government.

The political cry which has been raised that the Northwest is too poor to pay adequately for its transportation, is said by Mr. Roosevelt to be absolutely false. He presents figures to show that the States comprising this territory as measured by wealth per capita, wealth per mile of railroad, demand for railroad service and development of tonnage, are amply able to pay for their railroad service on the same basis as other sections of the country.

"I beg to direct your attention," he writes, "to the following facts which have been demonstrated by sworn testimony in recent proceedings before the Inter-State Commerce Commission:"

Inadequate Return on Property Value.

The eight typical western trunk line roads (Chicago & Northwestern; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Minneapolis, St. Paul and S. S. Marie; Minneapolis & St. Louis; Chicago & Alton; Chicago Great Western, and Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific) have for the 7 year period (1921-1927) had a return on their property value averaging only 3.29%. This calculation is made on the basis of the Inter-State Commerce Commission's own figures in accordance with the basis adopted by the Commission in the well-known O'Fallon decision—a basis which, to say the least, is extremely conservative. This condition of inadequate return has shown no real improvement. The figures for the past four years are:

1924.....	3.47%	1926.....	3.74%
1925.....	3.68%	1927.....	3.35%

Receiverships.

Practically all the recent railroad receiverships in the country have occurred in western trunk line territory. The largest receivership in the history of the country—the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—has recently occurred in this section. Two other roads in the territory—the Chicago & Alton and Minneapolis & St. Louis—still remain in receivership after six and five years respectively, and their reorganization is being indefinitely delayed because of lack of revenues.

Destruction of Values.

The market value of the securities (stocks and bonds taken together) of the roads primarily dependent on this depressed rate territory have decreased by hundreds of millions of dollars in the past fifteen years, notwithstanding the investment of hundreds of millions in the property during that period which normally should have increased the security values. As recently proved before the Inter-State Commerce Commission \$760,000,000 of the property of the above eight typical western trunk line roads was yielding no return whatever in the year 1925; and this condition now persists.

Impairment of Credit.

The continued deprivation of a fair return on property values, coupled with the vast destruction of security values consequent thereon, has had its inexorable result in the impairment of the credit of this group of roads. Not one of the eight typical western trunk line roads has increased or resumed a dividend in the past seven years. Not one of these eight typical roads has during that period sold a share of common stock, and not one except the Burlington which is a peculiar case because of radical under-capitalization, has the slightest prospect of selling any such stock under present rate conditions. The supply of first mortgage bonds having been mainly used up, practically the only source of future railroad financing in that territory is the sale of junior bonds. The most conservative investors are refinancing rather than increasing their holdings of junior railroad bonds in this territory. The largest sources of railroad capital are the insurance companies and the savings banks. The five largest life insurance companies regard this territory unfavorably for railroad investment, and during the past few years have cut down their investment in securities of the typical western trunk line roads to a point which almost amounts to an embargo on investment in that section. The member banks of the New York Savings Bank Association, representing 55% of the savings bank resources of the country, decreased their holdings of western trunk line bonds, during four years ending

1926, nearly \$5,000,000, although their total resources increased more than \$1,000,000,000 and their total holdings of all railroad bonds increased more than \$100,000,000.

The Wage Question—Threatened Strike.

The problem is aggravated by the wage controversy which has gone on for 2 years in this territory. This has culminated in a now threatened strike of trainmen and conductors. No matter how this controversy eventuates, the result must be serious of disastrous. If the employees are denied the increase, they will be discriminated against with relation to similar employees in other sections. If they win any increase, the confiscation of railroad property now going on will be accentuated through a further reduction of the rate of return. Moreover, there must result a further destruction of values and a further impairment of credit. There is only one answer to this situation, namely, an upward revision of railroad rates which will require this section of the country to pay as much for its railroad service as other sections do for similar service, and which will thus give the railroads sufficient revenue to pay their employees as well as other railroad employees and yet maintain a reasonable credit.

That the destruction of railroad values and credit in western trunk line territory has been due wholly to an unduly low rate structure cannot be disputed. There is ample tonnage, if carried at a fair price, to produce non-confiscatory revenues. No one denies that the roads are honestly and efficiently managed. It is low rates alone that are producing the crisis. The political cry has been raised that the Northwest is too poor to pay adequately for its transportation. This is false as measured either absolutely or by comparison with other sections, for example, the South and Southwest where the railroads are in sound financial condition. That the States comprising western trunk line territory as measured by wealth per capita, wealth per mile of railroad, demand for railroad service and development of railroad tonnage, are amply able to pay for their railroad service on the same basis as other sections is subject to proof by official figures.

Peace Plan of Mediation Board for Settlement of Grievances of Western Train Men under Consideration—Strike Vote Incident to Wage Demands—Position of Railroads.

It was announced in a dispatch from Chicago to the "Times" that conferences were brought under way on Sept. 4 to determine what policy will be adopted by conductors and trainmen of the group of 55 western railroads with a view of settling their grievances on wages and working conditions. Members of the Association of General Committees of lines affected, are taking part and the dispatch which stated further:

E. P. Curtis, head of the conductors' organization, and A. F. Whitney, of the trainmen, called conferences immediately after a counting of ballots revealed that an overwhelming majority of the 70,000 men affected had voted to leave the whole matter of the settlement in the hands of the union leaders. Authority was voted the union chiefs extending even to the eventual calling of a strike. If they consider this to be proper.

A peace plan was worked out at Washington last week by representatives of the union, the roads and of the Federal Board of Mediation. Details of it have never been revealed, but it has been presented before the committees. The series of meetings is for the purpose of accepting or rejecting this plan, it was declared.

As soon as a decision is reported, Curtis and Whitney will call J. W. Higgins, head of the roads' committee, into conference and make known to him the result. This action may not be reached until early next week, it was indicated by union officials tonight.

As to the peace plan proposed by the Mediation Board, Associated Press advices from Washington Aug. 28 said:

Differences between western railroads and employees organized in the Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors are expected to be reconciled by an agreement announced here today by the United States Board of Mediation, which has been discussing the questions at issue with representatives of both groups since July 22.

The proposed settlement, details of which cannot yet be made public under the law, must be ratified by the Association of General Committees on behalf of the railway employees before it goes into effect. A. P. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, will present it to the association at a meeting in the Midwest in the near future. He signed it for his organization, and E. P. Curtis signed it as President for the Order of Railway Conductors.

Announcing the agreement, Samuel E. Winslow, Chairman of the Board of Mediation, said denial of approval by the employee representatives would continue the dispute as heretofore, with it having "to be treated in accordance with law." He revealed, however, that the employee organizations had agreed to allow the Board of Mediation "a reasonable opportunity to proceed under the law; so far as the calling of a strike before any further action has been initiated on the part of the employees."

Wages and working rules were the major questions involved in the dispute, which affected 70,000 employees of eighty railroads covering 98% of the mileage west of Chicago. Proposals of the employees for pay increases ranging from 10 to 18% brought an offer by the railroads for increases averaging 7 1/2%, providing that certain working rules be abandoned. While accepting the wage compromise, the employees had declined to drop the working rules.

The distribution of strike ballots among employees of the western roads was reported in our issue of Aug. 18, page 909. Other items bearing thereon appeared in these columns Aug. 25, page 1057.

A memorandum incident to the present wage demands of conductors and trainmen of western roads, was issued as follows under date of Aug. 30:

What are known as wage districts established by employees, have been recognized for several years, as follows:

Eastern District.—All lines east of Chicago and north of the Ohio River.
Southwestern District.—All lines in southern territory.

Western District.—All lines west of Chicago, including Texas and Louisiana. For some weeks prior to October 28 1926, a Committee of General Managers, representing the railroads in the eastern district, and Chief Executives, Conductors and Trainmen's Unions, assisted by their General Chairman, representing employees, held conferences on demands for wage increases. Failing to reach settlement, it was mutually agreed to refer dispute to arbitration under the Railway Labor Act. Arbitration pro-

ceedings commenced October 28 1926. On December 1 1926, decision was reached granting an increase of 7 1/2%.

Immediately following the eastern settlement, the Unions made request on lines in southeastern district, and, on February 1 1927, settlement was reached granting a 7 1/2% increase.

While negotiations were being conducted in the East and Southeast, the same class of employees in the Western district made request for increases. On March 1 1927, conferences began between a committee of railroad officials and chief executives of Unions, assisted by their general chairman. Failing to reach settlement, dispute was mutually referred to arbitration under the Railway Labor Act, and, on June 25 1927, a decision was rendered granting yardmen a 7 1/2% increase. Board held the fact that road conductors and trainmen on eastern and southeastern lines had been granted an increase was no reason why an advance should be granted to that class of employees in western territory as they were earning from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2% more than men in the East and Southeast, notwithstanding the latter two groups had received a 7 1/2% increase, and because of the fact the roads of the western group were earning relatively much smaller net returns than those in the East and Southeast, they could not afford to pay an advance. This decision continued under the act until March 1 1928; however, in November 1927, conductors and trainmen renewed their demands upon the western railroads for advances.

Because of wage negotiations that were pending between western railroads and their engineers and firemen, negotiations with conductors and trainmen were not begun until July 16 1928. Meantime, firemen secured an advance of 6 1/2% by arbitration, and the engineers accepted settlement on same basis without arbitration. Failing to reach settlement with conductors and trainmen, committee of managers requested mediation, and the Honorable John Williams was assigned, and through his efforts, the managers committee proposed a 6 1/2% increase, or same increase granted engineers and firemen without any change in working rules, or, an increase of 7 1/2% with the elimination of what is known as the *Double Header Rule*. A 6 1/2% increase would raise their wage rates and earnings above the highest in history, that is, the rates established by the United States Railroad Labor Board in 1920. The representatives of the employees refused to accept either of these propositions, but insisted, as a minimum, upon the retention of the rules and an advance of 7 1/2%. Arbitration was then proposed by Mr. Williams, to which the railroads unhesitatingly agreed. The employees' representatives refused to arbitrate and proceeded to take strike vote.

On several western lines, conductors and trainmen are now receiving a rate in excess of the present eastern and southeastern rates. For example: Conductors in through freight service in the East and southeastern territories receive for 100 miles or less an average of \$6.62, brakemen \$5.20. The average through freight rate paid Southern Pacific (Pacific System), for 100 miles or less is \$6.55 for conductor, and \$5.56 for brakemen. What is true of the Southern Pacific, is also true to a greater or lesser degree of the Denver & Rio Grande, Colorado & Southern, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, Oregon Short Line, Oregon, Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., Northwestern Pacific and Santa Fe.

Conductors and brakemen average the following monthly earnings:

	Conductors.	Brakemen.
Passenger service.....	\$245.00	\$176.00
Through freight service.....	256.00	217.00
Local freight service.....	263.00	223.00

It is seriously to be doubted whether or not the western railroads are justified in offering a 6 1/2% wage increase without any change in rules; however, they are willing, in the interest of harmony, to make this concession, but they are not willing to grant a 7 1/2% increase in wages and continue the doubleheader rule which was forced upon the railroads in the West in 1903 on threat of strike. This rule, which has never been adopted by the eastern and southeastern railroads, restricts the tonnage of freight trains on western lines beyond the capacity of one engine. In other words, when two engines are coupled to a freight train of more than 40 cars, no use can be made of the second engine in hauling tonnage. The exception is, that as many engines as necessary may be used to life a train over certain grades. Organizations insist, however, on reducing the number of grades where two engines can be used to the least number and strongly oppose the use of a second engine for the purpose of hauling tonnage on any grade of 1% or less. One per cent represents an incline of 52.8 feet per mile. The rule, as applied on some western lines, restricts the number of tons that may be hauled in a train.

This rule does not serve any good purpose, but, on the contrary, it restricts the length of trains, causes the employment of additional unnecessary men, creates a wasteful operation, thereby preventing the economies so essentially necessary.

Result of strike vote now in progress will be made known to a committee of railroad managers at Chicago, September 4th. The unions having refused to arbitrate under the Railway Labor Act, the general impression is that should the President appoint a committee to investigate under the Railway Labor Act, they will decline to participate.

The unions hold that having arbitrated the same wage dispute in 1927, they have complied with the Railway Labor Act, and it is not necessary for them to postpone action in declaring strike pending the appointment and investigation of committee, should one be appointed by the President.

The committee issuing the statement consists of F. H. Knickerbocker, General Manager, Union Pacific; J. H. Dyer, General Manager, Southern Pacific; W. K. Etter, General Manager, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and E. W. Mason, Vice-President and General Manager of Western Pacific.

A. P. Giannini of Bancitaly Corporation Returns from Abroad.

A. P. Giannini, President of the Bancitaly Corporation and founder of the Bank of Italy, National Trust & Savings Association, of San Francisco, returned from abroad on the French liner Ile de France, which reached New York on Sept. 4. Mr. Giannini, who had spent about four months in Europe, left yesterday (Sept 7) for San Francisco. Upon reaching New York he gave out a statement saying:

I have in mind certain definite recommendations, which I intend to make for the benefit of our stockholders, but the proposals are of such a nature that they must be passed on by the Board of Directors and it would be premature to discuss them now.

During my absence I have kept closely in touch with events here at home and have not been at all surprised with the midsummer stock market slump. As far back as last January we warned against speculation and advised those who held our stocks on margin to sell enough to get themselves in the clear.

At that time we pointed to the possible danger that existed for any one who was in a position to be forced to sell at an unfavorable time and we

told the public frankly that we did not recommend purchase at the high prices then prevailing.

What happened during the summer fully confirmed our advice and stockholders who heeded our warnings have not been hurt. Our institutions themselves were never in better condition than at present and earnings for the past half year have been much better than at any previous time. Our job is to operate the business and make it earn profits, rather than concern ourselves with market fluctuations—induced by speculators—over which we have no control.

Business in general is good. The country as a whole is enjoying prosperity, and with the added volume of trade which should come during the Fall I can see no reason why we should not go into the winter better off than at any time in recent years.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Clare Walker Banta, Vice-President and in charge of the western business of the Bank of America, this city, has left for the Pacific Coast for a trip through the principal states in his territory.

Leonard J. Wyeth was appointed an Assistant Vice-President of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of this city on Sept. 6.

Herbert P. Howell, for ten years Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York has been selected as the senior executive of the new Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., the organization of which was referred to in these columns Aug. 11, page 779. Mr. Howell's experience and reputation in banking confirms the opinion in financial circles that the new institution would be headed by an outstanding figure in the banking world. Mr. Howell is at present a director and member of the Executive Committee of the Bankers Trust Co. and of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of United States, a trustee of the Franklin Savings Bank, and President of Peierls, Buhler & Co., the latter among the largest and oldest factors in New York.

Before coming to New York, Mr. Howell was for many years with the Carnegie Steel Co. in Pittsburgh and in 1901 he became head of its Credit Department. He was elected a Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York in Nov. 1912 and was made a Director in 1915. He resigned in May 1922 to become President of Peierls, Buhler & Co., Inc. Mr. Howell will immediately devote his time to the further organization and personnel problems of that bank. Mr. Howell will remain a director of Peierls, Buhler & Co., Inc. and will become Chairman of the Executive Committee. He will be succeeded in the presidency by Robert G. Blumenthal, Vice-President of the Company.

The capital and paid in surplus of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. will total \$14,000,000, equally divided between capital and surplus. It is reported that the bank has taken for temporary quarters the entire building at 56 Wall Street, which will be remodeled by Cross & Cross. The Bank plans ultimately to erect a building of its own for permanent headquarters. No offering of the stock of the new bank will be made, as it is understood that the entire amount of the capital stock has been subscribed by the Directors who include the following:

Wm. H. Albers, President of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.; Harold O. Barker of Jesup & Lamont; Albert Blum of United Piece Dye Works; George Blumenthal; Rogers Caldwell of Rogers Caldwell & Co.; Elmer Schlesinger of Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy; Walter Chrysler, President of Chrysler Corp.; S. Sloan Colt, Vice-President, Farmers Loan & Trust Co.; Edward P. Farley of American Hawaiian Steamship Co.; Jacob France, President Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.; Samuel L. Fuller of Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; George R. Hann, Attorney, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; John W. Hanes, Jr., of C. D. Barney & Co.; H. P. Howell, President, Continental National Bank & Trust Co.; Richard Hoyt of Hayden, Stone & Co.; Henry Ickelheimer of Heidebach, Ickelheimer & Co.; E. C. Jamerson, President, Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co.; Sidney R. Kent, General Manager and Director of Famous Players Lasky Corp.; C. M. Keys, President of Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corp.; Wilfred Kurth, Vice-President of Home Insurance Co.; Robert Lehman of Lehman Brothers; Wm. G. McCullough of Collins & Aikman Corp.; M. W. Newton of Hallgarten & Co.; Charles F. Noyes of C. F. Noyes & Co.; Wm. B. Scarborough of Hitt, Farwell & Co.; D. A. Schulte, President of Schulte Retail Stores Corp.; H. Nelson Slater, President, S. Slater & Son, Inc.; Harold E. Talbot, Jr., President, Dayton Securities Co., and Wm. Wrigley, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Wm. Wrigley, Jr. Co.

The Banco Commerciale Italiana Trust Co. of this city on Aug. 25 absorbed the private banking firm of Di Sesa & Di Sesa, 114 Mulberry St. The office of Di Sesa & Di Sesa will be maintained by the Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co. as a branch office.

The Central National Bank of the City of New York whose main office is located at Broadway and 40th St. and which now operates two branch offices in the Bronx will open in the Yorkville section of the City, at 1577 First Ave. corner 82nd St. on Monday, Sept. 10. This office is equipped with the latest type of safe deposit vault manufactured by the

Mosler Safe Co. and safe deposit boxes will be available. A feature of the branch is that the tellers counter screen is manufactured of fireproof steel. The Central National Bank has a capital of \$2,500,000, surplus and undivided profits, \$765,000; deposits, \$12,000,000, and total resources of \$18,000,000.

The Guaranty Company of New York announces the opening of an office in St. Louis, located in the Boatmen's Bank Building. Ira A. Wight, Jr., and Daniel E. Wight, are the representatives in charge of the new office, and will operate through the Company's Chicago Office.

J. C. Parkes has resigned as an Assistant Vice-President of the Chemical National Bank of this city for the purpose of going into private banking. The announcement was made on Aug. 31 at a dinner given in honor of Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical National Bank at the Metropolitan Club.

The Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of this city on Aug. 29 leased space in the new building to be erected on the site of its present quarters at Seventh Avenue and Thirty-ninth Street. The new lease is for 21 years.

S. Brown Richardson, Vice-President and one of the organizers of the National Exchange Bank of Carthage, N. Y., died suddenly at his home in Lowville, N. Y., on Sept. 1. Mr. Richardson, who was 75 years of age, was also a Director of the Lewis County Trust Co. of Lowville and of the Northern New York Trust Co. of Watertown, N. Y. He was reputed to be the oldest cheese manufacturer in New York State.

The Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, N. Y. announces the election of Edwin C. Andrews, John R. Oshel and Luther E. Wood as members of its Board of Directors, all 3 prominent Buffalo business men. Mr. Andrews is President of the Jacob C. Dold Packing Co.; Mr. Oshel is President of the Trico Products Co., while Mr. Wood is connected with the Wood & Brooks Co.

With reference to the proposed dividend of 2.07% to be paid to depositors in the commercial department of the defunct Cosmopolitan Trust Co. of Boston (indicated in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 11 1928, page 780) the "Boston News Bureau" of Sept. 6 stated that Judge Crosby in the Supreme Court has authorized Roy A. Hovey, Bank Commissioner of Massachusetts, to pay the commercial department depositors the dividend of 2.07% on total claims of \$5,830,737 against that department, which will require \$120,696.27. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Commercial department depositors have already been paid dividends totalling 36%. Depositors in savings department have been paid dividends totalling 92.04% of claims, and liquidation of savings department has been closed. As of July 28, when petition for allowance of this 2.07% dividend was filed, the bank commissioner had on hand \$124,584.40.

The Cosmopolitan Trust Co. was closed the latter part of 1920.

At the special meeting of the shareholders of the National Rockland Bank of Boston, held Sept. 6, the proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 was approved, according to the "Boston News Bureau" of Sept. 7. The new stock, consisting of 5,000 shares of the par value of \$100 a share, will be offered to stockholders of record Sept. 18 at the price of \$350 a share in the proportion of one share of new stock for every two shares of old stock held. Reference was made to the proposed increase in the bank's capital in our issue of Aug. 11, page 780.

Vincent C. Stanley, President of the Gamewell Co., has been elected a Director of the Beacon Trust Co. of Boston to succeed George H. Bullard, deceased, according to the Boston "Herald" of Sept. 6, which furthermore stated that the directors had just declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$3.75 a share, payable Oct. 1 next to stockholders of record Sept. 15.

Stockholders of two Norwich, Conn. banks—the Uncas National Bank and the Merchants' National Bank—have ratified a merger agreement recommended by their respective directors some time ago, according to a dispatch from that place on Sept. 6 to the "Wall Street Journal." The consolidation will become effective Oct. 1, the dispatch said.

The Boston National Bank, Boston, Mass., has elected to its directorate Moe Cohen, proprietor of the Haymarket

Hardware Co., and Felix Forte, Associate Professor of Boston University, according to the Boston "Herald" of Aug. 30th.

On Sept. 4 the National Rockland Bank of Boston, Mass., opened in new and larger quarters at 50 Congress St. that city. The institution received its original charter in 1853. Its downtown office was established in 1925. Deposits were then about \$8,000,000. To-day the deposits aggregate more than \$21,000,000 an increase of nearly 145% in three years. During its 75 years of existence it has had only 4 Presidents.

The New York State Banking Department on Aug. 31 approved the plans whereby the capital of the International Union Bank of this city will be increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000 and the par value of the stock will be changed from \$100 to \$25. An item reporting the ratification of the plans by the stockholders of the bank appeared in these columns Sept. 1, page 1206. The increase in capital becomes effective at the close of business Sept. 27.

According to the Newark "News" Vice Chancellor Backes of New Jersey, tentatively approved on Sept. 4 the proposed settlement between Harry H. Weinberger, former President of the New Jersey Bankers Securities Co., and that corporation, but continued until the week after the annual election of officers, jurisdiction of the case in which receivership was asked. John J. Stamler, who has been acting as President on the suggestion of the Vice Chancellor, submitted this list as candidates for Directors at the stockholders' meeting Sept. 18.

United States Senator Edwards; Bernard L. Stafford, Chairman of the Board of the Lincoln Trust Co. of Paterson; John J. Roegner, Dr. Robert Armstrong, county physician and freeholder of Passaic County; William W. Evans, James F. Minturn, Justice of the State Supreme Court; Stuart C. Ross, Assistant Treasurer of Worth & Co., New York; Abraham Jelin, State Highway Commissioner, and John F. McCormick, a publisher, and George E. Morrissey, insurance underwriter of New York.

The paper quoted also says:

If this ticket goes through, Senator Edwards will be President and Mr. Jelin, Vice-President and Manager.

Four on Old Board.

Senator Edwards, Justice Minturn and Messrs. Roegner and Evans are Directors and were also on the Board during the Weinberger regime which the Vice Chancellor said was responsible for "the disaster." Because of their experience and because they are guarantors to the extent of \$50,000 each that Mr. Weinberger will carry out his agreement to return \$2,500,000 to the company, the Vice-Chancellor expects they will make good Directors.

Of the more than 14,000 stockholders, only two publicly appeared in Chancery Court to ask questions about the settlement.

The Vice Chancellor explained that there was a question whether the charges could be sustained; that there was some shadow of right of the company to deal in its stock; that a compromise was to be preferred to long litigation and that it appeared wise business judgment to settle.

A previous item regarding the affairs of the institution appeared in our issue of Aug. 25, page 1060.

The proposal to merge the Guardian Trust Co., New Jersey, at Newark, with the Broad & Market National Bank of Newark will be acted upon at special meetings of the stockholders of the respective institutions to be held Sept. 27. An item regarding the plans appeared in these columns Aug. 11, page 780.

Frank B. Adams, Vice-President of the National Newark & Essex Banking Co. of Newark died on Sept. 4 at his summer home in Avon, N. J. Mr. Adams was 72 years of age. He entered the employ of the Essex County National Bank on July 1 1872, he was later advanced to the Vice-Presidency and remained in that capacity when the bank was merged with the National Newark.

On Sept. 6, former Mayor Harry Bacharach of Atlantic City, N. J., was appointed by Vice-Chancellor Robert H. Ingersoll Receiver for the Atlantic Union Securities Co. of Atlantic City, an organization formed several months ago to establish a labor bank in that city, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times" on that date from Atlantic City. Vice-Chancellor Ingersoll was reported in the advices as saying that "the Atlantic Union Securities Co. is being conducted at a great loss and great prejudice to the interest of creditors and stockholders and cannot be safely conducted to the interest and advantage of the stockholders." Since the stockholders have already voted to dissolve the firm, the dispatch went on to say, the Receiver is ordered to dispose of the assets in accordance with the law. Mr. Bacharach was ordered to post a bond of \$35,000. The petition for a receiver was filed by William J. Crane and others. It was alleged in the petition that only \$69,000 was received on \$180,000 worth of stock issued.

The consolidation of the 3 Philadelphia banks, the Tradesmen's National Bank, the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co., and the Chelton Trust Co. (all the stock of which is owned by the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co.), under the title of the Tradesmen's National Bank & Trust Co., will become effective Sept. 15, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 4. The new bank will begin business with more than 1,000 stockholders and with total resources in excess of \$55,000,000. The directorate of the consolidated bank has been strengthened by the election recently of Lessing J. Rosenwald and Julien L. Eysmans to the Board of the Tradesmen's National Bank and of Charles A. Tyler and John M. Thomas to the Board of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. These four will become members of the Board of the enlarged bank, it was stated. The paper mentioned continuing said:

All-inclusive service was the main purpose which brought about the consolidation, according to officers of the two banks. In forming the Tradesmen's National Bank and Trust Co. another organization was chartered, under the name of Trademens Corp., to give full service, in cooperation with the bank. In addition, title insurance will be continued, that service having been carried on by the Chelton Trust Co., all the stock of which is owned by the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co.

According to the plans of its officers, the Trademens National Bank & Trust Co. will provide facilities for complete banking transactions for all lines of business handled by trust companies, in addition, the wide scope of service which the Trademens Corp. will offer to customers of the bank.

Our last reference to the proposed union of these important banks appeared in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 1, page 1206.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Erie National Bank of Philadelphia will be held on Sept. 11 to vote on a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

The Southwestern National Bank of Philadelphia on Aug. 29 awarded a general contract for the erection of a new bank building at the Southeast corner of Broad and South Streets, that city, at an estimated cost of \$200,000, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Aug. 30. According to the plans, it was stated, the proposed building will be of limestone, brick and steel, fireproof construction, three stories, mezzanine and basement, on a site 42 by 120 feet, and will contain all the improvements of modern bank designing and construction.

The election of Charles J. Long of Philadelphia, a State bank examiner, as Treasurer of the Liberty State Bank & Trust Co. of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was announced by that institution on Aug. 29, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of the following day. Mr. Long succeeds George Yesko, the bank's founder, who has resigned as Treasurer, but who will continue with the institution as outside representative and as a member of the Board of Directors.

On Sept. 5 the respective stockholders of the Broad Street National Bank, the National Bank of North Philadelphia, and the Oak Lane Trust Co., all of Philadelphia, approved the proposed consolidation of the institutions, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Sept. 6. At each of the three meetings, it was said, the merger was approved by unanimous vote. The stockholders of the fourth bank participating in the merger, the Queen Lane National Bank, acted favorably on Aug. 24. The resulting institution will be known as the Bank of Philadelphia & Trust Co. It will have a capital of \$2,300,000, surplus of like amount, and total resources of \$24,000,000. There will be ten offices and the bank will offer complete banking, title insurance and trust service. Dr. Charles E. Beury, now President of the National Bank of North Philadelphia, and President of Temple University, will be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new institution, while L. A. Lewis, now President of the Broad Street National Bank and of the Oak Lane Trust Co., will be President. The directorate of the consolidated institution will be composed of forty-one men selected from the present boards of the four uniting banks. The consolidation will go into effect on Oct. 6. Our last reference to the proposed merger of these banks appeared in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 1, page 1207.

Henry Chalfant, prominent in banking and industrial circles of Pittsburgh, Pa., died suddenly on Aug. 27 at Biarritz, Switzerland. Mr. Chalfant, who was 62 years of age, was a director of the First National Bank of Pittsburgh and the People's Savings & Trust Co. of that city. He was Chairman of the Board of Spang, Chalfant & Co.

With reference to the affairs of the closed Downer's Grove State Bank & Trust Co. of Downer's Grove, Ill. (the closing of which on Aug. 17 resulted from the financial difficulties of its President, Roy C. Toombs, a Chicago broker and St. Louis insurance executive) we learn from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 1 that a claim of \$115,000 by the J. J. Dunnegan Co., contractors, of Fort Wayne, Ind., against the institution, has complicated the work of reopening the bank unless a release can be obtained, according to an announcement by State Auditor Nelson, in whose hands the bank has been placed. The Chicago paper went on to say:

The bank is in the hands of the auditor while the International Life Insurance Co. of St. Louis and the investment firm of Toombs & Dally, both of which Toombs was President, are in receivership.

The auditor disclosed that the Dunnegan Co. has notified him that it had deposited \$120,000 Lansing, Ill., special assessment bonds with the bank under a trust agreement which provided for the sale of them through Toombs & Dally. He explained that he had learned that Toombs had borrowed \$95,000 on the bonds from the Great Southern Insurance Co. and had sent the contractors \$5,000.

Attorney Eugene McGarry, representing Toombs, said his client would explain the bond deal in due time. Criminal charges are pending against Toombs in St. Louis in connection with his handling of the funds of the insurance company.

Advices by the Associated Press from Chicago the same date, Sept. 1, appearing in the New York "Times" of the following day, stated that a new bank with capital and surplus of \$100,000 each had been organized, according to an announcement by State Auditor Nelson, to succeed the Downer's Grove State Bank, and that the new institution would assume \$700,000 in liabilities of the closed bank. The closing of the bank was noted in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 25, page 1061.

Advices from Noblesville, Ind., on Sept. 1, to the Indianapolis "News," stated that Robert G. Hartman, receiver for the defunct First National Bank of Noblesville, had announced the payment of a 10% dividend to depositors. When this payment is made, it was stated, depositors will have received 85 cents on the dollar, and, according to Mr. Hartman, another small dividend will be paid before the business of the institution is finally closed up. The First National Bank of Noblesville, as noted in the "Chronicle" of June 5 1926, page 3168, failed on May 24 1926.

From the Indianapolis "News" of Sept. 1 we learn that Ted Campbell, who for the past seven years has been identified with the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, the last three years, as Manager of the Thirtieth Street Branch of the institution, has been made Cashier in charge of the Irvington State Bank at East Washington Street and Ritter Avenue, which was acquired by the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. in April last. Mr. Campbell has succeeded Clement E. Kelley, whose resignation became effective on Sept. 1. George Hulsman, who has been Assistant Manager of the Thirtieth Street branch since June 1924, has succeeded Mr. Campbell in the management of that branch, while Elmer Sleeth has taken Mr. Hulsman's place as Assistant Manager of the Thirtieth Street Branch and Paul Jordan has assumed Mr. Sleeth's duties. The appointments, it was stated, were announced by Evans Woollen, President of the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.

The following news item has been received from the Union Trust Co. of Detroit:

Earl Adams Clark has joined the staff of the Union Trust Company of Detroit, in the Business Extension Department, according to John A. Reynolds, Vice-President in charge of that department. Mr. Clark is well known in financial circles for he comes to the Union Trust Company from the City Trust Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, where he had charge of the new business, public relations, and advertising activities of that institution. Mr. Clark has had a great deal of experience in new business departments of various types, including such diverse industries as Berry Brothers, varnish manufacturers, the Indianapolis Telephone Company, and his trust company experience with the Dickinson Trust Company of Richmond, Indiana, and later with the City Trust Company of Indianapolis. Mr. Clark was also for several years on the staff of the Richmond Palladium and was, for some time, Detroit advertising representative for the Lawrence Publishing Company, which published the Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania "Farmer."

During the World War, Mr. Clark suggested the idea of publishing army newspapers in each of the army camps. This idea was adopted by Secretary of War Baker. The papers were published and Mr. Clark became editor of the paper at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky. When the 84th or Lincoln Division was sent to France, Mr. Clark worked out the details and financed the plan for publishing a division newspaper at the request of General Harry C. Hale, Division Commander. He served overseas with the 84th Division as division editor, historian, and member of the Intelligence Section of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Mr. Clark is a well-known member of the Financial Advertisers' Association, and is, at present, serving as chairman of the Research Committee on Financial Publicity of that organization.

Directors of the Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago and of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of that city met yesterday afternoon (Sept 7) to take formal action on "the billion dollar consolidation" of these institutions, according to advices from that city, printed in New York evening paper last night. An Associated Press dispatch printed in the Brooklyn "Eagle" reported that officials of the banks involved refused to comment pending the outcome of the directors' meetings, but financial circles took it as a foregone conclusion that the merger on which the banks have worked for weeks would meet with the formal approval of the directors, who would vote to submit it to their respective stockholders. George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of the Continental National, it was understood, the dispatch said, was slated to become Chairman of the executive or finance committee of the merged institutions, with Arthur Reynolds, now President of the Continental, expected to become Chairman of the Board of the new institution, and Eugene M. Stevens, President of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. continuing in the same position under the merger. There were some reports, the same dispatch went on to say, that the Illinois Merchants stockholders would receive \$100 a share and the Continental stockholders around \$30 a share in the form of "melons" as a result of the Illinois Merchants bank turning in its building at \$15,000,000 and the Continental bank building being sold.

The election of Edwin M. Starke as a Vice-President of the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was announced this week by the Board of Directors of that institution, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 6. Mr. Starke, who recently was connected with the firm of Redmond & Co., will be associated with the bank's investment department, it was stated.

That the Security National Bank of Fargo, North Dakota, with deposits of approximately \$1,000,000, failed to open for business on Aug. 30, was reported in press advices from that city on Aug. 31, appearing in the "Wall Street News" of the same date, which furthermore stated that a notice had been issued by the directors stating that the bank's affairs had been placed in the hands of the National Banking Department.

The Memphis "Appeal" of Aug. 29 stated that announcement was made the previous day by R. W. Hall, liquidating agent of the defunct Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co. of that city, that he had made collections totaling approximately \$1,000,000 in cash and offsets and that an initial dividend estimated at from 30 to 40% would be declared about Oct. 9 next. Checks will reach the depositors about Nov. 1, Mr. Hall believes. The Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co. closed its doors on June 28 last. The failure was noted in the "Chronicle" of June 30, page 4033, and the bank's affairs referred to in our issue of July 28, page 504.

The Atlanta, Ga., branch of the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc. (head office New Orleans), because of its constantly increasing business, and the consequent need of larger quarters, has moved to the Atlanta Trust Building, that city. R. S. Hecht is President of the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., with John A. MacLaren, Manager of the Atlanta Branch, and Miss W. M. Ivey, Assistant Manager.

That the First National Trust & Savings Bank of Whittier, Cal. has been absorbed by the Merchants' National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, was reported in the following dispatch from Los Angeles on Sept. 5, printed in the "Wall Street News" of the same date:

Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles has acquired First National Trust & Savings Bank of Whittier. The latter is capitalized at \$250,000 and has surplus and undivided account of \$519,788. Deposits aggregate \$4,600,000 and resources \$5,700,000. Acquisition of the Whittier bank gives Merchants National 37 banks and offices. F. W. Hadly is President and A. C. Maple, Executive Vice-President.

Frank C. Mortimer, Vice-President of the Citizens' National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles, has been placed in charge of the Banks and Bankers Division of the institution in addition to his other duties. He succeeds H. C. Vogelsang, Assistant Vice-President, who has been transferred to the management of the Lincoln Heights Branch, 2601 North Broadway. Mr. Mortimer has been with the Citizens' Bank since 1924, prior to which time he was an officer of the National City Bank of New York.

A. H. Neiter, Assistant Cashier, of the Los Angeles First National Trust & Savings Bank, addressed the luncheon meeting of the Culver City Exchange Club, August 22. His subject was "Staff Management." Walter J. Marshall, Manager of the Culver City Branch, Los Angeles First National Bank and Vice-President of the Culver City Exchange Club, acted as Chairman at the meeting.

From the Portland "Oregonian" of Aug. 31 we learn that control of the First National Bank of Silverton, Ore. has been acquired by the Pacific Bancorporation of Portland (an organization formed last July for the purpose of acquiring banks and acting as a holding company for their stocks, making the sixth institution in that system, according to an announcement on Aug. 30 by Charles Hall, President of the Pacific Bancorporation. T. P. Risteigen, President of the Silverton institution, will become Supervisor of all banks of the chain, Mr. Hall said. He will, however, remain President of the purchased bank, which, it was stated, had a capital of \$35,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$22,085 as of Feb. 28, last, and total assets of approximately \$700,000. Figures pertaining to the deal, it was stated, were not made public. Mr. Hall stated that combined resources of the six banks of the Pacific chain now approximate \$6,000,000. The institutions are the Portland National Bank, Portland, American Bank of Marshfield, Ore., Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Coquille, Ore., Bank of Myrtle Point, Myrtle Point, Ore., First National of Gardiner, Ore., and the First National Bank of Silverton. In addition to Mr. Hall, Marshfield banker and State Senator, the directors of the Pacific Bancorporation are: Walter C. Smith, Portland, capitalist; George W. Joseph, Portland, attorney and State Senator; John A. Davis, Portland, Executive Vice-President Portland National Bank, and John E. Ross, Coquille, President Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Coquille.

Advices from London, Ont., on Aug. 29, appearing in the Toronto "Globe" of the following day, stated that on Aug. 28 Charles H. Houston of Chatham, Ont., President and General Manager of the Dominion Sugar Co., Limited, had been elected a director of the Canada Trust Co. of London to succeed J. G. Kerr, K. C., of Chatham, who recently was elevated to a Judgeship.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Aug. 22 1928:

GOLD

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £171,439,445 on the 15th instant (as compared with £171,677,330 on the previous Wednesday), and represents an increase of £17,533,130 since the 29th April 1925—when an effective gold standard was resumed.

The amount of gold available in the open market this week—about £17,000—was absorbed by India and the Trade, who obtained the balance of their requirements from the Bank of England.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced, showing a net influx of £626,000 during the week under review:

	Received.	Withdrawn.
August 16	nil	nil
August 17	nil	nil
August 18	£81,000	nil
August 20	£500,000	£12,000
August 21	nil	£43,000
August 22	nil	nil

The receipts on the 18th and 20th instant were in sovereigns from Arabia and South Africa respectively. The withdrawals were in bar gold.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 13th August to mid-day on the 20th August:

Imports—		Exports—	
British South Africa	£1,146,673	Germany	£673,000
		Austria	269,050
		Switzerland	15,438
		Other countries	14,698
	£1,146,673		£972,186

The following figures (in lacs of rupees) relate to India's foreign trade during July last:

Imports of merchandise on private account	1873
Exports, including re-exports, of merchandise on private account	2683
Net imports of gold	375
Net imports of silver	59
Net imports of currency notes	3
Total visible balance of trade, in favor of India	389
Net balance on remittance of funds, in favor of India	85

The following was the composition of the Indian Gold Standard Reserve on the 31st July 1928:

In India	nil
In England—Cash at the Bank of England	£3,682
Gold	2,152,334
British Treasury Bills—Value as on July 31 1928	8,648,356
Other British and Dominion Government securities—Value as on July 31 1928	29,195,628
	£40,000,000

SILVER

The market this week has been unusually devoid of interest. China has been a languid buyer, and supplies have been easily forthcoming without undue pressure, for Continental sales have not been heavy, nor is there any

prospect of substantial increase in the near future. The Indian Bazaars have taken but little interest.

Indications do not point to any important changes in prices. The stocks in London continue ample.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 13th instant to mid-day on the 20th instant,

Imports—		Exports—	
Belgium	£146,319	British India	£153,100
France	263,444	Other countries	39,125
Germany	18,422		
Netherlands	10,294		
British West Africa	26,250		
U. S. A.	30,711		
Other countries	162		
	£495,602		£192,225

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	July 31.	Aug. 7.	Aug. 15.
Notes in circulation	18079	18081	18157
Silver coin and bullion in India	10313	10300	10379
Silver coin and bullion out of India		2976	2976
Gold coin and bullion in India	5976		
Gold coin and bullion out of India		4273	4270
Securities (Indian Government)	4273	532	532
Securities (British Government)	517		

The stock in Shanghai on the 18th instant consisted of about 47,600,000 ounces in sycee, 89,100,000 dollars and 5,820 silver bars, as compared with about 48,200,000 ounces in sycee, 85,400,000 dollars and 8,080 silver bars on the 11th instant.

	—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold
	Cash.	per Oz. Fine.
Aug. 16	27 3-16d.	27 5-16d.
Aug. 17	27 3-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Aug. 18	27 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Aug. 20	27 3-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Aug. 21	27 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Aug. 22	27 3-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Average	27.166d.	84s. 11.4d.

The silver quotations today for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1-16d and 1/2d above those fixed a week ago.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

There has been a further manifestation of strength and activity in the New York stock market the present week and the flood of buying has been enormous. Brisk upturn took place in some of the industrial shares and motor issues; the so-called specialties have also enjoyed further advances, and there has been a moderate demand for railroad securities and oil stocks. Brokers' loans reported by the Federal Reserve Board after the close of business on Thursday showed an increase of \$54,000,000. Call money fluctuated between 7% and 8% throughout the week. Speculative interest was generally directed toward the motor stocks during the two-hour session on Saturday, though numerous new tops were attained by some of the more active issues. General Motors opened on a block of 3,000 shares at a price slightly higher than the preceding close and gradually extended its gains to a new high for the current movement above 204, but subsequently lost its gain. Hupp, Chrysler and Studebaker also moved into new high ground. Copper stocks were again in the forefront, Chile Copper raising its top above 51, followed by Cerro de Pasco and Anaconda both of which again reached their previous high levels. Radio Corp. was another outstanding strong feature and large blocks of stocks changed hands at prices ranging up to 221. Erie shares lead the upswing in the railroad group, followed by Missouri Pacific, St. Paul pref., Chesapeake & Ohio and Southern Pacific. On Monday the New York Stock Exchange was closed in observance of Labor Day.

The market opened strong on Tuesday and many issues pushed into new high ground. United States Steel common sold up to 155 1/4, but closed at 153 3/8. General Motors opened above 203, as compared with its previous close at 201 1/4, and Hupp Motors extended its gain to 73 1/4 in the early trading, but slipped back to 70 3/8 at the close. Chrysler raised its top to 103 3/4, but closed somewhat below this figure. Packard was also strong and Graham-Paige moved into new high ground with an advance of over two points. Railroad stocks were higher, New York, Chicago & St. Louis reaching a new high on the recovery when it crossed 128. Delaware & Hudson sold above 200 and Norfolk & Western advanced to 185 3/4. Merchandising stocks were strong, particularly Kroger Grocery, which moved to its highest peak since listing. Speculative activity set a furious pace on Wednesday, the mechanical facilities being taxed to such an extent that the tickers were about 20 minutes behind at the close. General Motors continued to lead the upward swing and sold up to 207 at its high for the day, but was forced down to 206 1/2 and closed with a net gain of 3 1/2 points. Delaware & Hudson was in demand at higher prices and both Union Pacific and Nickel Plate displayed substantial improvement. Other strong stocks included such favorites as Consolidated Gas, Warner Bros. Pictures, Victor Talking Machine, National Power & Light, New York Central and Chrysler. The largest gain of the day was made by Radio Corp. which bounded forward seven points to 222.

Heavy trading again characterized the movements of the stock market on Thursday, the total sales of the day reaching approximately 4,500,000 shares. Opening prices were somewhat irregular, though there were numerous active stocks that continued to move briskly forward. United States Steel common was a strong feature in the early trading, but slipped back later in the session and closed at 154½ with a net gain of 1½ points for the day. Republic Iron & Steel also improved and closed with a four point gain at 69½. Bethlehem Steel improved a point or more. Aeroplane stocks moved vigorously forward, Curtiss scoring a gain of 10 points, followed by Wright with an advance of six points. Oil shares continued in moderate demand, though the only noteworthy gain was in Tidewater Oil which reached a new high for the year at 24¾. Briggs Body was one of the outstanding strong features and ran up to a new high for the year at 47½, but closed at 46¼ with a gain of 3½ points. On Friday the pace was again fast and furious and at the close the tickers were 38 minutes behind the transactions on the floor. The outstanding feature of the day was the strength of United States Steel common which climbed to a new high for the year at 158½. Montgomery Ward also was strong and made a spectacular gain of nearly 20 points to a new high in all time at 242. Motor stocks were irregular, General Motors fluctuating uncertainly in the early part of the session and finally closing at 205¼ with a net gain of 1¾ points. Chrysler, Packard and Studebaker were also higher. International Nickel moved up six points to 122½, Radio Corp. sold up to 224, making a gain of about six points, and Wright Aero made a further gain. Except for Missouri-Pacific, which advanced close to its top, railroad shares made little progress. Consolidated Gas was the strong issue of the public utilities and there were numerous advances ranging from one to five points among the so-called specialties. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

Week Ended Sept. 7.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroads, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	2,119,860	\$2,696,000	\$1,453,000	\$639,000
Monday		HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	3,724,850	4,580,000	2,365,500	849,000
Wednesday	4,420,920	5,864,000	2,541,000	1,080,000
Thursday	4,489,320	5,955,000	2,028,000	677,000
Friday	4,622,000	5,778,000	1,383,070	228,000
Total	19,376,950	\$24,873,000	\$9,770,570	\$3,473,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Sept. 7.		Jan. 1 to Sept. 7.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stocks, No. of shares.	19,376,950	10,922,055	518,567,148	376,144,718
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$3,473,000	\$4,417,250	\$140,217,750	\$214,557,800
State and foreign bonds	9,770,570	12,335,500	550,876,135	574,693,800
Railroad & misc. bonds	24,873,000	29,016,600	1,649,256,176	1,519,497,650
Total bonds	\$38,116,570	\$45,769,350	\$2,340,350,061	\$2,308,749,250

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Sept. 7 1928.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*24,987	\$10,000	a15,139	\$8,800	643	\$9,500
Monday			HOLIDAY			
Tuesday	*58,261	12,000	a23,364	45,000	1,805	10,700
Wednesday	*59,908	35,000	a23,381	16,000	3,982	13,100
Thursday	*54,994	17,000	a44,879	25,500	5,178	28,200
Friday	24,188	8,000	a24,291	36,000	4,901	18,000
Total	222,338	\$82,000	175,054	\$131,300	16,509	\$79,500
Prev. week revised	264,860	\$88,500	190,123	\$88,400	12,199	\$110,200

* In addition, sales of rights were: Tuesday, 2,656; Wednesday, 1,012; Thursday, 514.
 a In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 900; Tuesday, 900; Wednesday, 80; Thursday, 5,900; Friday, 1,900.

THE CURB MARKET.

A strong tone was displayed at the opening this week in Curb Market transactions but apprehension over the Federal Reserve Board's report on brokers' loans caused a reactionary tendency. Despite this a number of issues sold higher. Bancitaly Corp. rose from 140½ to 148½, reacted to 144½ and recovered finally to 146¼. Auburn Automobile dropped from 95¼ to 81 and closed to-day at 87. Bohn Aluminum & Brass eased off from 76½ to 71 and sold finally at 73. Carnation Milk Products com. advanced from 51 to 58½ but subsequently reacted to 56½. Celanese Corp. sold down from 68¼ to 60½. Industrial Rayon was conspicuous for an advance from 83¼ to 125, the close to-day being at 120½. Internat. Printing Ink com. moved up from 44½ to 51½, easing off finally to 50½. Nichols & Shepard, com., gained over six points to 75 and sold finally at 72½. Utilities for a time showed strength, but later reacted. Amer. Gas & Elec. com rose from 170¼ to 175¼ and reacted to 173. Elec. Bond & Share Securities ran up from 114½ to 126½ and ended the week at 121½. Electric Investor advanced from 67 to 72½ and closed to-day at 70¼. Puget Sound Power & Light com. sold up from 85½ to 95. Oils continued strong, but without special features. Gulf Oil gained seven points to 128 and closed to-day at 124½.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1378.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Sept. 7.	*STOCKS (No. Shares).				BONDS (Par Value).	
	Indus. & Miscell.	Oils.	Mining.	Total.*	Domestic.	Foreign Government.
Saturday	309,750	31,360	29,400	370,510	\$688,000	\$183,000
Monday			Holiday			
Tuesday	350,315	64,605	89,790	504,700	1,624,000	335,000
Wednesday	490,295	68,920	67,800	627,015	1,801,000	400,000
Thursday	602,440	105,870	47,210	755,520	1,800,000	321,000
Friday	503,350	79,020	76,630	687,100	1,768,000	442,000
Total	2,256,150	349,775	304,830	2,944,845	\$7,681,000	\$1,681,000

*In addition, rights were sold as follows: Saturday, 600; Monday, holiday; Tuesday, 1,300; Wednesday, 4,000; Thursday, 5,800; Friday, 7,100.

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings the present week will show a satisfactory increase compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Sept. 8) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 12.0% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,581,002,940, against \$8,557,747,485 for the same week in 1927. At this centre there is a gain for the five days ending Friday of 28.0%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended September 8.	1928.	1927.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,872,000,000	\$3,805,000,000	+28.0
Chicago	569,122,719	470,114,465	+21.0
Philadelphia	339,000,000	343,000,000	-1.2
Boston	330,000,000	303,000,000	+8.9
Kansas City	108,378,089	93,576,167	+15.9
St. Louis	94,000,000	89,700,000	+4.8
San Francisco	158,923,000	155,600,000	+2.1
Los Angeles	148,978,000	141,263,000	+5.5
Pittsburgh	114,921,897	109,400,131	+5.1
Detroit	137,302,389	121,915,930	+12.6
Cleveland	84,203,029	81,382,531	+3.5
Baltimore	75,805,016	68,780,215	+10.2
New Orleans	45,438,103	51,110,170	-11.1
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$7,078,072,242	\$5,834,842,609	+21.3
Other cities, 5 days	906,096,875	913,307,025	-0.8
Total all cities, 5 days	\$7,984,169,117	\$6,748,149,634	+18.3
All cities, 1 day	1,596,833,823	1,809,597,851	-11.7
Total all cities for week	\$9,581,002,940	\$8,557,747,485	+12.0

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 Sept. 1. For that week there is an increase of 4.8%, the 1928 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$10,417,137,287, against \$9,944,763,884 in the same week of 1927. Outside of this city, the clearings show a decrease of 3.1%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 9.6%. 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 9.6% and in the Cleveland Reserve District of 6.2%, but the Boston Reserve District shows a decrease of 9.4%. In the Philadelphia Reserve District the totals indicate a loss of 9.4%, in the Richmond Reserve District of 11.5%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District of 7.5%. The Chicago Reserve District has a gain to its credit of 1.0%, but the St. Louis Reserve District suffers a loss of 5.2%, and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 6.5%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals are larger by 10.9%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 5.2%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 0.6%.

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Sept. 7 1928.	1928.		Inc. or Dec.	1927.		1926.	1925.
	\$	%		\$	%		
Federal Reserve Dists.	443,067,089			488,998,512	-9.4	453,612,335	412,180,076
1st Boston.....12 cities	6,723,490,287			6,133,424,163	+9.6	5,214,478,003	5,252,086,076
2nd New York 11 "	481,655,205			563,599,495	-14.5	561,418,078	622,266,711
3rd Philadelphia 10 "	388,867,612			366,271,280	+6.2	368,651,686	358,757,753
4th Cleveland.....8 "	166,730,390			188,422,832	-11.5	212,110,437	207,530,893
5th Richmond.....6 "	149,480,483			151,517,697	-7.5	187,104,920	261,006,032
6th Atlanta.....13 "	932,453,439			922,881,199	+1.0	907,868,266	946,218,729
7th Chicago.....20 "	125,935,871			135,973,834	-6.5	200,982,348	206,828,643
8th St. Louis.....8 "	121,797,594			130,250,484	-5.5	121,825,510	137,325,510
9th Minneapolis 7 "	239,564,568			216,058,396	+10.9	229,839,879	224,570,291
10th Kansas City 12 "	78,445,592			74,544,902	+5.2	74,544,902	76,832,719
11th Dallas.....5 "	505,839,157			502,991,791	+0.6	536,825,439	497,592,048
12th San Fran.....17 "							
Total.....129 cities	10,417,137,287		+4.8	9,975,508,738		9,205,225,523	9,204,066,229
Outside N. Y. City.....	3,805,802,624		-3.1	3,928,559,121		3,984,414,778	4,074,066,229
Canada.....31 cities	361,902,159		+0.3	360,921,982		339,090,308	300,601,163

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve Districts of the clearings for the month of August. For that month there is an increase for the whole country of 3.9%, the 1928 aggregate of the clearings being \$45,648,478,820, and the 1927 aggregate \$43,952,370,655. Although this year's total for the month of August of \$45,648,478,820 does not establish a new high monthly total, it is the highest total ever reached in the month of August in any year. New York City is responsible for the greater part of the increase, its gain being 6.3%. Outside of this city the increase is only 0.5%. In the New York Reserve District (including this city) the totals for the month are larger by 6.3%, but in the Boston Reserve District the totals show a shrinkage of 3.7%, and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 7.7%. The Cleveland Reserve District enjoys a small increase—only 0.8%—but the Richmond Reserve District suffers a decrease of 11.9% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 7.5%. The Chicago Reserve District shows a gain of 2.6%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 1.2%, and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 3.8%. In the Kansas City Reserve District improvement reaches 10.4%, in the Dallas Reserve District 4.8%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District 8.1%.

	August 1928.	August 1927.	Inc. or Dec.	August 1926.	August 1925.
Federal Reserve Dists.	2,039,218,422	2,118,093,788	-3.7	2,092,154,559	1,894,427,547
1st Boston.....14 cities	27,652,721,135	26,026,324,529	+6.3	22,270,873,277	20,818,003,128
2nd New York 14 "	2,255,469,141	2,444,222,202	-7.7	2,348,917,314	2,445,023,850
3rd Philadelphia 14 "	1,784,980,855	1,769,922,010	+0.8	1,718,905,524	1,646,387,270
4th Cleveland.....15 "	753,519,168	861,014,291	-11.9	884,002,248	877,712,617
5th Richmond.....18 "	778,382,552	841,078,022	-7.5	864,129,463	1,079,001,668
6th Atlanta.....18 "	4,471,714,858	4,357,661,707	+2.6	4,199,544,875	3,962,028,123
7th Chicago.....20 "	921,902,362	910,778,337	+1.2	916,651,766	889,661,391
8th St. Louis.....10 "	564,234,069	543,367,939	+3.8	525,177,540	502,995,409
9th Minneapolis 13 "	1,367,019,228	1,238,702,922	+10.4	1,274,878,752	1,175,845,211
10th Kansas City 16 "	512,208,863	488,695,434	+4.8	531,623,723	491,674,461
11th Dallas.....12 "	2,542,128,367	2,352,110,011	+8.1	2,298,799,609	2,193,715,259
12th San Fran.....28 "					
Total.....193 cities	45,648,478,820	43,952,370,655	+3.9	39,995,694,050	38,036,385,624
Outside N. Y. City.....	18,669,428,913	18,572,783,775	+0.5	18,229,714,351	17,617,867,459
Canada.....29 cities	1,839,092,559	1,542,400,380	+22.5	1,401,564,365	1,246,162,584

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the eight months back to 1925:

	Eight Months.				
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
Federal Reserve Dists.	19,334,777,823	19,020,145,578	+1.7	18,501,015,196	16,453,297,419
1st Boston.....14 cities	257,181,648,367	212,650,312,059	+20.9	200,973,171,885	190,209,414,563
2nd New York 14 "	20,265,276,925	20,124,970,003	+0.7	20,980,864,330	20,789,615,422
3rd Philadelphia 14 "	14,865,018,951	14,692,125,070	+1.2	14,223,092,915	13,670,528,692
4th Cleveland.....15 "	6,464,306,265	6,832,157,360	-5.4	7,290,461,813	7,048,546,806
5th Richmond.....18 "	6,880,504,273	7,128,903,603	-3.5	8,549,255,431	8,198,734,174
6th Atlanta.....18 "	36,924,028,459	35,057,094,867	+5.3	34,880,437,318	33,925,543,611
7th Chicago.....20 "	7,695,181,961	7,625,796,677	+0.9	7,782,922,238	7,512,365,743
8th St. Louis.....10 "	4,396,261,512	3,986,142,657	+10.3	4,318,028,158	4,442,143,719
9th Minneapolis 13 "	9,913,045,085	9,748,811,130	+1.7	9,680,642,269	9,414,528,037
10th Kansas City 16 "	4,010,594,971	4,105,979,753	-2.3	4,198,016,267	4,014,265,389
11th Dallas.....12 "	21,362,120,135	19,126,997,864	+11.7	19,037,406,675	17,322,476,057
12th San Fran.....28 "					
Total.....193 cities	409,292,764,737	360,099,416,621	+13.7	350,415,316,946	333,180,458,802
Outside N. Y. City.....	157,753,226,898	152,840,384,995	+3.2	154,720,598,936	147,724,263,063
Canada.....29 cities	15,628,877,672	12,321,153,125	+26.8	11,157,262,098	10,138,188,273

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of August and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

CLEARINGS FOR AUGUST, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 1.

Clearings at—	Month of August.			Eight Months.			Week Ended Sept. 1.		
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	2,756,319	3,294,246	-16.3	24,182,705	27,973,694	-13.6	623,576	686,831	-9.2
Maine—Bangor.....	15,151,593	17,200,464	-11.9	130,613,768	129,063,428	+1.2	3,333,394	3,734,955	-10.8
Mass.—Boston.....	1,807,893,095	1,872,000,000	-3.4	17,117,088,289	16,994,830,430	+0.7	396,000,000	437,000,000	-9.4
Fall River.....	5,817,642	8,551,131	-32.0	59,771,695	68,045,584	-12.2	981,530	1,586,960	-38.2
Holyoke.....	2,303,703	3,499,076	-34.2	23,700,625	30,105,168	-21.3	1,019,806	1,067,783	-4.5
Lowell.....	4,959,867	4,962,770	-0.1	41,222,022	42,119,140	-2.1	952,582	1,059,782	-10.1
New Bedford.....	4,335,585	5,036,459	-13.9	47,123,352	41,570,388	+13.4	4,251,337	4,880,819	-12.9
Springfield.....	21,061,149	20,755,948	+1.5	195,017,367	187,332,567	+4.1	2,679,793	3,007,822	-10.8
Worcester.....	13,063,388	14,764,836	-7.5	123,375,467	125,362,540	-1.6	13,525,170	15,945,970	-15.2
Conn.—Hartford.....	57,413,267	69,049,708	-16.9	623,067,625	529,355,618	+17.7	7,854,786	7,577,797	+3.7
New Haven.....	34,532,530	33,010,813	+4.6	304,959,694	267,152,755	+14.2	11,232,800	11,634,500	-3.5
Waterbury.....	9,925,200	10,379,700	-4.3	88,641,700	87,252,400	+1.6	612,255	815,293	-24.1
R. I.—Providence.....	56,996,100	53,052,900	+7.4	531,868,400	464,361,600	+14.5			
N. H.—Manchester.....	2,407,984	2,535,737	-5.1	24,145,119	25,620,266	-5.8			
Total (14 cities).....	2,039,218,422	2,118,093,788	-3.7	19,334,777,823	19,020,145,578	+1.7	443,067,089	488,998,512	-9.4

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

(000,000 omitted.)	August				Jan. 1 to Aug. 31			
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
New York.....	26,979	25,379	21,675	20,219	251,540	207,259	195,694	185,456
Chicago.....	2,931	2,971	2,801	2,682	24,985	23,965	23,739	23,540
Boston.....	1,808	1,872	1,871	1,662	17,117	16,994	16,477	14,472
Philadelphia.....	2,083	2,270	2,180	2,237	18,799	18,672	19,545	19,020
St. Louis.....	613	591	601	598	4,965	4,892	4,998	4,906
Pittsburgh.....	734	737	732	695	6,155	6,287	6,040	5,819
San Francisco.....	871	819	782	776	7,587	6,422	6,525	6,050
Cincinnati.....	294	311	297	287	2,618	2,555	2,586	2,432
Baltimore.....	416	475	495	478	3,562	4,722	4,865	4,724
Kansas City.....	690	617	652	579	4,722	3,754	4,038	3,758
Cleveland.....	558	523	500	481	4,459	4,266	4,058	3,283
New Orleans.....	210	234	221	223	1,910	1,905	1,982	1,947
Minneapolis.....	349	338	322	320	2,689	2,376	2,628	2,752
Louisville.....	142	145	140	129	1,284	1,226	1,205	1,161
Detroit.....	867	735	759	692	6,556	5,793	5,874	5,443
Milwaukee.....	179	187	175	166	1,441	1,495	1,460	1,363
Los Angeles.....	821	718	692	622	7,009	6,269	5,878	5,166
Providence.....	57	53	47	54	532	464	452	466
Omaha.....	206	183	167	174	1,528	1,375	1,401	1,448
St. Paul.....	235	222	210	239	1,829	1,792	1,815	1,790
Indianapolis.....	131	121	129	129	1,034	952	1,059	1,051
Denver.....	98	101	97	71	806	806	791	585
Richmond.....	153	147	146	147	1,168	1,086	1,078	1,112
Memphis.....	181	214	196	231	1,467	1,616	1,710	1,791
Seattle.....	70	76	77	70	666	694	749	686
Hartford.....	208	198	197	185	1,674	1,532	1,560	1,404
Salt Lake City.....	57	69	54	58	623	529	551	490
Total.....	42,016	40,376	36,279	34,307	379,329	330,443	319,197	303,192
Other cities.....	3,632	3,576	3,626	3,729	29,964	29,656	31,218	29,988
Total all.....	45,648	43,952	39,905	38,036	409,293	360,099	350,415	333,180
Outside N. Y. City.....	18,669	18,573	18,230	17,818	157,753	152,840	154,720	147,724

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for Aug. and the eight mos. of 1928 and 1927 are given below:

Description.	Month of August.		Eight Months.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stock, number of shares.....	67,191,023	51,205,812	522,054,264	301,382,730
Railroad and misc. bonds.....	\$124,829,000	\$165,304,000	\$1,374,853,650	\$1,478,589,050
State, foreign, &c., bonds.....	44,111,000	63,567,900	541,162,496	35,725,899
U. S. Govt. bonds.....	9,925,000	12,793,250	136,744,750	208,012,850
Total bonds.....	\$178,865,000	\$241,665,150	\$2,052,139,825	\$2,243,399,200

CLEARINGS—(Continued).

Clearings at—	Month of August.			Eight Months.			Week Ended Sept. 1.					
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec. %	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec. %	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec. %	1926.	1925.	
Second Federal Reserve District—New York—												
N. Y.—Albany	25,055,647	24,881,274	+0.7	220,193,457	219,383,265	+0.4	5,174,936	6,424,276	-19.5	7,123,724	6,809,347	
Binghamton	6,442,604	5,656,085	+13.9	47,505,954	44,385,964	+7.0	1,010,144	1,162,286	-13.1	1,202,400	1,076,400	
Buffalo	234,834,858	221,774,250	+5.9	1,825,574,958	1,792,153,714	+2.0	50,563,521	51,688,597	-2.2	54,259,321	56,262,167	
Elmira	5,062,055	4,250,794	+19.1	38,388,238	36,446,376	+3.6	859,161	910,233	-6.2	1,090,729	915,816	
Jamestown	5,467,536	5,634,418	-3.0	45,756,225	48,943,508	-6.5	1,198,577	1,072,625	-11.7	1,249,426	562,240	
New York	26,979,049,907	25,379,586,880	+6.3	251,539,537,841	207,259,031,626	+21.3	6,610,334,663	6,016,204,813	+9.9	5,091,093,960	5,131,139,094	
Niagara Falls	6,850,154	5,162,920	+32.3	54,003,003	40,994,640	+31.7	---	---	---	---	---	
Rochester	54,983,216	56,284,146	-2.3	587,104,970	481,125,098	+5.4	11,286,272	12,955,656	-12.9	13,263,705	13,080,229	
Syracuse	26,612,633	25,836,854	+3.0	232,250,742	224,985,155	+3.2	5,134,088	6,641,555	-22.7	7,057,187	6,358,796	
Conn.—Stamford	19,379,776	17,980,397	+7.8	141,020,278	108,098,553	+3.2	3,629,299	3,094,674	+17.3	2,955,904	3,488,514	
N. J.—Montclair	2,803,439	3,354,852	-16.4	30,979,291	30,375,329	+2.0	613,252	788,646	-22.2	1,668,530	742,916	
Newark	117,834,674	103,447,566	+13.9	999,145,943	898,827,940	+11.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Northern N. J.	161,844,730	166,377,796	-3.7	1,439,169,124	1,386,751,008	+3.8	33,136,734	32,480,802	+2.0	33,513,117	30,650,517	
Oranges	6,521,906	6,126,297	+6.5	58,017,343	54,209,833	+7.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (14 cities)	27,652,721,135	26,026,324,529	+6.3	257,181,648,367	212,650,312,059	+20.9	6,723,490,287	6,133,424,163	+9.6	5,214,478,003	5,252,086,076	
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia—												
Pa.—Alltoona	7,141,525	7,727,444	-7.6	53,417,746	58,842,052	-8.0	1,368,850	1,734,706	-21.1	1,652,578	1,623,252	
Bethlehem	22,328,188	16,403,513	+36.1	161,480,821	153,925,800	+4.9	3,942,570	3,984,694	-1.1	4,684,202	4,322,759	
Chester	5,192,769	6,066,989	-14.4	44,275,307	48,658,972	-8.0	1,185,988	1,370,847	-13.5	1,494,987	1,599,087	
Harrisburg	20,367,604	21,004,340	-3.0	159,085,821	164,138,946	-3.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Lancaster	8,120,576	8,962,367	-9.4	77,836,994	76,695,429	+1.5	1,344,784	2,085,252	-36.5	1,982,509	2,591,571	
Lebanon	2,393,824	2,763,592	-13.4	21,611,318	22,552,475	-4.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Norristown	3,978,730	4,055,247	-1.9	35,212,153	31,778,008	+10.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Philadelphia	2,083,000,000	2,270,000,000	-8.5	18,792,000,000	18,672,000,000	+0.7	454,000,000	533,000,000	-14.8	528,000,000	589,000,000	
Reading	15,723,122	17,485,007	-10.1	147,443,985	147,040,059	+0.1	3,536,817	3,500,833	+1.0	3,859,805	3,774,121	
Scranton	24,130,073	25,778,880	-6.5	223,218,503	215,304,871	+3.7	4,652,282	5,816,920	-20.0	6,589,849	6,735,800	
Wilkes-Barre	17,038,205	18,446,483	-7.7	136,902,589	141,178,301	-3.0	3,451,697	4,237,818	-18.6	4,690,875	3,997,098	
York	8,570,924	8,118,115	+5.6	70,823,053	62,988,431	+12.4	1,641,882	1,798,566	-18.7	1,924,824	1,924,396	
N. J.—Camden	10,629,820	10,911,152	-2.6	88,072,920	97,147,649	-9.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Trenton	26,870,781	26,499,573	+1.4	246,395,710	233,519,010	+5.5	6,530,335	6,069,859	+7.6	6,538,449	6,699,424	
Total (14 cities)	2,255,469,141	2,444,222,202	-7.7	20,265,276,925	20,124,970,003	+0.7	481,055,205	563,599,495	-14.5	561,418,078	622,266,711	
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland—												
Ohio—Akron	34,416,000	29,053,000	+18.4	239,428,000	222,918,000	+7.4	6,405,000	5,298,000	+20.9	5,232,000	5,462,000	
Canton	18,147,620	17,723,172	+2.4	147,616,613	143,241,456	+3.0	3,516,911	3,550,274	-0.9	3,640,073	3,873,944	
Cincinnati	294,238,530	311,432,932	-5.5	2,617,531,273	2,555,521,284	+2.4	61,242,878	66,952,601	-8.5	66,885,754	66,339,612	
Cleveland	558,183,149	523,984,953	+6.7	4,459,422,427	4,266,176,738	+4.5	126,357,333	112,767,624	+11.9	109,137,405	112,796,307	
Columbus	69,421,400	78,181,800	-11.2	599,205,200	608,104,400	-1.5	13,289,100	16,428,600	-19.1	16,130,200	14,655,300	
Hamilton	5,962,480	3,820,992	+56.0	40,108,587	32,305,933	+24.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Lorain	1,799,208	1,936,086	-7.1	14,998,116	15,581,847	-4.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Manfield	8,371,090	8,575,648	-2.4	66,878,392	69,344,074	-3.6	1,691,199	1,613,296	-15.2	1,803,643	1,989,369	
Youngstown	25,233,131	21,795,626	+15.8	202,251,438	193,863,879	+4.3	5,432,960	4,940,082	+10.0	5,101,744	5,286,354	
Pa.—Beaver County	3,423,564	3,049,300	+12.3	24,997,751	25,105,136	-0.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Franklin	956,298	1,280,198	-30.9	9,755,098	10,790,390	-9.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Greensburg	5,799,609	5,667,871	+2.3	51,362,878	50,047,094	+2.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Pittsburgh	734,395,041	737,733,557	-0.5	6,154,781,036	6,086,956,363	+1.1	170,931,231	154,720,803	+10.5	161,211,867	148,355,317	
Ky.—Lexington	6,106,254	7,656,232	-20.2	71,629,983	65,049,977	+10.1	---	---	---	---	---	
W. Va.—Wheeling	18,530,281	18,830,583	-1.6	165,552,109	147,099,059	+12.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (15 cities)	1,784,960,655	1,769,922,010	+0.8	14,865,018,961	14,692,106,070	+1.2	388,867,612	366,271,280	+6.2	368,651,686	358,757,753	
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond—												
W. Va.—Huntington	5,203,132	5,294,937	-1.7	43,072,063	45,668,517	-5.7	1,079,853	1,227,845	-12.1	1,478,701	1,542,364	
Va.—Norfolk	19,468,374	29,672,673	-34.4	180,040,613	207,120,999	-13.1	3,695,560	4,460,709	-17.2	7,778,881	6,839,950	
Richmond	181,081,000	213,790,000	-15.3	1,466,715,964	1,615,900,272	-9.2	42,707,000	48,964,018	-12.8	46,599,000	51,982,000	
N. C.—Raleigh	9,450,429	10,620,099	-11.0	84,457,050	90,956,872	-7.1	---	---	---	---	---	
S. C.—Charleston	7,406,824	8,250,000	-10.2	78,004,079	78,540,784	-0.7	1,542,852	2,061,901	-26.0	1,974,390	2,063,686	
Columbia	7,753,425	8,691,616	-10.8	73,365,826	67,315,195	+9.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Md.—Baltimore	415,747,428	475,551,848	-12.6	3,561,584,523	3,764,892,727	-5.0	95,938,533	105,857,482	-10.2	129,456,873	120,287,535	
Federick	2,001,966	2,038,683	-1.8	16,046,556	16,772,542	-4.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Hagerstown	3,356,745	3,524,130	-4.8	28,759,732	28,368,539	+1.4	---	---	---	---	---	
D. C.—Washington	107,049,845	103,580,305	+3.3	932,259,839	926,620,913	+0.6	21,816,592	25,850,877	-15.6	24,822,892	24,815,358	
Total (10 cities)	758,519,168	861,014,291	-11.9	6,464,306,255	6,832,157,360	-5.4	166,780,390	188,422,832	-11.5	212,110,437	207,530,893	
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta—												
Tenn.—Chattanooga	33,553,868	32,451,272	+3.4	290,525,821	273,723,945	+6.2	6,441,000	7,026,269	-8.3	6,290,951	6,146,434	
Knoxville	13,610,949	13,610,814	+0.1	117,112,719	114,332,647	+2.4	2,850,417	3,154,000	-9.5	2,983,592	3,266,957	
Nashville	92,267,530	100,322,100	-8.0	765,974,103	771,710,904	-0.7	18,506,570	20,991,037	-11.3	19,259,705	20,857,404	
Georgia—Atlanta	201,794,956	201,581,732	+0.1	1,694,519,795	1,688,278,391	+0.4	41,409,648	46,824,832	-11.6	48,947,899	72,143,015	
Augusta	6,806,197	7,823,786	-13.0	62,941,641	67,075,604	-6.2	1,510,027	2,747,440	-14.4	1,937,864	2,289,671	
Columbus	4,500,669	4,278,093	+5.2	37,028,905	35,912,064	+3.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Macon	9,837,798	9,083,842	+8.3	73,541,790	68,696,381	+7.1	1,788,122	2,359,383	-24.3	1,818,202	2,748,066	
Fla.—Jacksonville	57,088,257	69,619,056	-18.8	578,592,369	710,049,268	-18.5	11,863,750	14,744,842	-19.5	19,356,898	28,843,807	
Miami	7,833,000	15,076,000	-48.0	106,627,000	109,688,415	-4.3	1,377,000	3,687,000	-62.7	6,107,805	30,263,943	
Tampa	12,088,253	17,685,670	-31.7	128,831,850	836,262,593	-24.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Ala.—Birmingham	96,987,572	101,690,547	-6.3	828,306,268	836,262,593	-0.9	20,190,526	23,519,462	-14.2	24,197,299	25,244,399	
Mobile	6,731,195	7,602,053	-11.5	58,342,552	68,382,474	-14.7	1,380,080	1,952,971	-29.3	1,966,860	2,190,468	
Montgomery	6,289,922	6,699,733	-6.1	55,948,494	52,644,738	+6.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Miss.—Hattiesburg	7,059,000	6,848,700	+3.1	58,720,000	61,831,901	-16.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Jackson	7,570,111	6,788,112	+11.									

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Clearings at—	Month of August.			Eight Months.			Week Ended Sept. 1.				
	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec.	1926.	1925.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Ninth Federal Reserve District—											
Minneapolis—											
Minn.—Duluth.....	29,024,616	31,947,774	-9.1	244,884,044	239,671,129	+2.2	7,204,267	6,618,541	+8.8	6,424,080	9,362,325
Minneapolis.....	348,748,150	337,702,962	+3.3	2,688,520,251	2,375,800,966	+13.2	78,619,823	87,674,051	-10.3	81,221,637	91,908,926
Rochester.....	2,785,098	2,796,922	-0.4	21,568,423	20,968,246	+2.9	---	---	---	---	---
St. Paul.....	150,582,383	120,788,495	+8.1	1,033,949,968	981,754,500	+5.3	29,180,538	28,882,112	+1.0	27,718,820	29,201,413
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	8,294,504	8,479,176	-2.2	67,440,476	63,081,795	+6.9	1,557,636	1,887,436	-17.5	1,767,467	1,809,009
Grand Forks.....	5,979,000	5,988,000	-0.2	45,251,000	44,944,000	+0.7	---	---	---	---	---
Minot.....	1,975,295	1,877,771	+5.3	13,018,098	10,398,986	+25.2	---	---	---	---	---
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	6,114,485	5,577,766	+9.6	45,234,606	39,205,375	+15.4	1,387,662	1,570,488	-11.6	1,394,780	1,634,479
Sioux Falls.....	6,756,718	7,400,168	-8.7	57,838,500	57,835,951	+0.1	---	---	---	---	---
Mont.—Billings.....	2,885,484	2,471,415	+16.8	38,924,799	19,629,923	+12.0	569,668	604,856	-5.8	563,266	578,938
Great Falls.....	5,169,645	4,391,956	+17.7	112,103,810	98,944,384	+14.4	---	---	---	---	---
Helena.....	15,144,461	13,613,499	+11.2	5,549,188	4,915,731	+12.9	3,278,000	3,023,000	+8.4	2,735,460	2,860,462
Lewistown.....	774,230	686,535	+12.8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total (13 cities).....	564,234,069	543,367,439	+3.8	4,396,261,512	3,986,142,657	+10.3	121,797,594	130,260,404	-6.5	121,825,510	137,355,552
Tenth Federal Reserve District—											
Kansas City—											
Neb.—Fremont.....	1,675,271	1,745,499	-4.0	14,513,216	14,048,925	+3.3	344,682	294,312	+17.2	332,426	384,045
Hastings.....	2,565,466	2,620,294	-2.1	18,893,963	16,351,666	+15.5	562,599	706,446	-7.2	550,010	682,850
Lincoln.....	19,863,348	22,063,822	-10.0	170,037,419	169,552,688	+0.3	4,164,576	5,184,877	-3.6	2,603,166	5,699,445
Omaha.....	205,501,902	182,819,272	+12.4	1,528,170,438	1,374,537,451	+11.2	45,399,348	40,834,363	+11.2	36,466,372	38,407,905
Kan.—Kansas City.....	8,821,783	10,574,981	-16.6	71,371,748	81,190,707	-12.1	---	---	---	---	---
Topeka.....	15,963,801	14,299,873	+11.6	128,868,881	111,322,858	+15.8	2,949,473	2,545,069	+15.9	2,712,247	3,232,325
Wichita.....	43,600,856	36,887,611	+18.2	324,522,551	285,014,068	+13.9	8,959,147	7,554,781	+18.6	8,358,774	8,200,701
Missouri—Joplin.....	5,389,863	7,310,067	-26.3	46,657,954	54,254,803	-14.0	---	---	---	---	---
Kansas City.....	690,082,521	616,792,408	+11.9	4,721,644,154	4,864,542,635	-2.9	142,500,447	128,300,716	+11.1	142,602,476	134,736,646
St. Joseph.....	32,042,038	28,857,906	+11.0	243,190,429	222,990,287	+8.1	6,652,452	6,108,074	+8.9	6,264,675	7,148,106
Okl.—McAlester.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oklahoma City.....	122,846,051	107,414,979	+14.4	983,077,290	980,124,158	+0.3	24,966,000	22,779,930	+9.6	25,516,898	23,564,150
Tulsa.....	52,792,510	47,926,515	+10.2	398,435,181	399,688,299	-0.3	---	---	---	---	---
Colo.—Soi. Spgs.....	6,124,306	5,987,527	+3.1	46,777,690	41,371,162	+13.1	922,334	727,931	+26.7	1,050,116	1,327,739
Denver.....	153,424,366	147,385,918	+4.1	1,168,318,789	1,086,269,168	+7.6	---	---	---	---	---
Pueblo.....	6,325,146	6,066,250	+4.3	48,565,382	44,885,849	+8.2	1,308,086	1,121,897	+16.6	1,611,891	1,186,379
Total (16 cities).....	1,367,019,228	1,238,702,922	+10.4	9,913,045,085	9,748,811,130	+1.7	239,564,578	216,058,396	+10.9	229,839,879	224,570,291
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—											
Dallas—											
Texas—Austin.....	7,879,572	5,939,724	+32.7	57,524,774	51,139,205	+12.4	2,044,623	2,407,911	-15.1	2,407,911	1,759,702
Beaumont.....	8,345,000	8,454,000	-1.3	68,155,000	69,143,000	-1.4	---	---	---	---	---
Dallas.....	209,277,120	192,633,169	+8.6	1,673,046,254	1,610,751,319	+0.4	53,781,645	50,191,992	+7.2	50,191,992	47,822,397
El Paso.....	21,970,439	20,250,035	+8.5	186,585,643	160,029,722	+15.2	---	---	---	---	---
Fort Worth.....	56,837,544	46,881,085	+21.2	446,249,378	402,205,126	+11.0	11,279,139	10,213,761	+10.3	10,213,761	11,016,915
Galveston.....	24,119,000	27,614,000	-12.7	167,693,000	306,334,000	-45.3	7,366,000	6,038,000	+22.0	6,038,000	9,779,000
Houston.....	147,428,034	151,774,318	-2.9	1,095,402,664	1,185,229,013	-7.6	---	---	---	---	---
Port Arthur.....	2,210,123	2,808,061	-21.3	19,079,453	21,359,656	-10.7	---	---	---	---	---
Texasarkana.....	2,113,186	2,458,224	-14.0	19,710,164	19,607,731	+0.5	---	---	---	---	---
Wichita Falls.....	10,382,000	9,728,800	+6.7	89,205,013	100,283,274	-11.0	---	---	---	---	---
La.—Shreveport.....	21,646,845	20,354,018	+6.4	187,943,623	177,917,707	+5.6	3,974,185	5,693,238	-30.2	5,693,238	6,454,705
Total (12 cities).....	512,208,863	488,895,434	+4.8	4,010,594,971	4,105,979,753	-2.3	78,445,592	74,544,902	+5.2	74,544,902	76,832,719
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—											
San Francisco—											
Wash.—Bellingham.....	3,400,000	3,497,000	-2.8	28,562,000	32,128,000	-11.1	---	---	---	---	---
Seattle.....	208,080,509	198,475,589	+4.8	1,674,470,038	1,532,305,410	+9.3	44,435,187	44,976,975	-1.4	45,050,166	46,797,858
Spokane.....	59,223,000	56,404,000	+5.0	451,098,000	419,600,000	+7.5	12,128,000	13,239,000	-8.2	12,133,000	12,299,000
Yakima.....	6,394,276	5,265,437	+21.4	47,736,419	44,929,622	+6.0	1,500,591	1,455,043	+3.1	1,526,054	1,978,797
Idaho—Boise.....	5,669,365	5,080,970	+11.2	40,791,682	37,416,659	+9.2	---	---	---	---	---
Ore.—Eugene.....	2,209,600	2,184,000	+1.2	16,147,856	17,498,750	-7.7	---	---	---	---	---
Portland.....	168,348,591	169,138,549	-0.5	1,272,192,249	1,279,525,135	-0.1	34,959,284	38,736,372	-9.8	41,026,930	38,698,043
Utah—Ogden.....	9,122,034	7,572,289	+20.5	54,371,195	47,633,755	+14.1	---	---	---	---	---
Salt Lake City.....	74,943,305	70,093,513	+6.9	604,437,483	572,554,377	+5.6	15,908,997	15,807,070	-0.6	17,061,624	16,707,256
Nev.—Reno.....	3,357,500	3,033,295	+10.7	23,677,416	23,623,982	+0.2	---	---	---	---	---
Ariz.—Phoenix.....	14,069,000	10,475,000	+34.3	123,930,000	96,512,900	+28.4	---	---	---	---	---
Calif.—Bakersfield.....	5,100,560	5,137,576	-0.7	43,546,608	42,625,857	+2.2	---	---	---	---	---
Berkeley.....	22,229,357	21,337,473	+4.2	176,489,694	169,807,535	+3.9	---	---	---	---	---
Fresno.....	15,874,320	18,346,320	-13.5	123,800,903	129,598,105	-4.5	3,684,829	4,223,561	-12.8	4,615,579	4,884,519
Long Beach.....	35,629,476	30,124,964	+18.3	279,096,743	247,425,269	+12.8	7,282,025	5,744,806	+26.8	6,315,854	6,194,023
Los Angeles.....	821,276,000	718,031,000	+14.4	7,009,249,000	6,268,821,000	+11.8	165,588,000	161,355,000	+2.6	178,415,000	138,107,000
Modesto.....	4,179,173	3,735,532	+11.1	31,506,320	28,391,650	+11.0	---	---	---	---	---
Oakland.....	79,288,186	77,982,772	+1.7	691,916,761	643,249,394	+7.6	16,915,089	16,776,987	+0.8	20,061,051	20,107,017
Pasadena.....	24,865,475	25,692,469	-3.2	241,373,219	237,516,522	+1.6	4,752,061	5,879,136	-19.2	5,433,694	3,001,670
Riverside.....	3,933,441	4,286,399	-8.2	37,319,159	41,060,204	-9.1	---	---	---	---	---
Sacramento.....	32,959,543	31,261,504	+5.4	232,009,895	202,283,444	+3.9	5,348,743	6,183,667	-13.5	8,319,752	10,855,816
San Diego.....	25,976,449	22,269,312	+16.6	196,360,895	201,869,454	-2.7	4,370,032	4,625,990	-5.5	5,286,686	4,875,700
San Francisco.....	870,738,900	819,944,000	+6.2	7,586,736,961	6,422,211,925	+18.1	180,909,400	175,125,000	+3.3	182,096,000	181,971,000
San Jose.....	15,118,156	12,869,183	+17.5	110,290,110	92,624,618	+19.0	3,932,783	3,222,677	-9.0	3,099,823	3,045,546
Santa Barbara.....	7,273,574	6,198,336	+17.3	59,250,008	49,728,684	+19.1	1,383,700	1,278,554	+7.5	1,338,290	1,476,715
Santa Monica.....	9,655,823	9,782,225	-1.3	77,877,363	77,282,774	+0.8	1,830,146	1,897,753	-3.6	3,096,636	2,077,708
Santa Rosa.....	2,457,964	2,007,684	+21.4	17,440,999	16,145,699	+8.0	---	---	---	---	---
Stockton.....	10,754,800	11,877,600	-9.5	90,441,200	92,957,100	-2.7	1,910,200	2,464,200	-22.5	1,949,300	2,904,200
Total (28 cities).....	2,542,128,367	2,352,110,011	+8.1	21,362,120,135	19,126,997,864	+11.7	505,839,157	502,991,701	+0.6	536,825,439	497,592,048
Grand total (193 cities).....	45,648,478,820	43,952,370,655	+3.9	409,292,764,737	360,099,416,621	+13.7	1				

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

	Sat., Sept. 1.	Mon., Sept. 3.	Tues., Sept. 4.	Wed., Sept. 5.	Thurs., Sept. 6.	Fri., Sept. 7.
Silver, per oz. d.	26 11-16	26 11-16	26 11-16	26 1/2	26 9-16	26 1/2
Gold, per fine ounce	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2
Consols, 2 1/2s.	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102*	102 3/4
British, 5s.	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	102*	102 3/4
British, 4 1/2s.	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 1/2	99 1/2
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	68.55	68.45	68.25	68.40	68.40	68.05
French War L'n (in Paris) fr.	94	94.50	94.55	94.75	94.75	94.45

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign	58 3/4	Holiday	58 3/4	58 3/4	57 3/4	57 3/4
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Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States Aug. 31 1928.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Aug. 31 1928, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Bonds—	
Consols of 1930	\$599,724,050.00
Panama's of 1916-36	48,954,180.00
Panama's of 1918-38	25,947,400.00
Panama's of 1961	49,800,000.00
Conversion bonds	28,894,500.00
Postal savings bonds	15,875,560.00
	\$769,195,690.00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-47	\$1,939,154,150.00
Third Liberty Loan of 1928	971,868,750.00
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-38	6,284,041,600.00
	9,195,064,500.00
Treasury bonds of 1947-52	\$758,984,300.00
Treasury bonds of 1944-54	1,036,834,500.00
Treasury bonds of 1946-56	489,087,100.00
Treasury bonds of 1943-47	493,037,750.00
Treasury bonds of 1940-43 (see footnote)	359,042,950.00
	3,136,986,600.00
Total bonds	\$13,101,246,790.00
Treasury Notes—	
Series A-1930-32, maturing Mar. 15 1932	\$1,215,153,200.00
Series B-1930-32, maturing Sept. 15 1932	615,095,700.00
Series C-1930-32, maturing Dec. 15 1932	607,399,650.00
Adjusted Service—	
Series A-1930	28,500,000.00
Series A-1931	53,500,000.00
Series B-1931	70,000,000.00
Series A-1932	123,400,000.00
Series A-1933	123,400,000.00
Civil Service—	
Series 1931	31,200,000.00
Series 1932	14,400,000.00
Series 1933	36,800,000.00
Foreign Service—Series 1933	365,000.00
	2,910,213,550.00
Treasury Certificates—	
Series TD-1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	253,661,000.00
Series TD2-1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	201,144,500.00
Series TD3-1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	192,871,500.00
Series TM-1929, maturing Mar. 15 1929	360,947,000.00
Series TM2-1929, maturing Mar. 15 1929	211,784,000.00
	1,220,408,000.00
Treasury Savings Certificates (a)—	
Series 1923, issue of Sept. 30 1922	16,819,161.05
Series 1923, issue of Dec. 1 1923	23,340,920.15
Series 1924, issue of Dec. 1 1923	94,133,719.75
	134,293,800.95
Total interest-bearing debt	\$17,375,162,140.95
Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased—	
Old debt matured—issued prior to Apr. 1 1917	2,010,470.26
Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1927-42	25,095,400.00
3 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23	22,150.00
4 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23	2,110,700.00
Treasury notes	1,610,500.00
Certificates of indebtedness	545,100.00
Treasury savings certificates	2,876,650.00
	34,270,970.26
Debt Bearing No Interest—	
United States notes	346,681,016.00
Less gold reserve	156,039,088.03
	\$190,641,927.97
Deposits for retirement of national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes	42,346,979.50
Old demand notes and fractional currency	2,045,485.77
Thrift and Treasury savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c.	3,523,155.71
	238,557,548.95
Total gross debt	\$17,647,990,660.16
a Net redemption value of certificates outstanding.	

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT. [On the basis of daily Treasury statements.]

	Aug. 31 1919	When War Debt Was at Its Peak.	Aug. 31 1927.	July 31 1928.	Aug. 31 1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross debt	26,596,701,648	18,379,912,226	17,526,219,471	17,647,990,660	17,647,990,660
Net bal. in gen. fund.	1,118,109,534	70,286,709	116,750,284	190,148,218	190,148,218
Gross debt less net bal. in gen. fund.	25,478,592,114	18,309,625,516	17,409,469,187	17,457,842,442	17,457,842,442

Treasury Money Holdings.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of June, July, August and September 1928:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury	June 1 1928.	July 1 1928.	Aug. 1 1928.	Sept. 1 1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net gold coin and bullion	337,802,942	313,920,118	330,130,615	326,408,336
Net silver coin and bullion	18,574,705	15,105,541	12,725,164	14,653,596
Net United States notes	4,499,870	3,021,104	2,927,601	3,217,488
Net national bank notes	18,075,454	19,526,096	22,003,921	18,542,931
Net Federal Reserve notes	1,321,445	1,576,535	1,076,462	1,054,735
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	64,966	101,210	150,110	92,140
Net subsidiary silver	3,308,638	2,802,145	2,742,050	2,806,320
Minor coin, &c.	4,926,112	16,196,244	6,388,867	4,320,031
Total cash in Treasury—Less gold reserve fund	388,574,132	372,248,993	378,234,790	371,095,577
	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088
Cash balance in Treas'y Dep. in spec'l depositories, acct. Treasury bonds, Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	232,535,044	216,209,905	222,195,702	*215,056,489
Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks	18,706,000	245,754,000	96,727,000	165,012,000
Dep. in national banks:	56,679,695	23,959,959	28,331,644	34,054,394
To credit Treas. U. S.	7,118,984	7,043,957	7,128,950	7,634,700
To credit disb. officers.	19,553,454	19,902,070	19,101,288	17,862,670
Cash in Philippine Islands	623,620	760,834	897,436	837,930
Deposits in foreign depts.	431,188	526,122	469,845	510,497
Dep. in Fed'l Land banks				
Net cash in Treasury and in banks	335,647,985	514,156,847	374,851,865	440,968,679
Deduct current liabilities	280,816,283	248,629,866	258,101,580	250,820,461
Available cash balance	54,831,702	265,526,981	116,750,285	190,148,218

* Includes Sept. 1 \$7,498,132.20 silver bullion and \$2,474,559.71 minor coin, &c.; not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Government Receipts and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for August 1928 and 1927 and the two months of the fiscal years 1927-28 and 1928-29.

Receipts.	Month of August		Two Months	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Ordinary—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Customs	52,797,381	52,982,314	97,388,164	103,463,778
Internal revenue:				
Income tax	34,692,556	39,695,284	67,295,845	72,866,116
Miscellaneous Internal revenue	53,472,349	51,026,146	103,473,628	111,264,785
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds Govt.-owned securities—				
Foreign obligations—				
Principal		27,425		53,425
Interest	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,019,360	10,028,970
Railroad securities	294,275	26,226,867	959,804	30,099,392
All others	41,265	132,663	113,748	239,462
Trust fund receipts (reappropriated for investment)	4,572,759	4,742,512	10,384,943	11,137,090
Proceeds sale of surplus prop.	808,616	287,656	2,483,179	1,121,661
Panama Canal tolls, &c.	2,674,915	2,342,208	4,254,930	4,418,115
Receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations	1,108,793	314,683	2,204,438	826,278
Other miscellaneous	13,031,717	14,404,450	29,775,134	30,632,995
Total ordinary	173,494,626	202,182,208	328,353,173	376,152,067
Excess of ordinary receipts over total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts				
Excess of total expend. chargeable against ord. receipts over ordinary receipts	135,099,605	56,998,944	258,860,621	86,607,645
Expenditures.				
Ordinary (Checks and warrants paid, &c.)—				
General expenditures	177,994,600	173,643,796	348,317,150	326,428,774
Interest on public debt a	5,893,159	6,308,579	21,899,309	21,737,002
Refund of receipts:				
Customs	1,615,895	1,489,988	3,323,768	3,467,982
Internal revenue	19,578,813	15,754,329	28,530,216	30,602,652
Postal deficiency	10,000,000	8,000,000	10,000,000	8,000,000
Panama Canal	732,733	819,451	1,334,176	1,502,640
Operations in special accounts:				
Railroads	518,108	43,431	510,223	37,271
War Finance Corporation	948,765	612,164	615,713	624,265
Shipping Board	1,783,130	2,416,777	3,541,883	5,455,531
Allen property funds	618,298	904,856	614,816	856,202
Adjusted service certificate fund	681,469	61,127,044	188,671	61,354,766
Civil service retirement fund c	616,567	278,084	20,023,429	160,143
Investment of trust funds:				
Government Life Insurance	4,585,298	4,804,011	10,136,969	10,903,307
Dist. of Col. Teachers' Retire't			187,876	222,701
Foreign Service Retirement c		694	197,600	146,906
General Railroad Contingent	612,539	661,498	60,098	11,082
Total ordinary	221,867,882	213,149,502	447,429,394	407,928,062
Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts:				
Sinking fund	86,726,350	46,010,650	139,773,900	54,810,650
Purchases and retirements from foreign repayments				
Received from foreign Governments under debt settlements				
Received for estate taxes				
Purchases and retirements from franchise tax receipts (Fed. Res. and Fed. Intermediate Credit banks)				
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.		21,000	10,500	21,000
Total	86,726,350	46,031,650	139,784,400	54,831,650
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts	308,594,231	259,181,152	587,213,794	462,759,712

Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. a The figures for the month include \$72,803.42 and for the fiscal year 1929 to date \$132,021.18, accrued discount on war savings certificates of matured series, and for the corresponding periods last year the figures include \$123,007.72 and \$257,088.55; respectively.

b Excess of credits (deduct).

c The amount of the appropriations available July 1 1928 of \$19,950,000 for the Civil Service Retirement and Disability fund and \$213,000 for the Foreign Service Retirement Fund were invested in special issues of 4% Treasury notes maturing June 30 1933, in accordance with the procedure already established for investments for account of the Adjusted Service Certificate fund. Variations in working cash balance account for any difference in amounts charged above.

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Aug. 31 1928 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of Aug. 31 1928.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GOLD.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold coin.....	696,400,603.47	Gold cts. outstanding.....	1,468,760,699.00
Gold bullion.....	2,491,042,641.34	Gold fund, F. R. Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913, as amended June 21 1917).....	1,392,274,209.77
		Gold reserve*.....	156,039,088.03
		Gold in general fund.....	170,369,248.01
Total	3,187,443,244.81	Total	3,187,443,244.81

*Note.—Reserve against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,299,000 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Silver dollars.....	480,812,990.00	Silver cts. outstanding.....	472,357,926.00
		Treas. notes of 1890 out- standing.....	1,299,600.00
		Silver dols. in gen. fund.....	7,155,464.00
Total	480,812,990.00	Total	480,812,990.00

GENERAL FUND.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold (see above).....	170,369,248.01	Treasurer's checks out- standing.....	5,439,500.51
Silver dollars (see above).....	7,155,464.00	Deposits of Government officers.....	4,398,500.50
United States notes.....	3,217,488.00	Post Office Dept.....	4,398,500.50
Federal Reserve notes.....	1,054,735.00	Board of trustees, Postal Savings system: 5% reserve, lawful money.....	7,609,362.53
Fed. Res. bank notes.....	92,140.00	Other deposits.....	432,192.39
National bank notes.....	18,542,930.50	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.....	44,688,528.77
Subsidiary silver coin.....	2,806,319.78	Deposits for: Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fund, gold).....	159,480,523.20
Minor coin.....	2,474,559.71	Redemption of nat'l bank notes (5% fd., lawful money).....	26,815,735.88
Silver bullion.....	7,498,132.20	Retirement of add'l circulating notes Act May 30 1908.....	2,430.00
Unclassified—Collec'tns, &c.....	1,845,471.54	Uncollected items, ex- changes, &c.....	1,953,687.04
Deposits in F. R. banks.....	34,054,393.82	Net balance.....	250,820,460.82
Deposits in special de- positaries acc't of sales of cts. of indebtedness.....	165,012,000.00		190,148,218.35
Deposits in foreign de- positaries: To credit of Treasurer United States.....	66,207.95		
To credit of other Government officers.....	444,288.64		
Deposits in nat'l banks: To credit of Treasurer United States.....	7,634,699.79		
To credit of other Govt. officers.....	17,862,670.30		
Deposits in Philippine Treasury: To credit of Treasurer United States.....	837,929.93		
Total	440,968,679.17	Total	440,968,679.17

Includes receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$381,614,423.01. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629.05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the redemption of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the Acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$42,346,979.50.

\$488,215 in Federal Reserve notes and \$18,428,399 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for their respective 5% redemption funds.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Month.	Merchandise Movement at New York.				Customs Receipts at New York.	
	Imports.		Exports.		1927.	1926.
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.		
July.....	158,169,597	164,794,382	138,284,513	132,903,105	26,620,038	24,619,552
August.....	166,332,013	161,973,351	142,661,747	116,821,090	30,852,625	29,185,549
September.....	172,707,698	182,914,678	126,772,088	151,629,613	32,593,222	32,000,997
October.....	175,855,280	177,239,667	137,849,733	123,823,326	31,626,401	31,369,820
November.....	170,611,685	185,959,035	156,060,057	149,662,955	29,487,856	30,431,596
December.....	157,075,741	178,172,967	157,874,443	150,344,551	24,267,657	26,823,969
Total.....	2005902455	2083657766	1740459924	1692356038	323,638,117	328,272,085

Movement of gold and silver for the twelve months:

Month.	Gold Movement at New York.				Silver—New York.	
	Imports.		Exports.		1927.	1926.
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.		
July.....	5,215,929	846,762	1,090,730	1,598,540	1,554,118	3,470,003
August.....	6,107,889	662,406	883,618	21,154,974	1,492,026	2,727,989
September.....	1,714,313	972,617	24,166,981	21,675,322	2,154,705	4,450,040
October.....	495,910	523,979	9,147,118	1,013,790	1,796,403	2,402,526
November.....	727,412	652,888	34,200,361	1,463,905	2,007,426	2,988,534
December.....	487,049	6,622,900	71,982,903	6,756,464	708,777	4,804,479
Total.....	27,810,787	82,837,881	159,236,434	75,459,538	21,945,648	44,058,339

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.

Aug. 29—The Hamilton County Nat'l Bank of Wells, New York. Correspondent, William B. Ronald, Wells, N. Y. *Capital.* \$50,000

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Aug. 29—The Wilton Nat'l Bank, Wilton, N. H. Correspondent, H. D. Cheever, Wilton, N. H. 50,000

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Aug. 28—The First National Bank of Bellerose, N. Y. President, Rufus E. Smith. \$100,000
 Aug. 28—The Hyde Park National Bank of Chicago, Ill. Conversion of the Hyde Park State Bank of Chicago, Ill. President, John A. Carroll; Cashier, Frank L. Johnson. 500,000
 Aug. 31—Belleville National Bank, Belleville, Ill. President, John N. Wilbret; Cashier, F. Wm. Keiner. 100,000
 Aug. 31—The Dunbar National Bank of New York, N. Y. President, J. D. Higgins; Cashier, Geo. C. Loomis. 500,000

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Aug. 27—The Pennsylvania National Bank of Pottsville, Pa., to "The Pennsylvania National Bank & Trust Co. of Pottsville."

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Aug. 27—The First National Bank of Richey, Mont. Effective June 1 1928. Liquidating Agent, Axel Nelson, Sidney, Mont. Absorbed by First State Bank of Richey, Montana. \$25,000
 Aug. 28—The First National Bank of Finley, N. Dak. Effective Aug. 16 1928. Liquidating Agents, E. H. Gilbertson and J. B. Oxtom, Finley, N. Dak. Succeeded by Steele County National Bank of Finley, No. 13190. 50,000
 Aug. 31—The Bayside National Bank, Bayside, New York, N. Y. Effective at close of business Aug. 15 1928. Liquidating Committee, Elmer G. Story and Mable Vaughan, Bayside, New York, N. Y., and Robert M. Catharine, Jamaica, N. Y. Succeeded by the Bayside Bank, Bayside, New York, N. Y. 100,000
 Aug. 31—The First Nat'l Bank of Whitestone, New York, N. Y. Effective close of business Aug. 15 1928. Liquidating Agents, Edwin P. Roe, J. W. Stanley and Henry C. Bucke, all of Whitestone, New York, N. Y. Succeeded by the First Bank of Whitestone. 100,000
 Aug. 31—The Flushing National Bank, Flushing, New York, N. Y. Effective at close of business Aug. 15 1928. Liquidating Committee, Clarence M. Lowes, Charles H. Roberts, and Carl E. Meyer, all of Flushing, New York, N. Y. Succeeded by the Flushing Bank, Flushing, New York, N. Y. The liquidating bank has one branch. 200,000

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
12 Leverich Realty Corp. pref.;		200 Industrial Acceptance Corp.	
16 Leverich Realty Corp. com.;		com. stk. v. t. c., no par.....	35
\$3,500 demand note Leverich		300 Pike Hill Mines.....	\$5 lot
Realty Corp., dated Mar. 1			
1928. Int. 6%.....	\$510 lot		

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
6 Amer. Trust Co.....	475	1 unit First Peoples Trust.....	54 1/2
10 Old Colony Trust Co.....	453 1/2	50 Merrimac Chemical Co., par \$50 90	
10 First Nat. Bank.....	466	5 New England Power Assn., pref.,	
3 American Trust Co.....	475	98 3/4 & div.	
370 Parker Mills, common.....	4	49 Ludlow Mfg. Associates.....	200 1/2
67 Nonquitt Spinning Co.....	17	25 Western Massachusetts Cos.....	66 1/2
10 Gosnold Mills, pref., ctg. of dep. 9 1/2		20 units First Peoples Trust.....	55 1/2
5 Farr Alpaca Co.....	110	11 Plymouth Cordage Co.....	69 1/2
27 Border City Mfg. Co.....	9-9 1/2	71 Lowell Elec. Light Corp. v. t. c.,	
25 York Mfg. Co.....	19 1/2	par \$25.....	56-57
10 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.,	138 1/2-138 1/2	69 Old Colony Trust Associates.....	52 1/2
4-8 Peppercell Mfg. Co.....	14 1/2	115 Sullivan Machinery Co.....	55 1/2-56
20 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.....	138 1/2	50 Eastern Utilities Associates, com. 41 1/2	
2 Graton & Knight Co., pref.....	72 1/2	22 Plymouth Cordage Co.....	69 1/2
5 Graton & Knight Co., com.....	11 1/2	16 Nor. Bost. Ldg. Prop., common	
5 Quincy Mkt. Cold Storage &		v. t. c.....	99 1/2
Warehouse Co., pref.....	72	100 Gilliland Oil Co., com. tr. ctg.;	
18 Blackstone Val. G. & El. Co.,	148	100 Gilliland Oil Co. pref. v. t. c.,	
common, par \$50.....	249 1/2	par \$10.....	\$70 lot
26 U. S. Envelope Co., com.....	52 1/2-53 1/2	11 Colateral Credit Co., pref., par	
25 Old Colony Tr. Associates.....	52 1/2-53 1/2	\$10; 1 Coll. Credit Co., com.....	\$2 on pref.
168 Sullivan Machinery Co., par		\$25.....	
320 Great Northern Paper Co., par		82-89 1/2	

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston.

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
25 Nat. Shawmut Bank.....	330	1,000 Trinidad Oil Fields, Inc.....	6
15 Atlantic Nat. Bank.....	309 1/2	30 Terminal Hotel Trust common.....	95
10 Nat. Shawmut Bank.....	320 1/2	30 Old Colony Trust Associates.....	52 1/2
7 Old Colony Trust Co.....	453	30 Great Northern Paper Co., par	
5 Liberty Trust Co.....	243	\$25.....	82 1/2
5 Farr Alpaca Co.....	109 1/2	18 New England Power Assn.....	84 1/2
5 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.....	138	10 George E. Keith Co., 1st pref.,	
10 Nashua Mfg. Co., pref.....	86 & div.	100 & div.	
3 Western Massachusetts Cos.....	66 1/2		
9 units First Peoples Trust.....	52 1/2		
8 special units First Peoples Trust.....	3 1/2		
300 Carr Fastener Co., com., par \$20	33 1/2	Bonds—	Per cent.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per sh.
2 Springfield Nat. Bank (Delaware		4 Phila. Nat. Bank.....	
County).....	150 1/2	10 Textile Nat. Bank.....	750
25 Colonial Trust Co., par \$50.....	250	Rights—	420
70 Bankers Trust Co., par \$50.....	130	40 Belmont Trust Co.....	\$ per Right.
10 United Security Life Ins. &		20 Belmont Trust Co.....	28 1/2
Trust Co.....	240	5 Franklin Trust.....	27
8 Mitten M. & M. Bk. & Tr. Co. (stamped), par \$50.....	120	67 Franklin Trust Co.....	150 1/2
19 Security Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	70	Bonds—	Per Cent.
10 Hatboro (Pa.) Tr. Co., par \$50.....	202	\$4,000 Bond and mtge. covering	
23 Phila. Bourse, com., par \$50.....	34	Lots 7 & 8 of Block 3, Brookline,	
		Delaware County, Pa.....	\$500 lot

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Beech Creek (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Lehigh Valley, common (quar.)	87 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
St. Louis Southwestern, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Southern Ry. M. & O. stock tr. etc.	*3	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Public Utilities.			
American Community Power—			
1st preferred (No. 1) (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preference (No. 1) (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
American & Foreign Power, pref. (qu.)	*1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Pref. allot. certificates (quar.)	*61 1/2c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Pref. allot. cts. 45% part. pd. (qu.)	*78 3/4c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
American Power & Light, \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13
\$5 preferred, series A (quar.)	62 3/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13
Amer. Superpower Corp., 1st pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
\$5 preference (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Barcelona Trac. Lt. & Pr., part. pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Belgian National Railways—			
Partic. preferred American shares	*\$4.14	Sept. 20	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Boston Elevated Ry., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Second preferred	3 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Calgary Power, Ltd. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Central Maine Pow. 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	*75c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Central & S. W. Utilities, com. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Central States Elec. Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Common (payable in com. stock)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Central States P. & L., \$7 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Chic. North Shore & Milw., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Cities Service Pow. & Lt. \$6 pref. (mthly)	*50c	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
\$7 preferred (monthly)	\$8 1-3c	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
City & Subur. Bell Telep. (quar.)	\$1.13	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Commonwealth Power, com. (quar.)	*75c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 11
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 11
Continental Gas & Elec., com. (qu.)	\$1.10	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
7% prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Denver Tramway, pref.	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Detroit Edison Co. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Duluth-Superior Tract., pref. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Eastern Mass. St. Ry., adj. stock	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Eastern Texas Electric Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Empire Gas & Fuel, 8% pref. (monthly)	66 2-3c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
7% preferred (monthly)	\$5 1-3c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	\$4 1-6c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	*50c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Erie Lighting—Dividend passed.			
Illinois Power & Light, 6% pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Indianapolis Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
International Power, Ltd., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Interstate Power, \$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Jersey Central Pr. & Lt., 7% pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
6% pref. (quar.)	*50c	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 19
Lone Star Gas (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Long Island Ltg., series A, 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Series B, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Manhattan Ry., quar. stock (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Nassau & Suffolk Ltg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
National Elec. Power, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Nat. Public Service Corp., pref. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
New England Power, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
New York Cent. Elec., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
N. Y. Central Elec. Corp., 7% pf. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
North Amer. Light & Power, \$6 pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
North West Utilities 7% pr. lien. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Northport Water Works, pf. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Penn Central Lt. & Pr., \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Philadelphia Traction	*\$2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Porto Rico Rys., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Public Service Co. of N. H. \$6 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
\$5 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.25	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Public Serv. Co. of Okla., com. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1
7% prior lien stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1
6% prior lien stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 25 to Oct. 1
Savannah Elec. & Power, 1st pf. A (qu.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
First preference, ser. B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Southwestern Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Southwestern Light & Pow., pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Springfield Gas & Elec., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Twin City R. T., Minneap., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
United Gas & Elec. Corp., pref. (qu.)	*60c	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
United Lt. & Pr., com. A & B, old (qu.)	*12c	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
New common, A & B (quar.)	*\$1.63	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred A (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
United Public Utilities, \$6 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Utah Power & Light, \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 5
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Utilities Power & Light, class A (qu.)	*50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Class B (quar.)	*20c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
West Kootenay Power & Light, pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Western Power Corp. 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Banks.			
America (Bank of Nat. Assn. (quar.)	*1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Bankamene Corp. (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Chase National (quar.)	3 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Chase Securities Co. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Chatham & Phenix Nat. (quar.)	\$4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 13
Chelsea Exchange (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Seaboard National (quar.)	4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Trust Companies.			
Amer. Exchange Irving Trust (quar.)	3 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Bankers (quar.)	7 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Guaranty (quar.)	4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Manufacturers (quar.)	*5	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
U. S. Trust (quar.)	*\$15	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Fire Insurance.			
Hossier (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Miscellaneous.			
Alberta Pacific Grain, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Aloe (A. S.) Co., com. (quar.)	62c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
American Bakeries, class A	*75c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Amer. Bank Note, com. (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Amer. Car & Foundry, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
American Cigar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Amer. Cyanamid, com. A & B (quar.)	30c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Common A & B (extra)	10c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
American Express (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Amer. Furniture Mart Bldg., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
American Seating, com. (quar.)	*75c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
American Snuff, com. (quar.)	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	*75c	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
American Wholesale Corp., pref. (quar.)	*\$7 1/2c	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 16
Art Metal Construction (quar.)	*50c	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Associated Oil (quar.)			
Atlas Imperial Diesel Engine			
Class A & B (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Class A & B (extra)	*12 1/2c	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Beacon Participations, Inc.—			
Class A participating preferred	25c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Borne Strymsner Co.	\$1	Oct. 15	Sept. 22 to Oct. 13
Extra	50c	Oct. 15	Sept. 22 to Oct. 13
Brillo Mfg., class A (quar.)	50c	Oct. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Butte & Superior Mining (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Cambria Iron	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Canadian Car & Fdy., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 26
Canadian Bakeries, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Certainated Products, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Club Aluminum Utensil (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Cluett, Peabody & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Cohn-Hall-Marx, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Common (quar.)	62 1/2c	Ja. 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (quar.)	62 1/2c	Ap. 1'29	Holders of rec. June 15
Common (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jul. 1'29	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Coleman Lamp & Stove (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Commercial Invest. Trust, com. (quar.)	90c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
7% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
6 1/2% first preferred (quar.)	*43 3/4c	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Consol. Automatic Merchandising, pref.	\$1.71	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Consolidated Cigar, com. (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Consolidated Dairy Prod. (quar.)	2c		
Cresson Cons. Gold Min. & Mill. (quar.)	*2c		
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation (quar.)	*20c	Oct. 21	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Devoe & Raynolds, Inc., com. A & B (qu.)	*60c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Common A & B (extra)	*20c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
First and second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Dominion Glass, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Dominion Textile, com. (quar.)	\$1.24	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Douglas (W. L.) Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Eastern Rolling Mill (quar.)	37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 22
Eastern Steamship Lines, 1st pf. (qu.)	*\$7 1/2c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 22
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Emerson Electric Mfg., pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred Johnson Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Ewa Plantation (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Faultless Rubber (quar.)	37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
First National Stores, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8
First preferred (quar.)	50c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Follansbee Brothers Co., Pitts., com.	1 1/4	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Preferred (quar.)	*\$30c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Footo Bros. Gear & Mach., com. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
General Bronze, pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
General Railway Signal, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Gen. Amer. Tank Car, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1	Oct. 26	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
General Electric, common (quar.)	*15c	Oct. 26	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Special stock (quar.)	omitted		
G. G. Alden & Bumper Co.—Dividend o			
Glenn Spring Coal (quar.)	\$2.50	Sept. 20	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Globe Grain & Milling, com. (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
1st preferred (quar.)	*43 3/4c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
2d preferred (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Golden Gate Ferries, pref. (quar.)	*50c	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Goodyear Tire & Rub., Canada, pf. (qu.)	*\$1.25	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Common (extra)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Graham-Paige Motors, 1st pf. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Gulf Oil Corp. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Granite City Steel, 1st pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Granite City Steel, pref. (quar.)	*15c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Hawallah Pineapple (extra)	2	Sept. 2	Sept. 16 to Sept. 25
Hercules Powder, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 2	Sept. 16 to Sept. 25
Homestake Mining (Monthly)	50c	Sept. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a

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Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Orpheum Circuit, pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 19
Owens Bottle Co. common (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Pacific Nat. Co. (No. 1)	*25c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Pender (D.) Grocery, cl. B (quar.)	*25c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Class B (extra)	*25c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Penick & Ford, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Penney (J. C.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Peoples Drug Stores, Inc. (quar.)	*25c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Pet Milk, common (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Pratt & Lambert, Inc., common (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Price Bros. & Co., com. (quar.)	1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Raybestos Co., common (quar.)	*80c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Reece Buttonhole Sew. Mach. (quar.)	*35c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Reece Folder Machine (quar.)	*35c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Reynolds (R. J.) Tob., com. & com. B (qu)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Richfield Oil, preferred (quar.)	*1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Russ Mfg. (quar.)	*43 1/2c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
St. L. Rocky Mtn. & Pac. Co., com. (qu.)	1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Preferred (quar.)	1/2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15 1/2
Salt Creek Consol. Oil (quar.)	*20c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Schiff Co., conv. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Seventeen Park Ave., Inc., pref.	3	Sept. 15	Sept. 1 to Sept. 16
Sher-Williams Co., Canada, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Smallwood Stone (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Smith (F. H.) Co., 7 1/2% preferred	3 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
7% preferred (quar.)	3 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Standard Oil (Ky.) (quar.)	*1	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Sparks-Withington Co., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 19
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Standard Commercial Tobacco (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Standard Royalties Wewoka Co.			
Preferred (monthly)	*1	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Swedish Amer. Inv. Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Participating preferred (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Tide-Water Oil, com. (quar.)	*20c.	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Traymore, Limited, com. (quar.)	12 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Traveller Shoe Co., com. (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Truscon Steel, com. (quar.)	*30c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Union Guarantee Mtg. Co. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Quarterly	\$1	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	\$1	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Union Mortgage, com. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Quarterly	\$2	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	\$2	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Quarterly	1 1/4	Jan 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Union Tobacco, class A (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
U. S. Tobacco, com. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Utah Copper (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Walgreen Co., pref. (quar.)	1.62 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Warren-Quinn Co., com. (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12 1/2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Warren Bros. Co., com. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17
First preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Second preferred (quar.)	*\$7 1/2c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17
Wescon Oil & Snowdrift, com. (qu.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 17
West Coast Oil (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 5	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Extra	*\$3	Oct. 5	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
West Point Mfg. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama & Vicksburg	3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Bangor & Aroostook, common (quar.)	88c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Boston & Albany (quar.)	2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Canadian Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Preference	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Chesapeake Corporation (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Chesapeake & Ohio, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Preferred series A	3 1/4	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Chic. R. I. & Pacific, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a
Consol. R.Rs. of Cuba, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Cuba Northern Rys., com. (No. 1)	\$4.40	Sept. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a
Cuba RR, preferred	3	Feb 1'29	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 '29a
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/4	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Aug. 29a
Erie & Pittsburgh (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Fonda Johnston & Glover, pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Gulf Mobile & Nor., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Hoeking Valley, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Maine Central, common (quar.)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Missouri-Kansas-Texas, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
New York, Chicago & St. Louis, com. & preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford, com.	1	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	2	Sept. 19	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Old Colony (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Pero Marquette, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a
Prior preferred & preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Pittsb. Bessemer & L. E., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Pittsb. Ft. Wayne & Chic., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Reading Co., first pref. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 13	Holders of rec. Aug. 23a
Second preferred (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 11	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
St. Joseph South Bend & Sou, com	3/4	Sept. 15	Sept. 11 to Sept. 14
Preferred	2 1/4	Sept. 15	Sept. 11 to Sept. 14
St. Louis-San Francisco, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Common (extra)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
6% preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 8a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 129	Hold. of rec. Jan. 7 '29a
Southern Pacific Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 24a
Texas & Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Union Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Vicksburg Shreveport & Pacific, com.	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Preferred	2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Public Utilities.			
Amer. Public Util. pf. & partic. pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Amer. Telep. & Teleg. (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
American Water Works & Electric—			
\$4 first preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15 1/2
Associated Gas & Elec., orig. ser. pf. (qu.)	487 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Associated Telep. Utilities, \$7 pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Bell Telep. of Canada (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 22
Bell Telep. of Pa., 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 22
Brooklyn-Manhattan Tran., ser. A (qu.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan 15'29	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr 15'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Brooklyn Union Gas (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 1 '29a
Buffalo Niagara & East. Power—			
Common and class A (quar.)	*30c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Old preferred (quar.)	*40c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.25	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15

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Public Utilities (Concluded).			
California-Oregon Power, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Central Ill. Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Central Public Serv. Corp., cl. A (qu.)	*43 1/2c.	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 26
\$6 pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1.50	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Chicago Rapid Transit (monthly)	*60c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Monthly	*60c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 18
Coast Cos. Gas & Elec., 1st & 2d pt. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Columbus Elec. & Power, com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred, series B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred, series C (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Consol. G. E. L. & P., Balt., com. (qu.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred A (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred D (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred E (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Consolidated Gas, N. Y., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 8a
Consumers Power Co. 6% pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Elec. Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Elec. Pow. & Lt., allot. cts., full pd. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Allot. cts. 40% paid (quar.)	70c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Electric Public Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Electric Public Utilities, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Engineers Public Serv., conv. pf. (qu.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
Federal Light & Trac., com. (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Galveston-Houston Elec. Co., pref.	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
General Gas & Elec., com. A (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 4
\$8 preferred class A (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
\$7 preferred class A (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Preferred class B (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Great Western Power, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
Gulf States Utilities, \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
\$5.50 preferred (quar.)	\$1.37 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
Illinois Bell Telep. (quar.)	*2	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Illinois Power Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Indianapolis Water Co. pf. A (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
K. C. Pow. & Light, 1st pf B (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Kentucky Hydro Elec. Co., pf. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Laclede Gas Light, com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 20	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Louisville Gas & Elec., com. A & B (qu.)	43 1/2c.	Sept. 25	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Memphis Power & Light, \$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Middle West Utilities, prior lien (quar.)	2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
\$6 prior lien (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Monongahela West Penn Pub. Serv.—			
7% preferred (quar.)	43 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Montana Power, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Nat. Public Service, com. A (quar.)	40c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 27
K. C. Public Serv., com. (quar.)	*45c.	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Prior lien (quar.)	*\$1.75	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 21
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Adjustment, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.06	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
New England Telep. & Teleg. (quar.)	2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
N. Y. & Queens Elec. L. & Pow. (qu.)	*\$7 1/2c.	Sept. 14	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
New York Steam Corp., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
New York Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
New York Water Service, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 5
North American Co., common (quar.)	72 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
North Amer. Utility Securities Corp.—			
First preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
7% preferred (quar.)	(m)	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Northern Liberties Gas (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 12	Aug. 5 to Sept. 11
Northern Ohio Pow. & Lt., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Northwest Utilities, prior lien pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 13
Oklahoma Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Pacific Telep. & Teleg., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4		

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Trust Companies.				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Equitable (quar.)	\$3	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Certo Corporation (quar.)	75c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Title Guarantee & Trust (extra)	6	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 22	Extra	25c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Fire Insurance.				Chelsea Exch. Corp., A & B (qu.)	25c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Universal of Newark (quar.)	87 1/2c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1	Class A & B (quar.)	25c	Fb15'29	Holders of rec. Feb. 1 '29
Miscellaneous.				Class A & B (quar.)	25c	My15'29	Holders of rec. May 1 '29
Acetol Products, Inc., cl. A (quar.)	60c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1	Chesebrough Mfg. Co. (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Adams Express, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Extra	25c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Chic. Jefferson Fuse & Elec. com. (qu.)	\$62 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Allied Chem. & Dy, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a	Chic. M & Lumber, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 24
Aluminum Manufactures, com. (quar.)	50c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Chicago Yellow Cab Co. (monthly)	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Common (quar.)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Monthly	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Chickasha Cotton Oil (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Quarterly	75c	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Amer. Art Works, com. & pf. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Quarterly	75c	Apr 1'29	Holders of rec. Mar 9 '29a
American Bank Note, common (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a	Quarterly	75c	Jul 1'29	Holders of rec. June 10 '29a
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a	Childs Company, common (quar.)	60c	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 27a
Amer. Can, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 27a
Amer. Chain, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a	Chile Copper Co. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
Amer. Chatillon Corp., pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Chrysler Corp., common (quar.)	75c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
American Chiclé, common (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Jan 2'29	2	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
6% preferred (quar.)	35c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 12	Cities Serv. com. (monthly)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
American Cotype, com. (quar.)	75c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 12	Common (payable in com. stock)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Amer. Eucastic Tiling (quar.)	75c	Sept. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 12	Preferred and preferred B B (mthly)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
American Hardware Corp.—				Preferred B (monthly)	5c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Quarterly	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Cleveland Builders Supply & Brick (qu.)	50c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Quarterly	\$1	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Coats (J. & P.) Ltd.			
American Home Products (monthly)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a	Amer. dep. rets. for ord. stk.	(f)	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20	Coca-Cola Co., common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Amer. Linsed, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Coca Cola Internat. (quar.)	\$3	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Coit's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. (quar.)	*50c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Amer. Locomotive, com. (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	Commercial Credits, com. (quar.)	25c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	6 1/2% 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
American Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	7% pref. class B (quar.)	43 1/2c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Common (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Commercial Solvents Corp. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Congress Cigar (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Extra	*25c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Amer. Potash & Chem. Corp. (No. 1)	*50c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 21	Consumers Co., prior pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
American Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Container Corp. of Amer., com. A (qu.)	30c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Amer. Railway Express (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Common class B (quar.)	15c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Amer. Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Extra	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Continental Baking, pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
American Seating Co. com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Cooksville Shale Brick, Ltd., pref. (qu.)	1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Cosgrave Export Brewery (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	City, Inc. (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Amer. Stores (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10	Crane Co., common (quar.)	37 1/2c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Amer. Sugar Belg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Amer. Steel Tool (quar.)	20c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Crosley Radio (stock dividend)	6c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Armour & Co. (Ill.), pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Crosley Radio Corp. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Armour & Co. of Delaware, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Quarterly	25c	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Armstrong Cork (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Crowley Milner & Co., com. (quar.)	*50c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Extra	*12 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Crown Willamette Paper, 1st pf. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Artloom Corp., com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	2nd preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Common (quar.)	75c	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Crucible Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a	Cuban-Amer. Sugar, com. (quar.)	25c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Atlantic Gulf & West I. S. S. Lines—				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Cuneo Press, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a	Curtis Publishing Co., com. (extra)	50c	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Atlantic Refining (quar.)	1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a	Common (monthly)	*50c	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Atlantic Terra Cotta, pref. (quar.)	1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Atlas Powder, common (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a	Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor, com. (qu.)	50c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Autocar Co., pref. (quar.)	*2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Curtis-Hammer Mfg. (quar.)	87c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 4a
Auto Strop Metal Razor, cl. A (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Darby Petroleum (quar.)	25c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Babcock & Wilcox Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	David & Frere, Ltd. (Montreal)—			
Quarterly	1 1/4	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Common class A (quar.)	56c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Quarterly	1 1/4	Apr 1'29	Hold. of rec. Mar. 20 '29a	Davis Industries, class A (quar.)	*\$31 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Balaban & Katz (monthly)	*25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Class A (quar.)	*\$31 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Class B (quar.)	*\$31 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Bamberger (L.) & Co.—				Class B (quar.)	*\$31 1/4	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a	Davis Mills, common (quar.)	1	Sept. 22	Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Bancroft (Joseph) & Sons Co., com. (qu.)	62 1/2c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, com. (quar.)	*50c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Bankers Capital Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Deere & Co., common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Diamond Match (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Barker Bros., com. (quar.) (No. 1)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a	Doehler Die-Casting, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a	7% pref. 50% paid (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Bastian Blessing Co. pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Dolose & Shepard Co. (extra)	*\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Beaton & Caldwell Co. (monthly)	*25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	Dominion Oil, Ltd., class A (quar.)	25c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Beech-Nut Packing, com. (quar.)	60c	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 25	Draper Corporation (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Belding Corciell, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Dunhill International (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Belgo Canadian Paper, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Quarterly	\$1	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Bendix Corp., class A (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Quarterly	\$1	Apr 1'29	Hold. of rec. Apr. 1 '29a
Best & Co. (quar.)	75c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 24a	Du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. & Co., com. (qu)	\$2.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Bethlehem Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Debenture Stock (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
Bishop Oil Corp.	10c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1	Eastern Bankers Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Bloch Brothers Tobacco, com. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Nov. 15	Nov. 10 to Nov. 14	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 30	Sept. 25 to Sept. 28	Eastman Kodak, common (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Bmth Manufacturing, cl. A (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Elf, (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Bon Ami Co., class A (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Elsenhor (Otto) & Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Class B (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 28	Eltinger Schild Co. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Bolsa Chicla Oil, class A (No. 1)	*2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Electric Controller & Mfg. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Bohn Aluminum & Brass (quar.)	*75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Electric Storage Battery, com. & pf. (qu.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a
Borg Warner Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Emporium Capwell Corp., com. (quar.)	50c	Sept. 24	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Pref. (for period June 12 to Oct. 1)	*\$2.10	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Equit. Off. Bldg. Corp. new com. (No. 1)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Boston Woven Hose & Rub. com. (qu.)	\$1.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Bristol-Myers Co. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Ewa Plantation (extra)	*\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
British-Amer. Tob., ordinary (interim)	(f)	Sept. 29	Holders of coup. No. 124f	Fair (The), com. (monthly)	20c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Brookway Motor Truck conv. pf. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of coupon No. 10	Fairbanks, Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
British-Amer. Tob. preference	2 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 17	Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, com. (qu.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 17	Common (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Bucyrus-Erie Co., common (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a	Faxon Park, Inc., com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a	Federal Mining & Smelting			
Convertible preference (quar.)	62 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 24a
Burns Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a	Federal Motor Truck (quar.)	20c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Burroughs Adding Machine—				Stock dividend	2 1/2	Oct. 5	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
No par value stock (quar.)	75c	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 24a	Federal Terra Cotta, pref. (quar.)	*2	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 19
Bush Terminal, com. (quar.)	*50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Fifth Avenue Bus Securities (quar.)	16c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Com. (payable in com. stock)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	First Federal Foreign Invest. Trust (qu.)	\$1.75	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Debenture stock (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 28	First National Pictures pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Bush Terminal Bldg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Fleischmann Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
By-Products Coke Corp., com. (qu.)	50c	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a	Floresheim Shoe, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
California Ink, cl. A & B (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Follansbee Bros., com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 8
Class A & B (extra)	*12 1/2c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Preferred (quar.)	*30c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 8
California Packing (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a	Forhan Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
California Petroleum, com. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a	Class A participating stock (quar.)	40c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15

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Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)...	33 1-3c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 21a	Park & Tilford (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Common (monthly)...	33 1-3c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Stock dividend (quar.)	e1	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Common (monthly)...	33 1-3c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a	Quarterly	75c.	Ja 14'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Common (monthly)...	33 1-3c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Stock dividend (quar.)	e1	Ja 14'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Gotham Silk Hosiery (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Quarterly	75c.	Apr 14'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Grassell Chemical, com. (quar.)	67c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Stock dividend (quar.)	e1	Apr 14'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Preferred (quar.)	70c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement, pref. (quar.)	e1	Apr 14'29	Holders of rec. Mar. 29'29a
Great Western Sugar, com. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Perfection Stove (monthly)	37 1/2c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Monthly	37 1/2c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Greene Cananea Copper (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Monthly	37 1/2c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Monthly	37 1/2c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
8% preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Pettibone-Milliken Co., 1st & 2nd pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Gref Bros. Cooperage A (quar.)	80c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Phillips Petroleum (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Group No. 1 Oil	\$100	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Pickers Valtour Co. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Green Watch, common (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Pilgrim Mills (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Common (quar.)	50c.	Mar 1'29	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Pittsburgh Plate Glass (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 23
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Pittsburgh Steel Foundry, pref. (quar.)	*2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Feb 1'29	Holders of rec. Jan. 19'29a	Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Corp., pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Pressed Steel Car, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Gurd (Charles) & Co., Ltd., com	75c.	2 Oct.	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Prophy-lac-tic Brush, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Prudence Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Jan 15'29	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Hall (C. M.) Lamp (quar.)	*25c.	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Pure Oil, 6% pref. (quar.)	*2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Hamilton United Theatres, Ltd., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 1	6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Hanes (P. H.) Knitting, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	5 1/4% pref. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Harbison-Walker Refracs., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	Quaker Oats, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Hawaiian Comm'l & Sugar (extra)	*25c.	Oct. 5	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4c	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Extra	*25c.	Nov. 5	*Holders of rec. Oct. 25	Quaker Oats, com. (quar.)	*3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Hawalian Pineapple (extra)	*20c.	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21	Preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Hecla Mining (quar.)	*15c.	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15	Rapid Electrotape (quar.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Helme (George W.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Regal Shoe, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Remington-Rand Inc. 1st pref. (qu.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (mthly.)	35c.	Sept. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines (mthly.)	10c.	Sept. 8	Holders of rec. Sept. 21	Remington Typewriter, 1st pf. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Holly Oil (quar.)	25c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Aug. 20a	Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Reo Motor Car (quar.)	20c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Hydraulic Press Brick, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a	Extra	30c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Illinois Brick (quar.)	60c.	Oct. 15	Oct. 4 to Oct. 15	Republic Investing Corp. (quar.)	*35c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Illinois Safety Razor, cl. B (No. 1) (qu.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 19	Rubelord Company (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Imperial Tobacco (Can.), ord. (interim)	7 1/2c.	Sept. 28	Holders of rec. Sept. 7	St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 9 to Sept. 20
Preferred	3	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 7	Extra	25c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 9 to Sept. 20
India Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Quarterly	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Insurance Securities Co. (quar.)	35c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Extra	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Internat. Business Machines (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 22a	St. Maurice Valley Corp., pref (qu.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
International Cement, com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 11a	Sangamo Elec. Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Internat. Comb. Engineering, pref. (qu.)	\$7 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Sanitary Grocery Co., com. (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Internat. Equities Corp., class A (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Savage Arms, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
International Harvester com. (quar.)	75c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4c	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1
International Nickel, com. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Schulte Retail Stores, com. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Internat. Paper, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Common (payable in com. stock)	1 1/4c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 19	Common (payable in com. stock)	1 1/4c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Internat. Safety Razor, cl. B (No. 1) (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 19	Preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Internat. Shoe preferred (monthly)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Seoville Mfg. (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
Preferred (monthly)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Quarterly (payable in stock)	e1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Preferred (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Quarterly (payable in stock)	e1	Feb 1'29	Hld. of rec. Jan. 15'29a
International Silver, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a	Quarterly (payable in stock)	e1	My 1'29	Hld. of rec. Apr. 13'29a
Interstate Iron & Steel, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Seaman Brothers, Inc. (extra)	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Common (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5'29a	Extra	50c.	3-15-29	Holders of rec. Mar. 1'29a
Intertype Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14	Segal Lock & Hardware com. (quar.)	25c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Isle Royal Copper Co.	75c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Jewel Tea, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 2a	Shell Union Oil (quar.)	35c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a	Shepard Stores, Inc., cl. A (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Jones & Laughlin, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Class A (quar.)	75c.	Feb 1'29	Hold. of rec. Jan. 20'29
Kelsey-Hayes Wheel com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Class A (quar.)	75c.	May 1'29	Hold. of rec. Apr. 20'29
Kennecott Copper (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Shubert Theatre Corp. (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Kirby Lumber, common (quar.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a	Shively Oil (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Common (quar.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Shively Oil (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Kraft-Phenix Cheese (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Shively Oil (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Stock dividend	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10	Shively Oil (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Kresge (S. S.) Co., com. (quar.)	30c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Sonatrux Tub (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	South Penn Oil (quar.)	*50c.	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	75c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 1	Extra	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Landers, Frary & Clark (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a	South Porto Rico Sugar, com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Quarterly	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a	Common (extra)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Lawyers Title Guaranty	2 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Lehigh Portland Cement, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	South West Pa. Pipe Lines (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Lizgett & Myers Tobacco, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Ludlum Steel (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Common (extra)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Metheson Alkali Wks., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Sperry Flour, pref. B. (quar.)	*40c.	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Standard Milling, com. (qu.)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
May Drug Co. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Standard Milling, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a
Mellon Stores, class A & B (No. 2)	10c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Standard Oil (Calif.) (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 17a
McGenther Linotype (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a	Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 16
Extra	25c.	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a	Standard Oil (Nebraska) (quar.)	*25c.	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 16
Metro-Goldwyn Pictures pref. (quar.)	47 1/2c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25a	Extra	63c.	Sept. 20	Aug. 26 to Sept. 20
Meyer-Banke Co., pref. (No. 1)	*1 1/4c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Standard Oil (N. J.) par 25 (quar.)	25c.	Sept. 20	Aug. 26 to Sept. 20
Midvale Company (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15	\$25 par value stock (extra)	12 1/2c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25a
Miller (I.) & Sons com. (qu.) (No. 1)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	\$100 par value stock (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25a
Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator, pf. (qu)	1 1/4c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 3	Standard Oil of N. Y. (quar.)	40c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25a
Mitchell (J. S.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Standard Oil (Ohio), com.	62 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 17a
Mohawk Carpet Mills com	62 1/2c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Stromberg Carburetor of Amer. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12a
Montgomery Ward & Co., cl. A (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Stroock (S.) & Co. (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Montreal Cottons, Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Quarterly	*75c.	Dec. 22	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Sun Oil Co., common (quar.)	25c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 25
Montreal Loan & Mtge. (quar.)	3	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Swift & Co. (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Morris (Phillip) & Co., Ltd., Inc. (qu.)	25c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Sylvester Oil, com. (quar.)	*15c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Quarterly	25c.	Jan. 16'29	Hold. of rec. Jan. 2'29a	Telautograph Corp., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 19	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Morris Plan Bank (Va.), (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Tennessee Copper & Chemical (qu.)	25c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a
Motor Wheel Corp., com. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Texas Gulf Sulphur (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a
Common (extra)	75c.	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Texon Oil & Land.	\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Com. (payable in com. stock)	75c.	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Thompson Products, class A (quar.)	10c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Murphy (G. C.) Co. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21	Class A (extra)	10c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Nachmann-Springfield Co. (No. 1)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Class B (quar.)	30c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
National American Co., Inc. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Class B (extra)	10c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Tidal Osage Oil Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 5
National Breweries, Ltd., com. (qu.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a	Toddy Shipyards (quar.)	*\$1	Sept. 20	*Holders of rec. Sept. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Traveler Shoe (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 2
National Casualty (Detroit) (quar.)	*3	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Traymore, Ltd., com. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred A & B (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 4a	Trix Food Products, common	*12 1/2c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
National Lead, common (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 4a	Underwood-Elliott Fisher Co., com. (qu.)	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Preferred class A (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a	Union Carbide & Carbon (quar.)	\$1.75	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Preferred class B (quar.)	1 1/4c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a	Union Storage (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a
National Standard Co. (quar.)	1						

name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
U. S. Realty & Improvement	\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 22a
U. S. Realty & Invest. (quar.) (No. 1)	*37 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
U. S. Sheet & W. G., pref. (quar.)	*2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 21
U. S. Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Aug. 30a
Universal Pictures 1st pref. (quar.)	*75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Universal Pipe & Radiator, pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Sept. 20	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Vacuum Oil (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 17	Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Valvoline Oil common (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Vapor Car Heating, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Preferred (quar.)			
Victor Monaghan, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 1	*Sept. 21 to Sept. 30
Vulcan Detinning, pref. & pref. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Prof. (acc. accumulated dividends)	1/2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Wabasso Cotton (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Wagner Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Wait & Bond, class B (quar.)	30c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Waldorf System, com. (quar.)	37 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*20c	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Walker (Hiram)-Gooderham & Worts (qu.)	*25c	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Extra	30c	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a
Walworth Co., com. (quar.)	*75c	Sept. 29	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Ward Baking, com. A (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 13a
Preferred (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Warner-Quinlan Co., common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 12
6 1/2 % preferred (quar.)	\$1	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Weber & Hellbronner, Inc., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Western Canada Flour Mills, com. (qu.)	*35c	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Western Oil & Refining, pref.	4	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a
Preferred (quar.)	*1	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Westland Oil	1 1/4	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
White Motor of America, pref. (quar.)	25c	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
White Motor (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
White Rock Mineral Spg., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
First preferred (quar.)	2 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Second preferred	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Wire Wheel Corp. of Amer., pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Jan. 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	37 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Woodworth, Inc., com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preference (quar.)	25c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co., com. (mthly.)	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Common (monthly)	25c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Common (monthly)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 7a
Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.)	*30c	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Yarns Corp. of America class A (qu.)	6 2-3c	Oct. 1	Sept. 26 to Sept. 30
Yellow & Checker Cab, com. A (mthly.)	6 2-3c	Nov. 1	Oct. 26 to Oct. 31
Common class A (monthly)	6 2-3c	Dec. 1	Nov. 26 to Nov. 30
Common class A (monthly)	*\$1.25	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14
Youngstown Sheet & Tube, com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 14

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock.

l Associated Gas & Electric dividends payable in cash or in class A stock as follows: On \$6 pref. 3.33-100 shares class A stock; on \$6.50 pref., 3.61-100 shares class A stock; on original preferred, 2.26-100 of a share of class A stock; on \$7 preferred, 3.95-100 of a share of class A stock.

m \$1.50 for each \$100 paid in. n Payable either in cash or class A stock at rate of one-fortieth of a share. o May be applied to the purchase of additional common A stock at rate of 1-50th of a share for each share held at rate of \$30 per share.

p British American Tobacco dividend is 10d. per share. All transfers received in order in London on or before Sept. 3 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees.

q Imperial Tobacco of Great Britain & Ireland dividend is 1s. 6d. per share, less deduction for expenses of depositary.

r Dividend is 9d. per share less expenses for depositary. s Shulte Retail Stores declared 2% in stock, payable 1/2% quarterly. t Payable either in cash or class A stock at rate of one-fortieth of a share.

u Payable either in cash or class A stock at rate of one-fortieth share; class B payable either in cash or class B stock at rate of one-fortieth share.

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. The new return shows nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. We give it below in full:

STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY SEPT. 1 1928.

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	* Surplus & Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits Average.	Time Deposits Average.
Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	6,000,000	12,875,200	54,950,000	8,235,000
Bank of the Manhattan Co.	12,500,000	19,225,500	139,787,000	31,444,000
Bank of America Nat. Assoc.	25,000,000	37,069,900	129,588,000	51,975,000
National City Bank	90,000,000	73,961,000	833,599,000	168,635,000
Chemical National Bank	6,000,000	20,014,500	124,925,000	6,375,000
National Bank of Commerce	25,000,000	46,295,200	316,766,000	40,433,000
Chat. Phenix Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	13,500,000	14,868,400	156,839,000	43,834,000
Hanover National Bank	5,000,000	26,702,400	115,294,000	2,946,000
Corn Exchange Bank	11,000,000	17,762,700	165,076,000	28,986,000
National Park Bank	10,000,000	25,069,500	113,632,000	8,208,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	87,588,200	243,525,000	11,765,000
Amer. Exchange Irving Tr. Co.	40,000,000	52,522,200	352,185,000	50,039,000
Continental Bank	1,000,000	1,438,900	6,100,000	600,000
Chase National Bank	60,000,000	77,826,700	657,124,000	66,255,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,158,700	23,159,000	703,000
Garfield National Bank	1,000,000	1,899,000	14,275,000	450,000
Seaboard National Bank	9,000,000	12,351,100	118,008,000	7,251,000
State Bank & Trust Co.	5,000,000	6,631,700	34,260,000	59,668,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	75,000,000	324,069,000	61,446,000
U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co.	5,000,000	5,951,400	55,935,000	4,998,000
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	10,000,000	21,857,400	36,824,000	2,447,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	40,000,000	59,231,700	443,059,000	74,938,000
Fidelity Trust Co.	3,000,000	3,648,500	38,684,000	5,115,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	10,000,000	24,009,500	135,807,000	28,973,000
New York Trust Co.	10,000,000	22,149,200	108,113,000	19,870,000
Farmers Loan & Trust Co.	30,000,000	25,591,000	314,904,000	37,659,000
Equitable Trust Co.	30,000,000	3,705,600	27,128,000	7,143,000
Colonial Bank	1,400,000			
Clearing Non-Member.				
Mechanics Tr. Co., Bayonne.	500,000	773,900	3,416,000	5,743,000
Totals.	469,400,000	782,967,200	4,997,034,000	838,610,000

* As per official reports: National, June 30 1928. State, June 30 1928. Trust companies, June 30 1928. Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$230,702,000; (b) \$13,857,000; (c) \$51,600,000; (d) \$82,080,000; (e) \$2,172,000; (f) \$110,353,000.

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 Aug. 31:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, AUG. 31 1928.

	NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.					
	Loans.	Gold.	Other Cash Including N. Y. and Bk. Notes.	Res. Dep. Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—						
Bank of U. S.	148,406,900	19,500	2,078,300	15,102,800	1,441,900	141,592,800
Bronx National	19,867,000	8,300	710,000	632,000	-----	20,428,000
Bryant Park Bank	1,917,600	69,600	157,700	188,100	-----	1,990,900
Chelsea Exch. Bk.	20,462,000	-----	1,616,000	659,000	-----	19,767,000
* Grace National	17,497,555	6,000	89,365	1,319,200	1,701,680	15,132,482
Harriman Nat'l	33,275,000	20,000	834,000	4,119,000	705,000	35,875,000
Port Morris	4,383,500	31,500	95,000	178,200	-----	3,903,400
Public National	111,387,000	20,000	1,822,000	6,609,000	2,593,000	105,010,000
Brooklyn—						
First National	19,661,200	31,700	454,000	1,952,000	263,400	17,495,200
Mechanics	55,269,000	310,000	1,442,000	7,016,000	-----	50,950,600
Municipal	45,839,800	21,500	1,338,200	3,876,900	29,000	43,528,200
Nassau National	22,154,000	85,000	280,000	1,649,000	288,000	18,991,000
Peoples National	8,458,050	3,500	146,000	569,000	56,000	8,255,000
Traders National	3,089,900	-----	37,800	304,000	22,400	2,336,400

* Clearing non-member.

	TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.				
	Loans.	Cash.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—					
American	50,546,200	713,800	9,918,800	\$ 2,508	52,624,400
Bronx County	22,441,079	581,421	1,350,382	-----	22,157,376
Central Union	235,442,000	*27,974,000	4,608,000	3,023,000	238,568,000
Empire	73,745,500	*4,455,700	3,301,700	3,088,000	70,085,300
Bank of Europe & Tr.	16,412,200	827,000	56,100	-----	15,780,800
Federation	17,307,756	204,006	1,262,623	256,188	17,359,800
Fulton	16,158,800	*119,400	2,117,100	-----	15,755,300
Manufacturers	277,590,000	2,448,000	33,737,000	1,606,000	252,673,000
United States	81,621,200	4,083,333	6,520,000	-----	67,670,000
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	60,688,300	1,336,000	9,336,100	-----	63,952,700
Kings County	26,516,084	1,761,982	2,290,667	-----	24,519,040
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	9,497,184	274,821	706,117	281,429	9,492,691

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central Union, \$27,163,000; Empire, \$2,784,000; Fulton, \$1,922,800.

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:

	Sept. 5 1928.	Changes from Previous Week	Aug. 29 1928.	Aug. 22 1928.
Capital	\$ 84,150,000	Unchanged	\$ 84,150,000	\$ 84,150,000
Surplus and profits	108,448,000	Unchanged	108,448,000	108,448,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts	1,094,442,000	-10,835,000	1,105,277,000	1,113,418,000
Individual deposits	660,375,000	+ 7,315,000	653,060,000	654,636,000
Due to banks	136,869,000	+ 8,421,000	128,448,000	130,016,000
Time deposits	283,801,000	-1,346,000	285,147,000	283,674,000
United States deposits	22,329,000	-2,368,000	24,697,000	32,643,000
Exchanges for Clg. House	35,366,000	+12,984,000	22,382,000	22,765,000
Due from other banks	80,866,000	+ 9,654,000	71,212,000	77,553,000
Res've in legal deposit'les	80,990,000	+ 849,000	80,141,000	79,714,000
Cash in bank	9,634,000	-96,000	9,730,000	9,449,000
Res've excess in F. R. Bk.	1,458,000	+ 640,000	818,000	433,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Sept. 1, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

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.

Two Cityphs (00) omitted.	Week Ended Sept. 1 1928.			Aug. 25 1928.	Aug. 18 1928.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies.	1928. Total.		
Capital	\$ 54,790.0	\$ 9,500.0	\$ 64,290.0	\$ 64,290.0	\$ 64,290.0
Surplus and profits	172,538.0	18,293.0	190,831.0	191,100.0	191,100.0
Loans, disc'ts, & invest.	1,034,765.0	104,850.0	1,139,615.0	1,138,327.0	1,139,032.0
Exch. for Clear. House	34,318.0	791.0	35,109.0	28,789.0	30,907.0
Due from banks	85,000.0	514.0	85,514.0	80,295.0	82,513.0
Bank deposits	120,366.0	3,696.0	124,062.0	123,577.0	127,407.0
Individual deposits	594,566.0				

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Sept. 6, 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 1327, 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 SEPT. 5 1928.

	Sept. 5 1928.	Aug. 29 1928.	Aug. 22 1928.	Aug. 15 1928.	Aug. 8 1928.	Aug. 1 1928.	July 25 1928.	July 18 1928.	Sept. 7 1927.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,082,429,000	1,093,837,000	1,107,113,000	1,117,450,000	1,107,601,000	1,117,466,000	1,119,717,000	1,130,963,000	1,579,526,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	66,351,000	65,243,000	66,020,000	71,555,000	72,563,000	63,309,000	71,406,000	73,465,000	43,238,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,148,780,000	1,159,080,000	1,173,133,000	1,189,005,000	1,180,164,000	1,180,775,000	1,191,123,000	1,204,428,000	1,622,764,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	751,338,000	724,389,000	715,244,000	694,976,000	695,550,000	690,048,000	681,912,000	661,912,000	694,143,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	709,031,000	734,840,000	725,611,000	728,611,000	729,702,000	728,715,000	732,347,000	733,252,000	672,786,000
Total gold reserves	2,609,149,000	2,618,809,000	2,613,988,000	2,612,592,000	2,605,416,000	2,599,538,000	2,604,031,000	2,599,592,000	2,989,693,000
Reserves other than gold	138,148,000	146,085,000	147,414,000	150,699,000	150,042,000	156,027,000	157,154,000	159,244,000	135,549,000
Total reserves	2,747,297,000	2,764,894,000	2,761,402,000	2,763,291,000	2,755,458,000	2,755,565,000	2,761,185,000	2,758,836,000	3,125,242,000
Non-reserve cash	52,296,000	58,241,000	57,582,000	60,354,000	58,337,000	60,172,000	64,517,000	65,096,000	45,596,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	652,032,000	604,316,000	584,184,000	566,854,000	603,944,000	655,500,000	596,385,000	615,027,000	241,953,000
Other bills discounted	428,085,000	434,457,000	453,262,000	435,680,000	457,341,000	430,276,000	428,724,000	396,730,000	207,531,000
Total bills discounted	1,080,117,000	1,038,773,000	1,037,446,000	1,002,534,000	1,061,285,000	1,085,776,000	1,025,109,000	1,011,757,000	449,484,000
Bills bought in open market	186,796,000	184,299,000	183,600,000	189,902,000	161,847,000	165,879,000	169,083,000	181,035,000	197,306,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	53,883,000	54,764,000	54,599,000	54,819,000	55,259,000	55,099,000	55,044,000	56,024,000	237,700,000
Treasury notes	87,026,000	88,251,000	85,651,000	85,622,000	87,841,000	87,677,000	87,206,000	89,505,000	108,603,000
Certificates of indebtedness	65,476,000	65,949,000	66,660,000	65,972,000	64,968,000	68,887,000	65,391,000	63,813,000	153,166,000
Total U. S. Government securities	206,385,000	208,964,000	206,910,000	206,413,000	207,868,000	211,663,000	207,641,000	209,342,000	499,469,000
Other securities (see note)	990,000	990,000	990,000	990,000	490,000	490,000	490,000	490,000	320,000
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,474,288,000	1,433,026,000	1,428,946,000	1,399,839,000	1,431,490,000	1,463,808,000	1,402,323,000	1,402,624,000	1,146,579,000
Gold held abroad	571,000	574,000	574,000	575,000	574,000	573,000	573,000	573,000	12,267,000
Due from foreign banks (see note)	681,587,000	615,468,000	636,859,000	735,573,000	593,054,000	651,501,000	628,843,000	740,451,000	689,215,000
Uncollected items	60,255,000	60,132,000	60,134,000	60,123,000	60,123,000	60,115,000	60,113,000	60,063,000	59,579,000
Bank premises	8,981,000	8,913,000	8,813,000	8,993,000	8,743,000	8,463,000	8,628,000	8,431,000	19,512,000
All other resources	5,025,275,000	4,941,248,000	4,954,310,000	5,028,750,000	4,907,779,000	5,000,197,000	4,924,182,000	5,036,074,000	5,097,990,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,701,035,000	1,650,996,000	1,641,967,000	1,638,622,000	1,627,588,000	1,612,690,000	1,606,582,000	1,618,863,000	1,720,715,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,273,343,000	2,268,682,000	2,280,560,000	2,285,180,000	2,265,606,000	2,343,504,000	2,299,893,000	2,306,632,000	2,318,415,000
Government	8,946,000	27,324,000	17,331,000	9,307,000	42,277,000	29,970,000	20,331,000	13,735,000	20,803,000
Foreign banks (see note)	6,347,000	9,799,000	9,140,000	8,533,000	8,724,000	9,528,000	8,651,000	10,057,000	5,487,000
Other deposits	16,941,000	18,877,000	18,599,000	20,053,000	17,803,000	19,197,000	17,241,000	18,618,000	23,054,000
Total deposits	2,305,577,000	2,324,682,000	2,323,630,000	2,323,493,000	2,334,410,000	2,402,194,000	2,346,116,000	2,349,442,000	2,367,759,000
Deferred availability items	615,257,000	562,768,000	584,711,000	665,639,000	547,270,000	587,799,000	574,543,000	672,160,000	636,403,000
Capital paid in	144,924,000	144,860,000	144,854,000	144,695,000	143,057,000	143,009,000	143,024,000	143,116,000	130,668,000
Surplus	233,319,000	233,319,000	233,319,000	233,319,000	233,319,000	233,319,000	233,319,000	233,319,000	228,775,000
All other liabilities	25,163,000	24,623,000	23,829,000	22,982,000	22,137,000	21,186,000	20,598,000	19,574,000	13,670,000
Total liabilities	5,025,275,000	4,941,248,000	4,954,310,000	5,028,750,000	4,907,779,000	5,000,197,000	4,924,182,000	5,036,074,000	5,097,990,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	65.1%	65.9%	65.9%	65.9%	65.8%	64.7%	64.3%	65.5%	73.2%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	68.6%	69.5%	69.6%	69.7%	69.5%	68.6%	69.9%	69.5%	76.4%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	279,049,000	277,897,000	289,353,000	290,180,000	305,018,000	306,285,000	305,452,000	305,186,000	174,107,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	90,527,000	80,174,000	75,725,000	77,748,000	51,655,000	52,006,000	57,426,000	76,020,000	113,661,000
1-15 days bills discounted	899,167,000	854,964,000	850,533,000	823,346,000	883,129,000	896,105,000	844,643,000	828,869,000	361,766,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	2,115,000	2,535,000	3,280,000	1,955,000	1,235,000	1,210,000	805,000	405,000	82,055,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	29,577,000	36,280,000	36,924,000	37,618,000	37,852,000	39,364,000	38,340,000	29,072,000	30,297,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	57,716,000	53,014,000	48,386,000	44,542,000	40,727,000	41,986,000	36,675,000	40,928,000	26,909,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	37,230,000	41,153,000	41,387,000	39,414,000	40,716,000	42,714,000	44,314,000	44,012,000	33,759,000
16-30 days bills discounted	78,090,000	83,138,000	86,953,000	79,650,000	80,142,000	81,514,000	71,495,000	68,759,000	37,927,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	22,660,000	20,965,000	22,794,000	27,693,000	26,143,000	25,519,000	25,410,000	24,602,000	20,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	36,717,000	37,542,000	41,200,000	42,491,000	45,324,000	51,540,000	57,393,000	59,333,000	18,647,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	6,802,000	5,727,000	6,770,000	7,429,000	5,481,000	6,276,000	5,593,000	7,329,000	2,560,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	8,427,000	10,115,000	10,374,000	12,505,000	11,963,000	14,631,000	12,903,000	13,868,000	4,235,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	63,361,000	63,414,000	63,380,000	64,017,000	63,733,000	67,767,000	64,586,000	63,408,000	66,682,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	2,811,418,000	2,800,498,000	2,807,420,000	2,816,638,000	2,819,200,000	2,825,782,000	2,822,202,000	2,831,152,000	2,889,860,000
Over 90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	766,585,000	778,870,000	780,020,000	799,980,000	804,820,000	806,970,000	799,770,000	796,880,000	814,215,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	2,044,833,000	2,021,628,000	2,027,400,000	2,016,658,000	2,014,380,000	2,018,812,000	2,022,432,000	2,034,272,000	2,075,645,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	341,321,000	338,820,000	348,620,000	352,827,000	350,977,000	348,477,000	352,477,000	352,476,000	421,876,000
Gold redemption fund	92,994,000	94,621,000	89,541,000	88,153,000	94,652,000	99,796,000	91,446,000	95,355,000	102,006,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	648,114,000	660,396,000	668,952,000	676,470,000	661,972,000	669,193,000	675,794,000	683,132,000	1,055,644,000
By eligible paper	1,226,166,000	1,183,121,000	1,189,770,000	1,155,853,000	1,191,942,000	1,213,595,000	1,160,789,000	1,157,472,000	616,489,000
Total	2,208,695,000	2,276,958,000	2,296,883,000	2,273,303,000	2,299,543,000	2,331,061,000	2,280,506,000	2,288,435,000	2,196,015,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earning assets," previously made up of 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 SEPT. 5 1928

Two others (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	1,082,429,000	109,873,000	175,091,000	77,781,000	142,352,000	18,713,000	66,207,000	214,449,000	14,868,000	44,489,000	46,480,000	15,355,000	156,771,000
Gold red' fund with U. S. Treas.	66,351,000	4,725,000	18,025,000	6,868,000	5,197,000	2,730,000	4,383,000	7,919,000	6,025,000	1,922,000	2,955,000	1,955,000	3,647,000
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes	1,148,780,000	114,598,000	193,116,000	84,649,000	147,549,000	21,443,000	70,590,000	222,368,000	20,893,000	46,411,000	49,435,000	17,310,000	160,418,000
Gold settle' fund with F. R. Board	751,338,000	81,681,000	157,728,000	39,360,000	77,112,000	32,149,000	12,034,000	211,139,000	29,301,000	19,617,000	42,131,000	18,131,000	30,955,000
Gold and gold certificates	709,031,000	26,872,000	484,487,000	26,018,000	42,801,000	6,174,000	3,425,000	50,866,000	10,918,000	4,993,000	7,112,000	12,280,000	33,085,000
Total gold reserves	2,609,149,000	223,151,0											

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other securities	990.0		500.0							400.0			
Total bills and securities	1,474,288.0	87,821.0	431,651.0	138,959.0	129,529.0	68,222.0	95,951.0	161,701.0	68,291.0	39,190.0	52,769.0	56,350.0	143,854.0
Due from foreign banks	571.0	37.0	215.0	47.0	52.0	25.0	21.0	69.0	14.0	18.0	17.0	35.0	
Uncollected items	681,587.0	63,066.0	178,656.0	53,047.0	64,440.0	53,207.0	24,531.0	83,593.0	33,557.0	15,558.0	45,212.0	28,146.0	38,574.0
Bank premises	60,255.0	3,824.0	16,675.0	1,752.0	6,806.0	3,486.0	2,838.0	8,720.0	3,902.0	2,202.0	4,308.0	1,907.0	3,835.0
All other resources	8,981.0	82.0	1,588.0	292.0	1,343.0	416.0	1,255.0	1,021.0	322.0	1,007.0	503.0	531.0	621.0
Total resources	5,025,275.0	394,270.0	1,504,815.0	352,390.0	487,460.0	198,151.0	229,768.0	764,107.0	187,069.0	131,823.0	208,458.0	141,419.0	425,545.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,701,035.0	153,261.0	359,216.0	132,669.0	199,687.0	58,067.0	127,507.0	287,544.0	57,129.0	55,002.0	60,769.0	36,015.0	174,169.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.	2,273,343.0	150,719.0	866,874.0	132,146.0	185,841.0	68,142.0	61,973.0	343,875.0	79,184.0	50,917.0	91,335.0	63,382.0	178,955.0
Government	8,946.0	30.0	77.0	624.0	366.0	2,478.0	1,030.0	1,321.0	554.0	1,269.0	209.0	827.0	161.0
Foreign bank	6,347.0	473.0	1,823.0	598.0	655.0	321.0	265.0	876.0	271.0	170.0	227.0	221.0	447.0
Other deposits	16,941.0	235.0	6,994.0	50.0	1,143.0	149.0	121.0	1,112.0	463.0	300.0	644.0	45.0	5,685.0
Total deposits	2,305,577.0	151,457.0	875,768.0	133,418.0	188,005.0	71,090.0	63,389.0	347,184.0	80,472.0	52,656.0	92,415.0	64,475.0	185,248.0
Deferred availability items	615,257.0	60,041.0	150,207.0	48,553.0	58,923.0	49,243.0	22,169.0	74,220.0	32,616.0	12,964.0	41,235.0	27,497.0	37,589.0
Capital paid in	144,924.0	10,034.0	48,908.0	14,369.0	14,301.0	6,080.0	5,240.0	18,213.0	5,400.0	3,017.0	4,200.0	4,304.0	10,888.0
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	16,229.0
All other liabilities	25,163.0	1,584.0	7,709.0	1,719.0	2,523.0	1,347.0	1,467.0	4,168.0	1,055.0	1,145.0	793.0	601.0	1,052.0
Total liabilities	5,025,275.0	394,270.0	1,504,815.0	352,390.0	487,460.0	198,151.0	229,768.0	764,107.0	187,069.0	131,823.0	208,458.0	141,419.0	425,545.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	68.6	76.9	69.6	58.8	72.7	53.7	52.9	79.1	56.4	67.7	67.7	52.2	65.5
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	279,049.0	20,875.0	79,207.0	26,441.0	28,946.0	14,195.0	11,690.0	38,688.0	11,968.0	7,515.0	10,020.0	9,742.0	19,762.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	343,798.0	20,849.0	101,026.0	23,212.0	29,928.0	14,456.0	28,179.0	36,572.0	10,994.0	7,599.0	8,807.0	6,870.0	55,306.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 5 1928.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Two ciphers (00) omitted.													
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	2,811,418.0	239,960.0	721,722.0	178,081.0	264,145.0	93,772.0	222,296.0	441,486.0	85,693.0	78,075.0	101,556.0	69,157.0	325,475.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	786,585.0	65,850.0	261,480.0	22,200.0	34,530.0	21,249.0	66,610.0	117,370.0	17,570.0	15,474.0	31,980.0	16,272.0	96,000.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	2,044,833.0	174,110.0	460,242.0	155,881.0	229,615.0	72,523.0	155,686.0	324,116.0	68,123.0	62,601.0	69,576.0	42,885.0	229,475.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.													
Gold and gold certificates	341,321.0	35,300.0	153,161.0		50,000.0	6,690.0	27,100.0		7,600.0	14,167.0		12,303.0	35,000.0
Gold redemption fund	92,994.0	16,573.0	16,930.0	11,104.0	12,352.0	7,023.0	3,607.0	1,449.0	1,268.0	2,322.0	3,620.0	2,052.0	14,694.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	648,114.0	58,000.0	5,000.0	66,677.0	80,000.0	5,000.0	35,500.0	213,000.0	6,000.0	25,000.0	42,860.0	1,000.0	107,077.0
Eligible paper	1,226,166.0	78,985.0	385,503.0	96,807.0	92,292.0	61,513.0	90,428.0	127,132.0	68,256.0	25,052.0	35,332.0	40,335.0	124,531.0
Total collateral	2,308,595.0	188,858.0	560,594.0	174,588.0	234,644.0	80,226.0	156,635.0	341,581.0	83,124.0	69,641.0	81,812.0	55,690.0	281,302.0

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 635 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 1327, 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 AUG. 29 1928 (In thousands of dollars).

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	22,134,464	1,507,651	8,349,303	1,247,705	2,205,985	679,990	638,454	3,288,917	719,436	373,015	684,236	452,756	1,987,016
Loans and discounts—total	15,729,207	1,063,107	6,050,422	843,943	1,468,274	521,552	503,758	2,411,415	510,755	238,266	443,440	334,501	1,339,774
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	125,147	10,446	47,703	8,627	13,114	3,206	4,289	20,428	4,326	2,377	3,338	2,236	5,057
Secured by stocks and bonds	6,522,925	378,300	2,778,717	463,802	666,013	183,038	133,620	10,524,947	215,341	73,979	129,744	86,232	361,192
All other loans and discounts	9,081,135	674,361	3,224,002	371,514	789,147	335,308	365,849	1,338,040	291,088	161,910	310,358	246,033	973,525
Investments—total	6,405,257	444,544	2,298,881	403,762	737,711	158,438	134,696	877,502	208,681	134,749	240,796	118,255	647,242
U. S. Government securities	2,908,200	166,080	1,095,111	122,097	323,537	70,779	61,919	378,332	73,420	73,464	114,966	80,122	348,373
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,497,057	278,464	1,203,770	281,665	414,174	87,659	72,777	499,170	135,261	61,285	125,830	38,133	298,869
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,660,784	98,249	756,471	76,438	130,782	40,337	38,196	246,901	45,684	23,140	57,146	32,932	114,508
Cash in vault	246,947	18,945	66,093	13,230	29,986	11,706	9,921	39,488	7,260	6,361	11,747	9,319	22,891
Net demand deposits	12,870,985	885,324	5,591,622	707,202	1,034,324	349,465	309,924	1,812,262	373,034	210,822	499,494	283,166	814,340
Time deposits	6,912,285	491,323	1,705,272	302,883	977,473	246,971	238,440	1,258,546	240,909	129,965	176,634	128,218	1,015,651
Government deposits	117,866	23,650	22,673	14,374	13,588	3,675	6,870	16,479	2,607	1,599	2,760	3,900	5,691
Due from banks	1,007,772	41,546	110,414	54,175	94,249	42,728	63,482	214,465	42,718	45,353	112,684	54,824	131,134
Due to banks	2,964,321	125,801	1,138,704	155,407	212,785	92,032	89,950	472,124	107,000	80,819	218,197	87,251	184,251
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	774,366	34,406	233,633	74,029	64,984	30,607	47,509	113,040	43,635	12,835	20,311	20,076	79,301
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	479,506	16,215	146,978	55,839	37,770	12,589	12,394	87,999	16,605	6,950	11,034	13,100	62,033
All other	294,860	18,191	86,655	18,190	27,214	18,018	35,115	25,041	27,030	5,885	9,277	6,976	17,268
Number of reporting banks	635	36	78	40	70	64	31	92	29	24	64	44	54

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 Sept. 5 1928, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Sept. 5 1928.	Aug. 29 1928.	Sept. 7 1927.		Sept. 5 1928.	Aug. 29 1928.	Sept. 7 1927.
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Resources—				Resources (Concluded)—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	175,091,000	175,175,000	261,312,000	Gold held abroad			
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	18,025,000	19,149,000	13,148,000	Due from foreign banks (See Note)	215,000	218,000	3,573,000
Gold held exclusively agst F. R. notes	193,116,000	194,324,000	274,460,000	Uncollected items	178,656,000	165,389,000	193,850,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	157,723,000	200,959,000	234,844,000	Bank premises	16,675,000	16,568,000	16,276,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	484,487,000	495,623,000	455,513,000	All other resources	1,588,000	1,795,000	8,585,000
Total gold reserves	835,331,000	890,906,000	964,817,000	Total resources	1,504,815,000	1,492,381,000	1,577,747,000
Reserves other than gold	24,822,000	26,693,000	23,815,000	Liabilities—			
Total reserves	860,153,000	917,599,000	988,632,000	Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	359,216,000	343,565,000	374,708,000
Non-reserve cash	15,877,000	17,462,000	10,894,000	Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	866,874,000	877,231,000	904,180,000
Bills discounted				Government	77,000	3,106,000	1,169,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	253,190,000	186,845,000	110,545,000	Foreign bank (See Note)	1,823,000	3,487,000	1,845,000
Other bills discounted	97,012,000	105,677,000	66,143,000	Other deposits	6,994,000	7,530,000	16,231,000
Total bills discounted	350,202,000						

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1347.

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 Sept. 7.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Railroads—					
Alabama & Vicksburg...	10	122	Aug 6	122	Aug 6
Boston & Maine...	500	75	Aug 7	75	Aug 7
Buff Roch & Pitts pf 100	40	98	Aug 7	98	Aug 7
C C & St Louis pf 100	100	106	Aug 7	106	Aug 7
Cuba R R pref...100	10	86 3/4	Aug 6	86 3/4	Aug 6
Havana Elec Ry pref...100	600	9 1/4	Aug 1	9 1/4	Aug 1
Hocking Valley...100	20	360	Aug 5	360	Aug 5
Minneapolis & St Louis...100	500	2 3/4	Aug 1	2 3/4	Aug 1
Morris & Essex...50	10	83	Aug 7	83	Aug 7
Nash Chatt & St L...100	30	173 1/2	Aug 5	173 1/2	Aug 5
Nat Rys of Mex 1st pf 100	800	6 1/2	Aug 4	6 1/2	Aug 4
New Ori Tex & Mex...100	20	140 3/4	Aug 6	140 3/4	Aug 6
Northern Central...50	100	84 1/4	Aug 6	84 1/4	Aug 6
Pac Coast 1st pf...100	20	40	Aug 4	40	Aug 4
2nd preferred...100	20	20 3/4	Aug 6	20 3/4	Aug 6
Pitts C & St Louis...100	10	104 1/4	Aug 4	104 1/4	Aug 4
Pitts Ft W & Chicago 100	1,200	6 1/2	Sept 1	6 1/2	Sept 1
So Ry M & O cts...100	260	134	Sept 1	137	Sept 1
Abtibi Pow & Pap pf 100	700	89 1/2	Sept 6	89 1/2	Sept 6
Am Pow & Light pref...100	500	102 3/4	Sept 6	103 1/2	Sept 6
Archer-Daniels Midl rts.	3,200	3 1/4	Sept 7	3 1/4	Sept 7
Barker Bros...100	900	28 1/2	Sept 7	30	Sept 7
Brockway Mot Trucks...17,400	61 1/4	Sept 5	64 1/2	Sept 7	65
Preferred...100	300	130	Sept 7	132	Sept 7
Bucyrus-Erie pref (7) 100	100	115 1/2	Sept 1	115 1/2	Sept 1
Cannon Mills...4,600	46	Sept 5	47 1/2	Sept 6	48
Cent Alloy Steel pref...100	90	110	Sept 7	110 1/2	Sept 7
Chickasha Cotton Oil...2,800	49 1/2	Sept 5	51	Sept 5	51
Coml Inv Trust war...100	1,200	6 1/2	Sept 1	6 1/2	Sept 1
Conley Tin Foil stpd...4,700	25 1/4	Sept 5	1 1/4	Sept 1	1 1/4
Cons Film Indus pref...4,400	25	Sept 6	26 1/2	Sept 4	23
Contalner Corp of A...20	8,900	12 1/2	Sept 4	13	Sept 1
Class B...110	110	Sept 5	111	Sept 4	110
Cushman's Sons pref...3,800	58	Sept 6	63 1/2	Sept 4	52
Cutler-Hammer Mfg...300	42 1/2	Sept 6	42 1/2	Sept 5	40 1/2
Debenham Securities...30,500	110 1/2	Sept 7	117 1/2	Sept 1	80
Drug Inc...100	36 1/2	Sept 7	36 1/2	Sept 7	35
Durham Hos Mills pf 100	30	83 1/2	Sept 1	88 1/2	Sept 1
Eisenlohr Bros pref...4,300	33 1/2	Sept 5	36 1/2	Sept 7	33 1/2
Eltinger Schld...1,000	102 1/2	Sept 6	104 1/2	Sept 7	104 1/2
Preferred...50	12	Sept 4	13	Sept 4	12 1/2
Elk Horn Coal pref...1,900	76 1/2	Sept 7	78	Sept 1	74 1/2
Gen'l Ice Cream...100	109	Sept 5	109 1/2	Sept 5	109 1/2
Gen'l Motors deb (6) 100	20	104	Sept 5	104	Sept 5
Gen'l Signal pref...2,300	39	Sept 1	41	Sept 7	41
Glidden Co rights...2,600	75	Sept 1	80	Sept 6	85 1/2
Graham-Paige Mot cts...16,100	31 1/2	Sept 4	33 1/2	Sept 6	30 1/2
Grand Stores...35,800	53 1/2	Sept 4	58 1/2	Sept 6	46 1/2
Grand Union...10,108	36	Sept 6	108 1/2	Sept 6	110
Preferred...20	28 1/2	Aug 5	28 1/2	Aug 6	25 1/2
Gulf States St 1st pf 100	400	110	Aug 4	111 1/2	Aug 5
Hackensack Water pf.25	122,550	5 1/2	Aug 5	6 1/2	Aug 7
Internat Nickel pref.100	2,300	68	Aug 4	69 1/2	Aug 4
Rights...100	900	98 1/2	Aug 4	99	Aug 1
Int Paper cts...100	120	Aug 5	120	Aug 5	119
Preferred cts...100	199,200	22 1/2	Aug 1	28	Aug 6
Johns-Manville pref.100	3,200	80	Aug 4	90	Aug 7
Kelth-Albee Orphum...14,700	9 1/2	Aug 4	9 1/2	Aug 1	7 1/2
Preferred...72,000	68 1/2	Aug 5	73 1/2	Aug 7	51 1/2
Kelvinator Corp...10	46 1/2	Aug 7	46 1/2	Aug 7	45
Kolster Corp...900	46	Aug 4	46	Aug 4	44 1/2
Kuppenheimer Co...200	110	Aug 5	110 1/2	Aug 6	108 1/2
Lehigh Portland Cem.50	1,900	102	Aug 1	106 1/2	Aug 6
Preferred...65,600	70	Aug 1	74 1/2	Aug 6	69 1/2
Loew's preferred...500	268	Aug 6	270	Aug 6	274
McKeessport Tin Plate...7,100	45	Aug 1	47 1/2	Aug 7	40 1/2
Macy rights...100	91	Aug 7	91	Aug 7	90 1/2
Maytag pref...51,400	35	Aug 1	37 1/2	Aug 4	25 1/2
Prior preferred...20	99	Aug 7	99	Aug 7	99
Mengel Co...4,500	40	Aug 4	40 1/2	Aug 1	39 1/2
Mil El Ry & Lt pref.100	16,200	128	Aug 4	137 1/2	Aug 7
Mohawk Carpet Mills...320	114	Aug 5	116	Aug 7	114
Motor Products...40	42 1/2	Aug 4	45	Aug 4	33 1/2
National Supply pf...900	75	Aug 5	76 1/2	Aug 6	75
Norwalk Tire & R pf 100	30	120	Aug 4	120	Aug 1
Pacific Lighting...400	8 1/2	Aug 1	8 1/2	Aug 1	8
Pacific Tel & Tel pf...10	110	Aug 6	110	Aug 6	109 1/2
Penna Coal & Coke...200	53	Aug 4	53 1/2	Aug 6	53
Pettibone Mull 1st pf 100	20	95	Aug 5	95	Aug 5
Phillips Jones Corp...200	70	Aug 1	70 1/2	Aug 1	70
Preferred...1,700	24 1/2	Aug 5	26	Aug 4	24 1/2
Pierce Arrow pf new 100	1,300	101 1/2	Aug 1	102 1/2	Aug 7
Class A...10	183	Aug 7	183	Aug 7	185
Postal Tel & Cable...4,000	31 1/2	Aug 5	32 1/2	Aug 6	26
Reynolds Tob class A.25	3,800	36 1/2	Aug 1	36 1/2	Aug 5
Spang Chalfant & Co...92,900	47	Aug 1	54 1/2	Aug 6	36 1/2
Stand San Mfg...7,800	110	Aug 5	111 1/2	Aug 5	111 1/2
Stanley Co...100	22	Aug 6	25	Aug 1	19
The Fair pref...5,700	88 1/2	Aug 6	89 1/2	Aug 4	83 1/2
Tobacco Prod div ctf A.100	100	17 1/2	Aug 7	17 1/2	Aug 7
Class B...200	122 1/2	Aug 7	122 1/2	Aug 7	124
Trico Products...100	124 1/2	Aug 5	124 1/2	Aug 5	124
United Paperboard...1,200	3 1/2	Aug 5	4 1/2	Aug 5	3
Universal Leaf T pf 100	10	90	Aug 7	90	Aug 7
U S Cas P & F pf cts.100	1,200	3 1/2	Aug 5	4 1/2	Aug 5
U S Express...100	90	Aug 7	90	Aug 7	90
Vulcan Det A pref...100	80 1/2	Aug 5	80 1/2	Aug 5	80 1/2
Warner Bros Pictures *1	40,800	95 1/4	Aug 1	121 1/2	Aug 5

* No par value. a Shillings. p—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	Sept. 15 1930-32	3 1/2 %	97 1/2	97 1/2
Dec. 15 1928...	4 %	99 1/2	99 1/2	Mar. 15 1930-32	3 1/2 %	97 1/2	97 1/2
Mar. 15 1929...	3 1/2 %	99 1/2	99 1/2	Dec. 15 1930-32	3 1/2 %	97 1/2	97 1/2
Mar. 15 1929...	3 1/2 %	99 1/2	99 1/2				

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Company	Bid	Ask	Company	Bid	Ask	Company	Bid	Ask
Alliance R'ty	72	85	Mtge Bond...	155	170	Realty Assoc's	275	287
Amer Surety	285	295	N Y Title & Mortgage	652	656	(Bklyn) com	96	99
Bond & M G	440	450	U S Casualty	415	425	1st pref...	93	96
Lawyers Mtge	358	365			2d pref...	98	95	
Lawyers Title & Guarantee	385	395			Westchester Title & Tr.	650	--	

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Bank—N.Y.	Bid	Ask	Bank—N.Y.	Bid	Ask	Tr. Cos.—N.Y.	Bid	Ask
America...	209	212	Port Morris...	675	725	Bronx Co Tr.	400	450
Amer Union...	247	257	Public...	218	224	Central Union	1720	1735
Bronx Bank*	625	700	Seaboard...	820	830	County...	625	675
Bryant Park*	230	300	Seventh...	263	268	Empire...	458	465
Century...	240	250	Seward...	180	185	Equitable Tr.	486	491
Chase...	605	611	State*	815	825	Farm L & Tr.	805	815
Chath Phenix	592	600	Trade*	290	310	Fidelity Trust	415	425
Nat Bk & Tr	592	600	Yorkville...	250	290	Guaranty...	565	600
Chelsea Exch*	280	290	Yorktown*	210	240	Interstate...	288	295
Chemical...	915	935	Brooklyn.			Lawyers Trust	--	--
Colonial*	1275	--	First...	480	515	Manufacturers	--	--
Commerc...	666	671	Globe Exch*	275	325	New \$25 par	234	239
Continental*	575	625	Mechanics*	377	382	Murray Hill...	260	270
Corn Exch...	725	735	Municipal*	445	455	Mutual (Westchester)	350	400
Cosmopolit'n*	500	--	Nassau...	440	455	Times Square	758	765
Fifth Avenue...	2250	2350	People's...	950	960	Trust Cos.	190	195
First...	4300	4370	Prospect...	170	190	Titus Gu & Tr	815	835
Garfield...	400	600	Trust Cos.			U S Mtge & Tr	575	600
Grace...	1300	1320	New York.			United States	3200	3300
Hanover...	975	1025	Am Ex Inv Tr	440	445	Westchester Tr	1000	1100
Harriman...	300	320	Banca Com'l			Brooklyn.	1125	1225
Liberty...	800	805	Italana Tr	450	475	Brooklyn	2500	2700
Manhattan*	854	860	Bank of N Y	730	745	Midwood	275	230
National City	785	710	& Trust Co	975	983			
Park...	178	186	Bankers Trust					

*State banks. †New stock. ‡Ex-dividend. §Ex-stock div. ¶Ex-rights.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.	Sept. 1.	Sept. 3.	Sept. 4.	Sept. 5.	Sept. 6.	Sept. 7.
First Liberty Loan						
3 1/4 % bonds of 1923-47...	High 99 1/2					
(First 3 1/4)...	Low 99 1/2					
Total sales in \$1,000 units...	1		3	98	101	16
Converted 4 % bonds of 1932-47 (First 4s)...	High 100 1/2					
Total sales in \$1,000 units...	1		14	1	7	30
Second Liberty Loan						
4 1/4 % bonds of 1928...	High 101 1/2					
(Second 4 1/4)...	Low 101 1/2					
Total sales in \$1,000 units...	2		27	1	14	
Third Liberty Loan						
4 1/4 % bonds of 1928...	High 101 1/2					
(Third 4 1/4)...	Low 101 1/2					
Total sales in \$1,000 units...	18		13	132	237	1138
Fourth Liberty Loan						
4 1/4 % bonds of 1933-38...	High 10					

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.							Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927.	
Saturday, Sept. 1.	Monday, Sept. 3.	Tuesday, Sept. 4.	Wednesday, Sept. 5.	Thursday, Sept. 6.	Friday, Sept. 7.	Shares		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Atch Topeka & Santa Fe.....	100	182 1/2 Mar 2	197 1/2 Apr 27	161 1/4 Jan 200	Aug	
194 1/2 194 7/8	194 1/2 194 7/8	194 1/2 194 7/8	194 1/2 194 7/8	194 1/2 194 7/8	194 1/2 194 7/8	1,600	Preferred.....	100	102 1/2 Jan 5	108 1/2 Apr 9	99 1/2 Jan 100	Dec	
*104 1/2 105	104 1/2 105	104 1/2 105	104 1/2 105	104 1/2 105	104 1/2 105	2,200	Atlantic Coast Line RR.....	100	163 Aug 14	191 1/2 May 7	174 1/2 Apr 205 1/2	Oct	
108 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	99,700	Baltimore & Ohio.....	100	103 1/2 June 18	117 1/2 Apr 12	106 1/2 Jan 125	Aug	
113 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	400	Preferred.....	100	78 Aug 6	85 Apr 4	73 1/2 Jan 83	June	
80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	1,500	Bangor & Aroostook.....	50	61 June 12	84 Jan 11	44 Jan 103 1/2	May	
74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	74 1/2 74 1/2	30	Preferred.....	100	110 July 7	115 1/2 May 31	101 1/2 Jan 122 1/2	June	
*111 114	*112 114	*112 114	*112 114	*112 114	*112 114	28,000	Bklyn-Manh Tran v t c.....	100	53 1/2 Jan 17	77 1/2 May 3	53 Aug 70 1/2	Jan	
66 1/2 66 7/8	67 67 7/8	67 67 7/8	67 67 7/8	67 67 7/8	67 67 7/8	400	Preferred v t c.....	No par	82 Jan 4	95 1/2 May 3	78 1/2 Oct 88	Jan	
*90 91	91 91 1/2	*91 91 1/2	*91 91 1/2	*91 91 1/2	*91 91 1/2	25,300	Brunswick Term & Ry Sec.....	100	14 1/2 Jan 5	47 1/2 Sept 4	7 1/2 Oct 19 1/2	Dec	
44 1/2 47	46 3/4 47 1/2	46 3/4 47 1/2	46 3/4 47 1/2	46 3/4 47 1/2	46 3/4 47 1/2	18,200	Buffalo & Susq pref.....	100	48 1/2 May 2	50 1/2 Apr 26	40 Apr 58	June	
*93 48	93 48	93 48	93 48	93 48	93 48	18,200	Canadian Pacific.....	100	195 1/2 June 19	223 1/2 May 8	151 1/2 Jan 218 1/2	Oct	
213 214 1/4	213 214 1/4	213 214 1/4	213 214 1/4	213 214 1/4	213 214 1/4	10,200	Central RR of New Jersey.....	100	297 1/2 Feb 17	375 May 7	285 Jan 343	June	
*303 335	*310 1/2 311	*305 335	*305 335	*305 335	*305 335	2,500	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	100	175 1/2 June 19	205 1/2 Jan 6	161 1/4 Jan 218 1/2	Oct	
188 1/2 189 1/4	190 191 3/4	191 1/2 192 1/4	190 1/2 192 1/4	190 1/2 192 1/4	190 1/2 192 1/4	3,900	Chicago & Alton.....	100	5 1/2 Jan 30	18 1/2 May 2	4 1/2 Jan 10 1/2	June	
11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	6,400	Preferred.....	100	7 1/2 Feb 20	26 1/2 May 10	7 1/2 Jan 18 1/2	July	
18 18 1/2	17 1/2 18	16 1/2 18	16 1/2 18	16 1/2 18	16 1/2 18	12,100	Chicago Great Western.....	100	9 1/2 Feb 8	16 1/2 May 2	8 1/2 Jan 22 1/2	Oct	
61 1/4 61 1/4	61 1/4 61 1/4	61 1/4 61 1/4	61 1/4 61 1/4	61 1/4 61 1/4	61 1/4 61 1/4	19,900	Preferred.....	100	22 1/2 Mar 5	40 1/2 Apr 26	9 Jan 19 1/2	Dec	
13 1/4 14	13 1/4 14	13 1/4 14	13 1/4 14	13 1/4 14	13 1/4 14	72,500	Chicago Milw St Paul & Pac.....	100	37 Mar 2	50 1/2 Sept 4	37 1/2 Dec 37 1/2	Dec	
29 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	30 1/2 30 1/2	17,700	Preferred new.....	100	78 June 19	94 1/2 May 1	78 1/2 Jan 97 1/2	Sept	
38 38	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	400	Chicago & North Western.....	100	137 Sept 5	150 May 2	124 1/4 Jan 150	Oct	
54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	12,900	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific.....	100	106 Feb 8	127 Sept 4	68 1/2 Jan 116	July	
86 1/4 87 1/4	86 1/4 87 1/4	86 1/4 87 1/4	86 1/4 87 1/4	86 1/4 87 1/4	86 1/4 87 1/4	200	7% preferred.....	100	106 1/2 Feb 9	111 1/2 May 31	102 1/2 Jan 111 1/2	Dec	
*137 1/2 141	137 1/2 137 1/2	137 137	137 137	137 137	137 137	300	6% preferred.....	100	100 Feb 24	105 May 31	95 1/2 Jan 104	Nov	
125 127	125 126 3/4	125 126 3/4	125 126 3/4	125 126 3/4	125 126 3/4	400	Colorado & Southern.....	100	105 Aug 15	126 May 8	84 Jan 137 1/4	July	
*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	30	Second preferred.....	100	67 July 3	85 Apr 10	70 Jan 75	Dec	
*100 1/2 102	*100 1/2 102	*100 1/2 102	*100 1/2 102	*100 1/2 102	*100 1/2 102	5,600	Consol RR of Cuba pref.....	100	72 1/2 Jan 3	85 May 9	68 Jan 75	Oct	
115 115	120 120	122 1/2 123	*110 120	*110 120	*110 120	15,700	Delaware & Hudson.....	100	69 Apr 12	87 1/2 June 1	65 Aug 77	May	
*70 72	*72 75	*72 75	*72 75	*72 75	*72 75	1,200	Delaware Lack & Western.....	100	163 1/2 Feb 10	226 Apr 26	171 1/2 Jan 230	June	
76 76 1/2	76 76	76 76	76 76	76 76	76 76	1,100	Denw & Rio Gr West pref.....	100	129 Feb 20	150 Apr 9	130 1/2 Oct 173	Mar	
198 198	199 203 3/4	199 203 3/4	199 203 3/4	199 203 3/4	199 203 3/4	600	Duluth So Shore & Atl.....	100	50 1/2 Feb 20	65 1/2 Apr 28	41 1/2 Jan 67 1/2	Jan	
*134 1/2 135 1/4	*134 1/2 135 1/4	*134 1/2 135 1/4	*134 1/2 135 1/4	*134 1/2 135 1/4	*134 1/2 135 1/4	57,700	Preferred.....	100	3 Aug 3	6 1/2 Jan 5	2 1/2 Apr 7 1/2	Dec	
37 37	37 37	37 37	37 37	37 37	37 37	12,700	Erie.....	100	4 1/2 June 19	9 1/2 May 2	4 Mar 11 1/2	Dec	
*31 3/4 3 3/4	*31 3/4 3 3/4	*31 3/4 3 3/4	*31 3/4 3 3/4	*31 3/4 3 3/4	*31 3/4 3 3/4	100	First preferred.....	100	48 1/2 June 19	60 1/2 Jan 4	39 1/2 Jan 69 1/2	Sept	
*7 7	*7 7	*7 7	*7 7	*7 7	*7 7	9,500	Second preferred.....	100	50 June 18	63 1/2 Jan 7	52 1/2 Jan 68 1/2	Aug	
54 1/2 56	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	54 1/2 56 1/2	2,700	Great Northern preferred.....	100	49 1/2 June 20	62 Jan 6	49 Jan 64 1/2	Aug	
55 1/2 59 1/2	55 1/2 59 1/2	55 1/2 59 1/2	55 1/2 59 1/2	55 1/2 59 1/2	55 1/2 59 1/2	28,300	Pref certificates.....	100	93 1/2 Feb 6	109 May 14	79 1/2 Jan 102 1/2	Sept	
*55 1/2 56 1/2	*54 56 1/2	*56 56 3/4	100 100	100 100	100 100	3,000	Iron Ore Properties.....	No par	19 1/2 June 12	25 Jan 24	18 July 28 1/2	Sept	
100 100 1/2	99 1/2 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	700	Gulf Mobile & Northern.....	100	43 Aug 6	61 1/2 May 10	35 1/2 Jan 76 1/2	Sept	
97 97	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	20,600	Preferred.....	100	98 Aug 16	109 May 1	105 Jan 112 1/2	Apr	
213 213 1/2	213 213 1/2	213 213 1/2	213 213 1/2	213 213 1/2	213 213 1/2	300	Hudson & Manhattan.....	100	51 Jan 3	73 1/2 Apr 24	40 1/2 Jan 65 1/2	May	
48 48	48 48	48 48	48 48	48 48	48 48	3,900	Preferred.....	100	83 Jan 16	93 1/2 Apr 26	78 Jan 90 1/2	May	
*99 100 1/2	*99 100 1/2	*99 100 1/2	*99 100 1/2	*99 100 1/2	*99 100 1/2	400	Illinois Central.....	100	131 1/2 Jan 11	148 1/2 May 9	121 1/2 Jan 130 1/2	Oct	
56 1/2 57 1/2	57 1/2 57 1/2	57 1/2 57 1/2	57 1/2 57 1/2	57 1/2 57 1/2	57 1/2 57 1/2	1,400	Preferred.....	100	130 1/2 Jan 13	157 May 16	120 1/2 Jan 140	Oct	
*89 1/2 92	*84 1/2 92	*84 1/2 92	*84 1/2 92	*84 1/2 92	*84 1/2 92	6,200	Int Rys of Cent America.....	100	30 1/2 Mar 18	57 June 16	23 Apr 42 1/2	Oct	
*142 142 1/2	142 1/2 142 1/2	143 144 1/4	143 1/4 144 1/4	143 1/4 144 1/4	143 1/4 144 1/4	46,700	Interboro Rapid Tran v t c.....	100	29 Jan 5	62 May 3	62 Apr 74 1/2	Oct	
138 145	141 1/4 141 1/4	*140 150	142 142	142 142	142 142	4,500	Kansas City Southern.....	100	43 June 13	63 1/2 Sept 5	41 1/4 Jan 70 1/2	July	
*46 47	*44 1/2 46	45 1/2 45 3/4	45 1/2 45 3/4	45 1/2 45 3/4	45 1/2 45 3/4	900	Lehigh Valley.....	50	66 1/2 Aug 10	77 Apr 20	64 1/2 Jan 73 1/2	Oct	
*80 82	*80 82	*80 82	*80 82	*80 82	*80 82	52,900	Louisville & Nashville.....	100	84 1/2 Feb 20	116 Apr 26	88 1/2 Oct 137 1/2	June	
[43 1/2 43 1/2]	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	100,300	Manhattan Elevated guar.....	100	139 1/2 July 21	159 1/2 May 10	128 1/2 Jan 159 1/2	Oct	
59 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 59 1/2	100	Modified guaranty.....	100	75 Jan 9	96 May 4	78 1/2 Dec 90	Feb	
69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	100	Market Street Railway.....	100	4 1/2 Apr 3	7 1/2 May 15	4 1/2 Nov 6 1/2	June	
102 1/2 103 1/4	102 1/2 103 1/4	102 1/2 103 1/4	102 1/2 103 1/4	102 1/2 103 1/4	102 1/2 103 1/4	200	Preferred.....	100	21 Apr 17	29 1/2 May 3	18 Feb 25 1/2	Aug	
144 144	144 1/4 144 1/4	144 1/4 144 1/4	144 1/4 144 1/4	144 1/4 144 1/4	144 1/4 144 1/4	100	Prior preferred.....	100	43 1/2 Aug 23	54 1/2 May 4	41 1/2 Feb 59 1/2	Aug	
*87 92 1/2	*87 92 1/2	*87 92 1/2	*87 92 1/2	*87 92 1/2	*87 92 1/2	100	Second preferred.....	100	84 1/2 May 24	10 1/2 May 4	11 1/2 Oct 17 1/2	June	
46 1/4 46 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	100	Minn St Paul & S S Marie.....	100	40 June 21	52 1/2 Jan 6	27 Jan 50 1/2	Dec	
*4 5	*4 5	*4 5	*4 5	*4 5	*4 5	52,900	Preferred.....	100	75 Feb 7	87 1/2 May 16	60 Apr 88 1/2	Dec	
15 20	15 20	15 20	15 20	15 20	15 20	1,300	Mo-Kan-Tex RR.....	No par	30 1/2 July 17	71 1/2 Jan 9	58 1/4 Mar 71	Nov	
*44 1/2 45	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	72,700	Preferred.....	100	101 1/2 June 12	109 Feb 3	31 1/2 Jan 50 1/2	June	
*10 12	*10 12	*10 12	*10 12	*10 12	*10 12	24,800	Missouri Pacific.....	100	4 1/2 Feb 7	7 1/2 Aug 31	37 1/2 Jan 62	Apr	
48 49	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	11,000	Preferred.....	100	105 Feb 20	124 1/2 Aug 31	90 1/2 Jan 118 1/2	Nov	
*78 84	*79 82	*79 82	*79 82	*79 82	*79 82	41,100	Nat Rys of Mexico 2d pref.....	100	2 Feb 17	5 1/2 Apr 26	1 1/2 Aug 3 1/2	Oct	
63 1/2 65 1/2	63 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	8,700	New York Central.....	100	156 Feb 16	191 1/2 May 10	137 1/2 Jan 171 1/2	Oct	
43 1/4 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 4									

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Saturday, Sept. 1.	Monday, Sept. 3.	Tuesday, Sept. 4.	Wednesday, Sept. 5.	Thursday, Sept. 6.	Friday, Sept. 7.	Lowest			Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Railroads (Concluded).	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
*33 1/4	59 3/4	*32 3/4	*32 3/4	32 3/4	32 1/2	400	Western Pacific new.....100	25 1/4 Feb 7	37 1/2 Jan 13	25 1/4 Apr	37 1/2 Feb	
60 1/4	59 3/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	56 1/2	56 1/4	800	Preferred new.....100	52 1/2 Aug 15	62 1/2 Jan 6	55 Apr	76 1/2 Feb	
							Industrial & Miscellaneous.					
49 40 7/8	49 40 7/8	49 50	49 50	49 50	49 50	5,000	Albitbl Pow & Pap new..No par	47 July 30	85 Apr 62	62 1/4 Mar	118 1/2 Nov	
*109 1/4 111	111 111	*110 3/4 111	*108 3/4 110	*105 110 1/4	100	100	Abraham & Straus.....No par	90 June 19	113 1/2 Aug 29	109 Aug	118 1/2 Feb	
110 3/4 110 3/4	111 111	112 1/2 112 1/2	112 1/2 112 1/2	111 1/2 113	130	130	Preferred.....100	110 1/2 Mar 8	141 1/2 June 18	124 Jan	210 Nov	
*338 348 1/2	340 344	345 345	340 350	350 360	2,600	2,600	Adams Express.....100	195 Jan 4	378 Apr 27	124 Jan	210 Nov	
*94 3/4 96 1/2	*94 3/4 96 1/2	*94 3/4 96 1/2	*94 3/4 96 1/2	*94 3/4 96 1/2	9,200	9,200	Preferred.....100	93 Jan 16	99 1/2 Mar 28	94 1/2 Nov	96 1/2 Dec	
44 3/4 45	44 3/4 45	43 1/4 44 1/2	43 1/4 44 1/2	43 1/4 44 1/2	2,400	2,400	Advance Rumely.....100	11 1/2 Feb 8	50 1/2 June 6	23 1/2 Oct	45 1/2 Nov	
56 1/2 57	55 1/2 56 1/2	55 56 1/2	54 54 1/2	54 54 1/2	13,300	13,300	Preferred.....100	34 1/4 Jan 17	67 1/2 June 6	23 1/2 Oct	45 1/2 Nov	
7 4 4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	7,400	7,400	Air Reduction, Inc., new No par	24 Jan 17	57 1/2 Mar 20	24 June	6 1/2 Sept	
79 81 5/8	79 81 5/8	79 77 1/2	77 1/2 80	78 79 1/4	59	59	Ajux Rubber, Inc.....No par	59 June 19	81 1/2 Sept 4	7 1/2 June	13 1/2 May	
8 5/8	8 5/8	8 3/4 8 3/4	8 3/4 8 3/4	8 3/4 8 3/4	75,600	75,600	Alaska Juneau Gold Min.....10	1 Jan 5	5 1/4 Sept 7	1 June	2 1/4 Feb	
*25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	21,100	21,100	Albany Perf Wrap Pap..No par	23 Mar 15	31 1/4 Jan 26	18 Apr	32 Sept	
199 202 1/4	199 202 1/4	199 200	196 1/2 200	197 199 1/2	27,100	27,100	Preferred.....100	98 1/2 Jan 17	111 1/2 Mar 14	96 June	102 Sept	
*123 3/4 123	*123 3/4 123	*123 3/4 123	*123 3/4 123	*123 3/4 123	2,000	2,000	Allied Chemical & Dye..No par	146 Feb 18	205 Aug 31	131 Jan	169 1/2 Sep	
139 140 3/4	139 141 1/2	138 3/4 138 3/4	135 1/2 137	136 1/2 136 3/4	6,000	6,000	Preferred.....100	120 1/2 June 28	127 1/2 May 4	120 Mar	124 Aug	
*73 80	*73 80	*73 80	*73 80	*73 80	2,000	2,000	Allis-Chalmers Mfg.....100	115 1/2 Feb 18	141 1/2 Sept 4	88 Jan	118 1/2 Dec	
30 1/4 30 1/2	30 1/4 31	30 3/4 30 3/4	31 1/4 32 1/4	31 3/4 32 1/2	500	500	Amalgamated Leather..No par	10 1/2 June 12	16 1/4 Apr 19	11 1/2 Nov	24 1/2 Feb	
*19 3/4 19 3/8	19 1/2 21 1/2	20 3/4 21 1/2	21 1/2 22 1/4	21 1/2 22	12,300	12,300	Preferred.....100	69 Mar 2	90 Apr 19	68 Dec	108 Feb	
71 71	71 74 1/2	72 1/2 74 3/4	72 1/2 73 3/4	72 1/2 73 1/2	8,300	8,300	Ameragra Corp.....No par	27 1/2 Feb 20	38 3/4 Mar 31	27 1/2 Apr	37 1/2 Feb	
130 131	131 133	128 130	129 129	127 1/2 128	1,700	1,700	Amer Agricultural Chem..100	15 1/2 Feb 20	23 1/4 May 24	8 1/2 Apr	21 1/2 Dec	
61 1/2 63 1/2	*61 1/2 63 1/2	*61 1/2 63 1/2	*61 1/2 63 1/2	*61 1/2 63 1/2	5,700	5,700	Preferred.....100	55 1/2 Feb 20	76 1/2 Aug 21	28 1/2 Apr	72 1/2 Dec	
23 23	22 1/2 23	22 1/2 23	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	500	500	Amer Bank Note.....100	74 1/2 Jan 17	159 May 9	41 Jan	88 Nov	
*52 40	*57 58 1/2	59 1/2 59 1/2	59 1/2 59 1/2	*59 1/2 60	7,200	7,200	Preferred.....50	61 Feb 10	65 1/2 Jan 3	56 1/2 Jan	65 Sept	
32 1/2 32 7/8	32 32 3/4	31 3/4 32	31 3/4 32	31 3/4 32 3/4	4,600	4,600	Amer Beet Sugar..No par	14 1/2 July 13	24 1/2 Aug 28	15 1/2 Oct	23 1/2 Mar	
42 42	42 42 1/2	43 43 3/4	43 43 3/4	42 1/2 43	100	100	Preferred.....100	30 Feb 17	41 June 16	35 Dec	60 1/2 Jan	
*124 1/2 128 1/2	*124 1/2 128 1/2	*124 1/2 128 1/2	*124 1/2 128 1/2	*124 1/2 128 1/2	16,200	16,200	Amer Bosch Magneto...o par	15 1/2 Feb 18	49 1/2 Feb 18	35 1/2 May	46 July	
134 134	13 13 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 1/2 16 3/4	15 3/4 16 3/4	1,600	1,600	Am Brake Shoe & F new No par	30 3/4 July 17	41 June 6	35 May	46 July	
51 56	51 56	52 52	52 52 1/2	52 1/2 52 1/2	135,900	135,900	Amer Brown Boveri El..No par	124 1/2 Jan 17	128 June 12	117 1/2 Feb	128 Mar	
*108 5/8 110 1/2	*108 5/8 110 1/2	*108 5/8 110 1/2	*108 5/8 110 1/2	*108 5/8 110 1/2	25	25	Preferred.....100	40 1/4 Apr 27	26 1/4 May 21	5 1/4 Aug	39 1/2 Jan	
140 140	140 140	140 141	140 141	*140 141	5,100	5,100	Amer Can.....25	70 1/2 Jan 18	112 1/4 Aug 31	40 Aug	98 Feb	
94 1/4 95	95 1/4 98 7/8	98 1/2 98 7/8	98 1/2 98 7/8	97 97 3/4	100	100	Amer Car & Fdy..No par	136 1/4 Jan 10	147 Apr 30	126 Jan	141 1/2 Dec	
117 117	*117 118	117 118	*117 118	*117 118	500	500	Preferred.....100	88 1/4 July 31	111 1/2 Jan 31	95 July	111 Dec	
102 7/8 102 7/8	*102 105	102 105	*102 105	*102 105	100	100	Amer Chain pref.....100	110 1/2 Aug 1	137 1/2 Mar 31	124 1/2 Oct	134 1/2 Dec	
87 87 1/4	87 1/4 87 1/4	86 1/2 87 1/4	85 86 1/2	85 87 3/8	4,300	4,300	Amer Chain pref.....100	99 1/4 Mar 7	105 June 4	98 1/2 Dec	103 Sept	
*111 1/2 112	*111 1/2 112	*111 1/2 112	*111 1/2 112	*111 1/2 112	20	20	Amer Chain pref.....100	69 Jan 12	90 Aug 22	36 Jan	74 1/2 Nov	
12 1/2 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	11 1/2 12	11,100	11,100	Prior preferred.....No par	107 Jan 5	114 May 21	90 Jan	110 Dec	
71 71	70 71	71 1/4 71 1/2	70 7/8 70 7/8	70 1/2 70 3/4	2,400	2,400	Amer Drugists Syndicate..10	11 Feb 18	15 1/2 Apr 10	9 3/4 Apr	15 1/2 Nov	
236 236	235 235	*225 233	230 230	234 1/2 234 1/2	500	500	Amer Encaustic Tiling..No par	53 Jan 4	75 Apr 25	38 3/4 Aug	57 1/2 Nov	
38 1/4 39 3/8	41 43 1/2	43 3/4 49	45 47 3/4	45 1/4 46 3/4	87,300	87,300	Amer Express.....100	169 Jan 10	236 Sept 1	127 Jan	183 Nov	
*106 1/2 107	106 1/2 106 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 1/2 108	108 108	1,500	1,500	Preferred.....No par	22 3/4 Feb 28	49 Sept 5	15 1/2 Feb	31 Dec	
94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 96	95 96 3/8	96 1/2 97	96 1/2 97	5,600	5,600	Amer For'n Power..No par	104 3/4 June 25	110 May 24	86 1/2 Feb	109 1/2 Dec	
10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	11 11	*11 1/4 11 3/4	*11 1/4 11 3/4	300	300	Preferred.....No par	81 Feb 24	100 Sept 7	7 1/2 Apr	12 1/2 Oct	
*41 1/2 43	42 3/4 43	*43 1/2 47 1/4	44 3/4 45	*45 46	400	400	Amer Hide & Leather..100	9 3/4 Aug 10	15 1/2 Feb 1	7 1/2 Apr	12 1/2 Oct	
73 1/2 79 1/8	75 79 3/4	78 1/4 79 3/4	78 1/4 79 3/4	78 78 3/4	13,600	13,600	Preferred.....100	59 Feb 18	81 1/2 May 31	30 1/2 Jan	71 Nov	
43 1/2 44 3/8	43 43 1/2	43 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43	42 3/4 43 1/4	9,000	9,000	Amer Home Products..No par	28 Jan 10	46 1/2 Aug 6	25 1/4 Oct	32 Jan	
*96 97 7/8	98 98	98 98	98 98	98 98	600	600	Amer Ice new.....No par	90 Jan 7	98 1/2 May 7	98 1/2 Oct	98 1/2 May	
11 11 1/2	108 1/4 110 1/2	107 1/2 110 1/2	106 1/2 110 1/2	108 110 1/4	41,300	41,300	Preferred.....100	71 Jan 27	125 May 17	37 Mar	72 1/2 Dec	
*6 1/2 6 3/4	*6 1/2 6 3/4	*6 1/2 6 3/4	*6 1/2 6 3/4	*6 1/2 6 3/4	3,800	3,800	Amer Internat Corp..No par	5 1/4 Jan 12	7 1/2 May 7	4 June	10 Jan	
68 72	68 72	*68 3/4 73	*68 3/4 73	*69 71	71	71	Amer La France & Foamite..10	56 Jan 10	74 Mar 27	60 1/2 Dec	90 1/2 Jan	
121 1/2 122 1/2	122 123	123 132	125 130	125 1/2 131 1/2	28,500	28,500	Preferred.....100	56 3/4 Jan 13	135 Sept 4	20 1/2 Apr	72 1/2 Nov	
*120 128	*124 128	*124 128	*124 128	*122 127	100	100	Amer Linseed.....100	86 1/2 Jan 13	130 1/2 June 25	46 1/2 Mar	92 1/2 Nov	
97 9/8	97 1/2 98 7/8	98 98 1/2	98 98 1/2	98 98 1/2	10,300	10,300	Preferred.....100	87 Jan 21	115 Jan 31	99 1/4 Oct	116 May	
115 115 1/2	*115 116	116 117	118 118	118 118	900	900	Amer Locomotive..No par	114 June 26	134 Mar 24	119 1/2 Feb	127 July	
*144 144 3/4	144 144 1/2	*144 148	*146 1/2 148 1/2	*146 1/2 148 1/2	200	200	Preferred.....100	129 1/2 June 19	180 Mar 26	73 1/4 Jan	188 1/2 Dec	
*114 115	*114 115	*114 115	*114 115	*111 113 3/4	4,900	4,900	Amer Machine & Fdy..No par	111 1/2 Mar 1	116 Jan 13	36 1/2 Nov	49 3/4 Dec	
49 1/2 50	48 3/8 49 7/8	48 1/2 48 3/4	48 1/2 48 3/4	49 49 1/2	600	600	Preferred ex-warrants.....100	39 Mar 13	51 June 4	36 1/2 Nov	49 3/4 Dec	
111 111	*110 1/2 112	*110 1/2 112	*110 1/2 112	*111 113	100	100	Amer Metal Co Ltd..No par	109 Aug 8	117 1/2 May 14	20 1/2 Dec	43 1/2 June	
*16 1/2 17 3/4	16 1/2 16 1/2	*16 1/2 17	*16 1/2 17	*16 1/2 17	140	140	Preferred.....No par	123 Jan 19	215 Feb 17	84 Nov	110 1/4 Mar	
54 54 1/2	54 1/2 54 1/2	57 57	*53 1/2 55	54 55	36,700	36,700	Amer Plano.....No par	50 1/2 July 12	90 Jan 3	54 Jan	73 1/2 Oct	
84 1/2 85 1/2	84 1/2 86 7/8	86 1/2 86 1/2	87 1/2 90	87 89 3/8	19,000	19,000	Am Power & Light..No par	62 1/4 Jan 11	95 May 14	110 1/2 Jan	147 1/2 Sept	
157 1/2 159	158 1/2 161 1/4	160 161 1/2	157 159 3/4	157 159	100	100	Amer Radiator.....25	130 1/2 Jan 18	161 1/2 Sept 5	110 1/2 Jan	147 1/2 Sept	
*121 1/2 126	*121 1/2 125	*121 1/2 125	*121 1/2 125	*121 1/2 121 1/2	13,700	13,700	Amer Railway Express..100	110 1/2 Jan 4	138 1/2 Feb 21	87 1/2 Apr	116 1/2 Nov	
65 1/2 66	65 66 3/8	65 67 1/2	66 68 3/4	67 68 3/4	51,400	51,400	Amer Republics.....No par	51 1/4 Feb 7	85 Apr 12	35 1/2 Jan	82 1/2 Dec	
69 7/8 72 3/8	70 7/8 73	69 7/8 72 3/4	72 1/2 73 1/2	73 74 3/4	1,500	1,500	Amer Safety Razor..No par	56 Jan 10	74 1/2 Sept 7	42 July	64 1/2 Nov	
33 33	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 3/4	1,600	1,600	Amer Seating v t c.....No par	29 1/2 July 16	45 May 14	38 1/2 Oct	52 Jan	
4 3/4 4 3/4	*89 90	89 90	89 90	89 90	70	70	Amer Ship & Comm..No par	31 1/2 Aug 9	68 May 28	21 Oct	5 1/2 Jan	
88 90	245 245 3/4	243 245 3/4	240 241 1/2	242 246 7/8	15,800	15,800	Amer Shipbuilding.....100	84 1/2 Aug 4	119 Jan 6	80 Jan	123 1/2 Nov	
248 248	136 136	136 136	*136 138	*136 138	1,100	1,100	Ame Smelting & Refining..100	169 Feb				

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Sept. 1 to Friday, Sept. 7) and rows for various stock prices. Includes sub-sections for Stock, Exchange, Closed—Labor, and Day.

Sales for the Week. Shares

Table with columns: STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Par, Shares. Lists various companies and their share counts.

Table with columns: PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, On basis of 100-shares lots, Lowest, Highest. Lists price ranges for various stocks.

Table with columns: PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927, Lowest, Highest. Lists price ranges for various stocks from the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. x Ex-rights. Ex-warrants.

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Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

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* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day, z Ex-dividend, a Ex-rights.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.							Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927	
Saturday, Sept. 1.	Monday, Sept. 3.	Tuesday, Sept. 4.	Wednesday, Sept. 5.	Thursday, Sept. 6.	Friday, Sept. 7.	Shares		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share			\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share		
234 234	234 234	234 234	254 264	254 254	254 254	5,300	Oil Well Supply.....	20 1/2	June 13	41	Jan 11		
100 100 1/4	100 100 1/4	100 100 1/4	97 100 1/4	97 97	99 1/2 99 1/2	50	Preferred.....	97	June 14	110 1/2	Jan 11		
111 114	112 127 1/2	112 127 1/2	124 128 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	6,500	Omnibus Corp.....No par	9 1/2	Aug 23	15 1/2	May 10		
96 96 1/2	96 97 1/2	96 97 1/2	96 96 1/2	96 97 1/2	96 97 1/2	1,400	Preferred A & Teleg.....	90	Jan 11	99 1/2	June 12		
72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	1,400	Oppenheim Collins & Co No par	67 1/2	Aug 17	88 1/2	Jan 7		
219 219 1/2	217 1/2 217 1/2	217 1/2 217 1/2	216 217	216 218	216 219	400	Orpheum Circuit, Inc.....	18	May 9	24 1/2	Jan 9		
126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	400	Preferred.....	75	May 9	102	Jan 5		
26 27	26 27	26 27	26 27	26 27	26 27	2,200	Otis Elevator.....	147 1/2	Feb 20	222	Aug 31		
96 96 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 98	97 98	80	Preferred.....	119 1/2	Jan 24	126 1/2	July 19		
96 96 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 98	97 98	81,300	Otis Steel.....No par	10 1/2	Jan 18	29 1/2	Sept 7		
83 83 1/2	83 83	82 1/2 83 1/2	82 1/2 83 1/2	82 1/2 83 1/2	82 82 1/2	600	Otis Steel prior pref.....	82 1/2	Jan 10	98	Sept 6		
49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	50 50 1/2	52 53 1/2	52 1/2 53 1/2	1,600	Outlet Co.....No par	81	Jan 19	99 1/2	Sept 4		
18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	18 18	10,400	Owens Bottle.....	74 1/2	Jan 3	95 1/2	Apr 18		
150 150	150 150	150 150	150 150	151 151	152 154	10,400	Preferred.....	114 1/2	Jan 3	117	Mar 17		
83 84 1/2	83 84 1/2	83 84 1/2	83 84 1/2	83 84 1/2	83 84 1/2	14,000	Pacific Gas-Elec new.....	43 1/2	Feb 28	53 1/2	May 4		
39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	40 42 1/2	42 42	2,500	Pacific Teleg & Teleg.....	18	Aug 25	21	Apr 27		
40 1/2 40 1/2	39 1/2 40 1/2	39 1/2 40 1/2	39 1/2 40 1/2	41 42 1/2	42 42	3,900	Pan-Amer Petr & Trans.....	145	June 12	160	May 17		
17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 18 1/2	17 18 1/2	40,600	Class B.....	56 1/2	Feb 18	85 1/2	Sept 4		
14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	10,200	Pan-Am West Petrol B.....No par	15 1/2	July 23	28 1/2	Apr 28		
81 85	83 85	83 85	83 85	85 85	83 90	3,800	Panhandle Prod & ref.....No par	11 1/2	Feb 11	21 1/2	May 14		
82 84	83 84	83 84	83 84	86 87 1/2	85 86 1/2	200	Preferred.....	70	Feb 21	106 1/2	May 15		
10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	47,200	Park & Tilford tem cts.....No par	34	Mar 10	87 1/2	Sept 6		
7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	10,700	Park Utah C M.....	9	Aug 15	14 1/2	Jan 8		
27 28	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	30 32	30 32	133,900	Pathe Exchange.....No par	2	Feb 8	9 1/2	May 10		
35 36 1/2	35 36 1/2	35 36 1/2	35 36 1/2	34 1/2 35 1/2	34 1/2 35 1/2	48,200	Pathe Exchange A new.....No par	8 1/2	Feb 9	34	Aug 8		
18 18 1/2	18 18 1/2	18 18 1/2	18 18 1/2	18 18 1/2	18 18 1/2	44,400	Patino Mines & Enterpr.....	23 1/2	Jan 3	42	Apr 30		
29 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	3,000	Peel Motor Car.....	14 1/2	Sept 7	25 1/2	Mar 18		
14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	7,800	Penick & Ford.....No par	22 1/2	Jan 7	37	Apr 17		
76 78	75 80	75 80	75 80	75 80	75 80	2,500	Penn-Dixie Cement.....No par	14 1/2	July 18	31	May 2		
183 184 1/2	183 184 1/2	183 184 1/2	183 184 1/2	187 187	188 189	3,200	People's G L & C (Chic).....	78	Aug 1	96 1/2	Apr 25		
165 170	165 170	165 170	165 170	168 168	168 168	100	Philadelphia Co (Pittsb).....	145	Mar 24	174 1/2	May 4		
48 48	48 50	48 50	48 50	48 50	48 50	10	5% preferred.....	45 1/2	Mar 15	49	Aug 18		
53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	53 1/2 53 1/2	100	6% preferred.....	52	Jan 3	57	Mar 29		
30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	22,600	Phila & Read C & L.....No par	27 1/2	June 13	39 1/2	Jan 3		
17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	4,600	Certificates of int.....No par	27	Mar 13	38	Jan 12		
39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	40 41	40 41	4,600	Phillip Morris & Co, Ltd.....	15	Mar 1	25 1/2	May 28		
26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	22,000	Phillips Petroleum.....No par	35 1/2	Feb 20	44 1/2	Apr 30		
97 1/2 98	96 1/2 97 1/2	96 1/2 97 1/2	96 1/2 97 1/2	96 1/2 98	96 1/2 98	500	Phoenix Hosiery.....	25	Aug 24	38	May 8		
14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	21,200	Preferred.....	96	Jan 9	103 1/2	Feb 14		
64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	63 1/2 63 1/2	63 1/2 63 1/2	1,600	Pierce-Arrow Mot Car.....No par	10 1/2	Feb 18	18 1/2	May 31		
2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	15,300	Preferred.....	39 1/2	Feb 16	65 1/2	Apr 24		
18 1/2 22	18 1/2 22	18 1/2 22	18 1/2 22	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	900	Pierce Oil Corporation.....	1 1/2	Mar 3	5 1/2	Apr 27		
4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	7,000	Preferred.....	16 1/2	Feb 20	30 1/2	Apr 26		
11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	9,000	Pierce Petrol'm tem cts.....No par	3 1/2	Feb 16	6 1/2	Apr 27		
45 47	45 47	45 47	45 47	45 47	45 47	7,200	Pillsbury Flour Mills.....No par	32 1/2	Feb 18	45	Aug 1		
85 85	85 85	85 85	85 85	85 85	85 85	4,000	Preferred.....	108	Jan 5	120 1/2	May 14		
80 1/2 88	80 1/2 88	80 1/2 88	80 1/2 88	80 1/2 88	80 1/2 88	5,700	Pittsburgh Coal of Pa.....	36 1/2	June 12	55 1/2	July 6		
28 1/2 30	28 1/2 30	28 1/2 30	28 1/2 30	28 1/2 30	28 1/2 30	400	Preferred.....	81	May 1	88 1/2	July 9		
67 1/2 72	67 1/2 72	67 1/2 72	67 1/2 72	67 1/2 72	67 1/2 72	800	Pittsburgh Steel pref.....	83	July 13	96	Feb 9		
30 1/2 31	30 1/2 31	30 1/2 31	30 1/2 31	30 1/2 31	30 1/2 31	1,000	Pitts Terminal Coal.....	26	Feb 10	36 1/2	Mar 20		
71 1/2 72 1/2	71 1/2 72 1/2	71 1/2 72 1/2	71 1/2 72 1/2	70 1/2 71 1/2	70 1/2 71 1/2	20	Preferred.....	69	Aug 14	82	Mar 13		
24 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	4,900	Porto Rican-Am Tob of A.....	53 1/2	July 5	79 1/2	Jan 6		
78 1/2 78 1/2	78 1/2 78 1/2	78 1/2 78 1/2	78 1/2 78 1/2	79 1/2 80 1/2	79 1/2 80 1/2	103,500	Class B.....No par	23 1/2	Aug 15	35 1/2	May 18		
24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	2,400	Postum Co, Inc.....No par	61 1/2	July 17	136 1/2	May 31		
42 1/2 45	42 1/2 45	42 1/2 45	42 1/2 45	42 1/2 44	42 1/2 44	8,700	Pressed Steel Car new.....No par	18	June 13	26 1/2	Jan 3		
63 64 1/2	63 64 1/2	63 64 1/2	63 64 1/2	63 64 1/2	63 64 1/2	10	Preferred.....	70	Aug 29	88	Jan 4		
107 108	107 108	107 108	107 108	107 108	107 108	60	Pro-phery-lac-the Brush.....No par	41	Feb 20	49 1/2	June 6		
124 126	124 126	124 126	124 126	124 126	124 126	174,900	Pub Ser Corp of N J new.....No par	63	Aug 24	91	Feb 17		
138 148	138 148	138 148	138 148	138 148	138 148	500	6% preferred.....	61 1/2	Jan 9	68 1/2	Sept 7		
106 1/2 108 1/2	106 1/2 108 1/2	106 1/2 108 1/2	106 1/2 108 1/2	106 1/2 108 1/2	106 1/2 108 1/2	100	7% preferred.....	103 1/2	Jan 6	115	May 4		
216 222 1/2	216 222 1/2	216 222 1/2	216 222 1/2	216 222 1/2	216 222 1/2	118	8% preferred.....	118	Jan 21	129 1/2	May 31		
56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	134	Pub Serv Elec & Gas ptd.....	107	Aug 7	110 1/2	Apr 25		
37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	36,800	Pullman Co new.....No par	78 1/2	Aug 15	94	May 15		
93 94	93 94	93 94	93 94	93 94	93 94	29,900	Punta Alegre Sugar.....	23 1/2	Aug 2	34 1/2	Jan 3		
74 81 1/2	74 81 1/2	74 81 1/2	74 81 1/2	74 81 1/2	74 81 1/2	40	Pure Oil (The).....	19	Jan 9	27 1/2	Jan 3		
28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	33,600	8% preferred.....	108	Mar 15	110	June 6		
65 1/2 66 1/2	65 1/2 66 1/2	65 1/2 66 1/2	65 1/2 66 1/2	65 1/2 66 1/2	65 1/2 66 1/2	100	Purity Bakeries.....	75	June 15	119 1/2	Sept 7		
106 107	106 107	106 107	106 107	106 107	106 107	3,600	Class B.....No par	96 1/2	Jan 3	171	Apr 12		
143 143 1/2	143 143 1/2	143 143 1/2	143 143 1/2	143 143 1/2	143 143 1/2	2,500	Preferred new.....	105	July 12	145	Sept 7		
48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	224,800	Radio Corp of Amer.....No par	85 1/2	Feb 20	226 1/2	Sept 5		
178 180	178 180	178 180	178 180	178 180	178 180	300	Preferred.....	54 1/2	Jan 4	60	May 16		
58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	9,400	Real Silk Hosiery.....	24 1/2	Jan 17	40 1/2	Aug 17		
43 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	1,000	Preferred.....	80 1/2					

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BONDS		Price		Week's		Bonds Sold	Range		BONDS		Interest	Price		Week's		Bonds Sold	Range		
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.		Friday, Sept. 7.		Range of Last Sale.			Since Jan. 1.		N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.			Friday, Sept. 7.		Range of Last Sale.			Since Jan. 1.		
Week Ended Sept. 7.		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Week Ended Sept. 7.		Period	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	
Railroad																			
Ala Gt Sou 1st cons A 5s	1943	J	D	95	105	10512	June 28	10512	10594	Chlc Milw & St P (Concluded)									
1st cons 4s ser B	1943	J	D	92 1/4	98 3/4	94	94	3	92 1/2	Gen & ref ser A 4 1/2s	Jan 1914	A	O	---	---	73 1/4	Mar 28	---	72 3/4
Ala Mid 1st guar gold 5s	1928	M	O	---	100 1/4	100	100	4	100	Debentures 4 1/2s	1932	J	D	---	---	75	Mar 28	---	70 1/2
Alb & Susq 1st guar 3 1/2s	1946	A	O	82 1/4	90	90	July 28	87	91 1/2	Debentures 4s	1925	J	D	---	---	71 1/2	Feb 28	---	71
Alleg & West 1st g u 4s	1948	A	O	87	90	90	Aug 28	89	95 1/2	25-year debentures 4s	1934	J	J	---	---	72 1/4	Feb 28	---	70 1/2
Alleg Val gen guar g 4s	1942	M	S	93 1/2	97	92 3/4	July 28	92 3/4	99	Chlc Milw St P & Pac 5s	1975	F	A	94 1/4	Sale	94 1/2	98	606	92 1/4
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s	1945	Q	J	75	79	76	76	1	75 1/4	Conv adj 6s	Jan 1 2000	A	O	76 3/4	Sale	76 1/2	77 1/2	958	61 1/2
Atech Top & S Fe—Gen g 4s	1995	A	O	94	Sale	93 1/2	94 1/4	72	91 1/2	Chlc & N'west gen g 3 1/2s	1987	M	N	77 1/2	---	79 1/2	80	4	75
Registered		A	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	Registered		Q	F	---	---	80 1/2	June 28	---	78
Adjustment gold 4s	July 1995	N	O	87 1/2	89	88 1/2	88 1/2	1	87 1/2	General 4s	1987	M	N	90	91 3/4	89 1/2	Aug 28	---	89
Registered		N	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	Registered		Q	F	---	---	94	Apr 28	---	94
Stamped	July 1995	N	O	89	Sale	88 1/2	89 1/4	13	87 3/4	Registered		M	N	89 3/4	100	89	Aug 28	---	89
Conv gold 4s of 1909	1955	J	D	89 1/4	92 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	6	89 1/4	Gen 4 1/2s stpd Fed Inc tax	1987	M	N	102 1/2	105 1/2	102 1/4	Aug 28	---	102
Conv 4s of 1905	1950	J	D	89 1/4	92 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	6	89 1/4	Gen 5 stpd Fed Inc tax	1987	M	N	109	111 1/2	108 1/2	Aug 28	---	104 1/2
Conv g 4s issued in 1910	1960	J	D	89 1/4	92 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	6	89 1/4	Registered		M	N	---	---	103	Mar 28	---	113
Rocky Mtn Div 1st 4s	1965	J	J	86	---	---	---	---	---	Sinking fund 6s	1879-1929	A	O	101 3/4	---	104 3/4	104 3/4	13	101 1/2
Trans-Conn Short L 1st 4s	1958	J	J	90 1/8	---	---	---	---	---	Registered		A	O	99 7/8	8e1e	99 7/8	99 7/8	6	99
Cal-Ariz 1st & ref 4 1/2s	1962	M	S	99	Sale	99	99	2	96 1/4	Sinking fund 5s	1879-1929	A	O	---	---	100	May 28	---	100
Atl Knox & Nor 1st g 5s	1946	J	D	102	---	---	---	---	---	Sinking fund deb 5s	1933	M	N	101 1/2	---	102	Aug 28	---	100
Atl & Chrl A L 1st 4 1/2s	1944	J	J	96 7/8	99	97	Aug 28	97	100 3/4	Registered		M	N	102 3/4	Sale	102 3/4	104 1/4	12	102 3/4
1st 30-year 5s series B	1944	J	J	102 3/8	105	102	Aug 28	102	107 1/4	10-year secured g 7s	1930	J	D	102 3/4	Sale	102 3/4	104 1/4	24	102 3/4
Atlantic City 1st cons 4s	1951	J	J	87	---	---	---	---	---	15-year secured g 6 1/2s	1936	J	D	110 1/8	110 7/8	109 1/8	110 1/2	12	108 1/2
Atl Coast Line 1st cons 4s	July 1952	M	S	94 1/4	94 3/4	92	92	29	91	1st ref g 5s	May 2037	J	D	105 1/8	106 1/4	104 3/4	105 1/8	38	104 3/4
Registered		M	S	---	---	---	---	---	---	1st & ref 4 1/2s	May 2037	J	D	---	---	98 1/2	98 3/8	12	95 1/2
General unified 4 1/2s	1964	J	D	98 1/2	99 1/4	97	99 1/2	28	96	Chlc R I & P Railway gen 4s	1988	J	J	94 3/4	Sale	89 1/2	90	8	86 1/2
L & N coll gold 4s	Oct 1943	M	S	89 1/4	92 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	13	87 3/4	Registered		J	J	---	---	91	May 28	---	91
Atl & Dav 1st g 4s	1948	J	J	74 1/4	76 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	1	74 1/4	Refunding gold 4s	1934	A	O	94 5/8	95	94 1/2	95	209	93 1/4
2d 4s	1948	J	J	70	Sale	69 1/2	70	5	65 1/4	Registered		A	O	---	---	95 1/4	May 28	---	95
Atl & Yad 1st g guar 4s	1949	A	O	80	86	85 7/8	July 28	85 1/2	92 3/4	Secured 4 1/2s series A	1952	M	S	94	Sale	94	95	84	91
Austin & N W 1st g 5s	1941	J	O	---	---	---	---	---	---	Ch St L & N O Mem Div 4s	1951	J	D	85 1/4	---	92 3/4	May 28	---	92
Balt & Ohio 1st g 4s	July 1948	A	O	92 1/2	Sale	92 1/2	93 1/4	61	91	Gold 5s	June 15 1951	J	D	105 1/8	108	107	July 28	---	105 1/8
Registered		Q	J	---	---	---	---	---	---	Registered		J	D	---	---	107	Apr 28	---	107 1/2
20-year conv 4 1/2s	1933	M	S	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 3/4	116	96 1/2	Gold 3 1/2s	June 15 1951	J	D	83 3/4	---	84 1/2	Jan 27	---	99 1/2
Registered		M	S	---	---	---	---	---	---	Ch St L & P 1st cons g 5s	1932	A	O	102 1/4	---	99 3/4	June 28	---	101 1/2
Refund & gen 5s series A	1935	J	D	101 1/8	Sale	101 1/8	102 7/8	62	100	Registered		A	O	100 1/2	101 1/4	101	June 28	---	98 1/2
1st gold 5s	July 1948	A	O	104 1/2	Sale	104 1/2	104 1/2	9	100	Chlc St P M & O cons 6s	1930	J	D	96 1/2	---	96 1/2	June 28	---	96 1/2
1st cons 6s series C	1935	J	D	92 1/2	95	92 1/2	92 1/2	11	91	Cons 6s reduced to 3 1/2s	1930	M	N	97 1/2	100	100	Jan 28	---	97 1/2
P L E & W Va Sys ref 4s	1950	J	J	102 3/8	Sale	102	102 1/2	31	101 1/8	Debenture 5s	1930	M	S	97 1/4	100	100	Jan 28	---	100
Tol & Clin Div 1st 4s	1959	J	J	85	86 1/2	85	85 1/2	6	82 1/2	Stamped		M	S	97 1/4	100	100	Jan 28	---	100
Ref & gen 5s series D	2000	M	S	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/8	102 1/4	41	100	Chlc T H & So East 1st 5s	1960	J	D	98 1/4	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	14	97 1/8
Bangor & Aroostook 1st 5s	1943	J	J	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	July 28	102 3/4	104 5/8	Inc gu 5s	Dec 1 1960	M	S	93 1/2	95	92 1/2	94	5	91 1/8
Con ref 4s	1951	J	J	84 1/4	Sale	84 1/4	84 7/8	13	83 3/8	Chlc U S Sta'n 1st gu 4 1/2s	1963	J	J	98 3/4	Sale	98 1/8	99 1/4	4	97 1/8
Battle Crk & Stur 1st g 3s	1989	J	D	62	---	---	---	---	---	1st 5s series B	1963	J	J	105 3/8	---	105	105 1/2	3	103
Beech Creek 1st g u 4s	1936	J	J	96	Sale	96	96	1	95	Guaranteed g 5s	1944	J	D	102 3/8	Sale	102 1/8	102 1/2	4	101 3/4
Registered		J	J	---	---	---	---	---	---	1st guar g 6 1/2s series C	1963	J	J	116 1/2	Sale	116 1/2	117 1/2	80	114
2d guar g 5s	1936	J	J	100	---	---	---	---	---	Chlc & West Ind gen g 6s	1932	Q	M	102 1/8	102 3/8	102	June 28	---	101 1/2
Beech Crk Ext 1st g 3 1/2s	1951	A	O	79 3/8	---	---	---	---	---	Consol 50-year 4s	1952	J	J	88	88 1/2	87	88	14	84 1/2
Belvidere Del cons g 3 1/2s	1943	J	D	86	---	---	---	---	---	1st 5 1/2s ser A	1962	M	S	104	Sale	103 7/8	104 1/2	20	102 1/2
Big Sandy 1st 4s guar	1944	J	D	92	94 1/2	93	Aug 28	93	95	Chc Okla & Gulf cons 6s	1952	M	N	104 3/8	---	105 3/4	May 28	---	105 1/2
Bollvia Ry 1st 6s	1927	J	J	37 1/2	---	---	---	---	---	Cin H & D 2d gold 4 1/2s	1937	J	J	95 1/2	100 1/2	95 5/8	Aug 28	---	97 1/2
Boston & N Y Air Line 1st 4s	1955	M	N	91	93 1/2	92	92	7	90 7/8	Cin St L & C 1st g 4s	Aug 2 1936	Q	F	95 1/2	98	97 3/8	July 28	---	97 3/8
Brunns & West 1st g u 4s	1938	J	J	94 1/2	96	94 1/2	Aug 28	94 1/2	97 7/8	Registered		Q	F	---	---	97 1/2	Feb 28	---	97 1/2
Buff Roch & Pitts gen g 5s	1937	M	S	101	102 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	20	100	Chlc R I & Nor 1st con gu 4s	1942	M	N	88 1/4	94 1/2	88 1/4	Aug 28	---	87
Consol 4 1/2s	1957	M	N	93 1/4	Sale	93	93 1/4	14	90 1/2	Clearfield & Mah 1st gu 5s	1943	J	J	100	104 1/2	100	July 28	---	100
Burl C R & Nor 1st & coll 5s	1934	A	O	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	Aug 28	102	103 1/2	Cleve Cin Ch & St L gen 4s	1993	J	D	90	92	90	Aug 28	---	88 3/8
Canada Sou cons g 5s	1962	A	O	105 1/2	106 3/8	106 1/2	Aug 28	106	110 7/8	20-year deb 4 1/2s	1931	J	J	100	100 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	1	97 3/8
Canadian Nat 4 1/2s	Sept 15 1954	M	S	97	97 3/4	97 1/2	Aug 28	97	102 1/4	General 5s Series B	1993	J	D	112	---	112	Aug 28	---	108 1/2
5-year gold 4 1/2s	Feb 15 1930	F	A	99	Sale	98 3/4	99	42	98 1/2	Ref & Impt 6s series A	1929	J	J	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	100 3/4	6	100
30-year gold 4 1/2s	1957	J	J	97 3/4	Sale	97 1/4	97 3/4	76	96 3/8	Ref & Impt 6s ser C	1941	J	J	104 1/4	---	107	Aug 28	---	103 1/2
Canadian North deb s f 7s	1940	J	D	112	Sale	111 1/2	112 1/2	57	110 1/4	Ref & Impt 5s ser D	1963	J	J	101 3/8	102 3/8	98 1/2	101 1/2	17	95
25-year s f deb 6 1/2s	1946	J	J	116 3/8	118 3/8	116 1/2	116 3/8	5	113 1/2	Cairo Div 1st gold 4s	1939	J	J	95	---	95	Aug 28	---	85 1/2
10-yr gold 4 1/2s	Feb 15 1935	F	A	97 1/2															

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Fla Cent & Penn 1st ext g 5s. 1930	J	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2		
1st consol gold 5s. 1943	J	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2		
Florida East Coast 1st 4 1/2s. 1959	J	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	Aug 28	100	99 1/2		
1st & ref 5s series A. 1974	M	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	12	83 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	12	83 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	12	83 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2		
Fonda Johns & Glov 1st 4 1/2s. 1952	M	45 1/2	46	46 1/2	Aug 28	45	45 1/2	46	Aug 28	45	45 1/2	46	Aug 28	45	45 1/2	46	Aug 28		
Fort St U D Co 1st 5 1/2s. 1941	J	105 1/2	108	105 1/2	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28		
Ft W & Den C 1st g 4 1/2s. 1941	J	105 1/2	108	105 1/2	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28		
Frem Elk & Mo Val 1st 6s. 1933	A	104 1/2	106 1/2	104 1/2	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28	104	107 1/2	104	Aug 28		
G H & S A M & P 1st 5s. 1931	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Aug 28	99 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	Aug 28	99 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	Aug 28	99 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	Aug 28		
2d extens 5s guar. 1931	J	99	99 1/2	99	Aug 28	99	101 1/2	99	Aug 28	99	101 1/2	99	Aug 28	99	101 1/2	99	Aug 28		
Galv Hous & Hend 1st 5s. 1933	A	96	97 1/2	96	Aug 28	96	100 1/2	96	Aug 28	96	100 1/2	96	Aug 28	96	100 1/2	96	Aug 28		
Ga & Ala Ry 1st cons 5s Oct 1949	J	86 1/2	89	86 1/2	Aug 28	86	86 1/2	86 1/2	Aug 28	86	86 1/2	86 1/2	Aug 28	86	86 1/2	86 1/2	Aug 28		
Ga Caro & Nor 1st g 4s. 1925	J	97 1/4	99 1/2	97 1/4	Aug 28	97 1/4	99 1/2	97 1/4	Aug 28	97 1/4	99 1/2	97 1/4	Aug 28	97 1/4	99 1/2	97 1/4	Aug 28		
Georgia Midland 1st 3s. 1946	A	74 1/2	78 1/4	74 1/2	Aug 28	74 1/2	79	74 1/2	Aug 28	74 1/2	79	74 1/2	Aug 28	74 1/2	79	74 1/2	Aug 28		
Gr B & I ext 1st g 4 1/2s. 1941	A	97	97 1/2	97	Aug 28	97	97 1/2	97	Aug 28	97	97 1/2	97	Aug 28	97	97 1/2	97	Aug 28		
Grand Trunk of Can deb 6s. 1940	A	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/4	20	111	117	113 1/4	20	111	117	113 1/4	20	111	117	113 1/4		
15-year s f 6s. 1936	M	106	106	105 1/2	106 3/4	30	105	109 1/2	106 3/4	30	105	109 1/2	106 3/4	30	105	109 1/2	106 3/4		
Grays Point Term 1st 5s. 1947	J	96 1/2	98	96 1/2	Aug 28	96 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2	Aug 28	96 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2	Aug 28	96 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2	Aug 28		
Great Nor gen 7s series A. 1936	J	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 3/4	73	111	116	112 3/4	73	111	116	112 3/4	73	111	116	112 3/4		
Registered. 1936	J	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 3/4	73	111	116	112 3/4	73	111	116	112 3/4	73	111	116	112 3/4		
1st & ref 4 1/2s series A. 1961	J	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	14	95 1/2	102 1/2	96 1/2	14	95 1/2	102 1/2	96 1/2	14	95 1/2	102 1/2	96 1/2		
General 5 1/2s series B. 1952	J	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 3/4	3	105 1/2	115 1/4	112 3/4	3	105 1/2	115 1/4	112 3/4	3	105 1/2	115 1/4	112 3/4		
General 5 1/2s series C. 1973	J	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	25	103 1/2	109	104 1/2	25	103 1/2	109	104 1/2	25	103 1/2	109	104 1/2		
General 4 1/2s series D. 1976	J	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 3/4	21	96 1/2	101 1/4	97 3/4	21	96 1/2	101 1/4	97 3/4	21	96 1/2	101 1/4	97 3/4		
General 4 1/2s series E. 1977	J	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 3/4	25	96 1/2	101 1/4	97 3/4	25	96 1/2	101 1/4	97 3/4	25	96 1/2	101 1/4	97 3/4		
Green Bay & West deb cts A. 1946	A	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	42	80	85 1/2	85 1/2	42	80	85 1/2	85 1/2	42	80	85 1/2	85 1/2		
Debtentures cts B. 1946	A	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	42	22 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	42	22 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	42	22 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2		
Greenbrier Ry 1st gu 4s. 1940	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	14	99	104	99 1/2	14	99	104	99 1/2	14	99	104	99 1/2		
Gulf Mob & Nor 1st 5 1/2s. 1950	A	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	3	101 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2	3	101 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2	3	101 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2		
1st M 5s series C. 1950	A	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	3	101 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2	3	101 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2	3	101 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2		
Gulf & S 1st ref & ter g 6s. 1952	J	108 1/4	108 3/4	108 3/4	108 3/4	3	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 3/4	3	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 3/4	3	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 3/4		
Hocking Val 1st cons g 4 1/2s. 1909	J	99 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	101 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2		
Registered. 1909	J	99 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	101 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2		
Houston Ry cons g 6s. 1937	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2		
H & T C 1st g 6s int guar. 1937	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2		
Waco & N W div 1st 6s. 1930	M	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	103 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	103 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	103 1/2	102 1/2		
Houston Belt & Term 1st 5s. 1937	J	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	103 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	103 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	103 1/2	102 1/2		
Houston E & W Tex 1st g 5s. 1933	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2		
1st guar 5s red. 1933	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2		
Hud & Manhat 1st 5s ser A. 1957	F	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	56	99 1/2	103 1/2	99 1/2	56	99 1/2	103 1/2	99 1/2	56	99 1/2	103 1/2	99 1/2		
Adjustment Income 5s Feb 1957	A	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	59	80 1/4	95 1/2	89 1/4	59	80 1/4	95 1/2	89 1/4	59	80 1/4	95 1/2	89 1/4		
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s. 1951	J	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	91 1/2	99 1/4	92 1/2	1	91 1/2	99 1/4	92 1/2	1	91 1/2	99 1/4	92 1/2		
Registered. 1951	J	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	91 1/2	99 1/4	92 1/2	1	91 1/2	99 1/4	92 1/2	1	91 1/2	99 1/4	92 1/2		
1st gold 3 1/2s. 1951	J	84	88	86 1/2	90 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2		
Registered. 1951	J	84	88	86 1/2	90 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2		
Extended 1st gold 3 1/2s. 1951	A	84	88	86 1/2	90 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	1	84 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2		
1st gold 3s sterling. 1951	M	73 1/2	76	76	76 1/2	24	70 1/2	76 1/2	76	24	70 1/2	76 1/2	76	24	70 1/2	76 1/2	76		
Collateral trust gold 4s. 1952	A	90	92	92 1/2	92 1/2	24	90 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	24	90 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	24	90 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2		
1st refunding 4s. 1952	M	93	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	24	90 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	24	90 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	24	90 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2		
Purchased lines 3 1/2s. 1952	J	83	88 1/4	84 1/2	88 1/4	14	83 1/2	90 1/4	84 1/2	14	83 1/2	90 1/4	84 1/2	14	83 1/2	90 1/4	84 1/2		
Registered. 1952	J	83	88 1/4	84 1/2	88 1/4	14	83 1/2	90 1/4	84 1/2	14	83 1/2	90 1/4	84 1/2	14	83 1/2	90 1/4	84 1/2		
Collateral trust gold 4s. 1953	M	88 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/4	14	88 1/2	90 1/4	89 1/2	14	88 1/2	90 1/4	89 1/2	14	88 1/2	90 1/4	89 1/2		
Registered. 1953	M	88 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/4	14	88 1/2	90 1/4	89 1/2	14	88 1/2	90 1/4	89 1/2	14	88 1/2	90 1/4	89 1/2		
Refunding 5s. 1955	M	103 1/2	107 1/2	103	108 1/2	4	103	107 1/2	103	4	103	107 1/2	103	4	103	107 1/2	103		
15-year secured 6 1/2s g. 1936	J	110 1/2	111	110	110 1/4	33	108 1/2	114	110 1/4	33	108 1/2	114	110 1/4	33	108 1/2	114	110 1/4		
40-year 4 1/2s. Aug 1 1966	F	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	33	98	102 1/2	99 1/2	33	98	102 1/2	99 1/2	33	98	102 1/2	99 1/2		
Calro Bridge gold 4s. 1950	J	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	33	86 1/2	97 1/2	86 1/2	33	86 1/2	97 1							

BONDS										BONDS												
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE												
Week Ended Sept. 7.										Week Ended Sept. 7.												
Interest	Period	Price	Friday	Sept. 7.	Week's	Range	Since	Jan. 1.	Bonds	Range	Since	Jan. 1.	Bonds	Range	Since	Jan. 1.	Bonds	Range	Since	Jan. 1.		
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High		Low	High		Low	High	No.	Low	High		Low	High	No.	
N Y O & W ref 1st g 4s	June 1992	M S	74 7/8	77	75	76	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	
Reg \$5,000 only June 1992	June 1992	M S	74 7/8	77	75	76	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	72 3/4	80 3/4	14	
General 4s	1955	J D	71 1/2	73	71 1/2	73	---	71 1/2	73	71 1/2	73	---	71 1/2	73	---	71 1/2	73	---	71 1/2	73	---	
N Y Providence & Boston 4s	1945	A O	87 3/8	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	---	---
Registered	1945	A O	87 3/8	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	---	87 3/8	---	---	---
N Y & Putnam 1st con g 4s	1933	A O	92	92	92	92	---	92	---	92	---	---	92	---	---	92	---	---	92	---	---	---
N Y Susq & West 1st ref 5s	1937	J J	81	84 3/8	80 1/4	82 1/2	---	80 1/4	92 1/2	80 1/4	92 1/2	---	80 1/4	92 1/2	---	80 1/4	92 1/2	---	80 1/4	92 1/2	---	
2d gold 4 1/2s	1937	F A	74	79 7/8	82 7/8	85 1/8	---	80	83 1/2	80	83 1/2	---	80	83 1/2	---	80	83 1/2	---	80	83 1/2	---	
General gold 5s	1940	F A	68 1/2	74	68 1/2	74	---	68	80 3/4	68	80 3/4	---	68	80 3/4	---	68	80 3/4	---	68	80 3/4	---	
Terminal 1st gold 5s	1943	M N	99 1/2	101	99 1/2	101	---	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	---	99 1/2	102 1/2	---	99 1/2	102 1/2	---	99 1/2	102 1/2	---	
N Y W-ches & B 1st ser I 4 1/2s	'46	J J	86	85 1/8	86	86	---	86	86	86	86	---	86	86	---	86	86	---	86	86	---	
Nord Ry ext 1st 1 1/2s	1950	A O	102	102	101 3/8	102 1/4	---	100	103	100	103	---	100	103	---	100	103	---	100	103	---	
Norfolk South 1st & ref A 5s	1961	F A	90	90	90	91	---	90	91	90	91	---	90	91	---	90	91	---	90	91	---	
Norfolk & South 1st gold 5s	1941	M N	90	91	90 3/8	90 3/8	---	90 3/8	90 3/8	90 3/8	90 3/8	---	90 3/8	90 3/8	---	90 3/8	90 3/8	---	90 3/8	90 3/8	---	
Norfolk & West gen gold 6s	1931	M N	102 3/8	103	103 1/8	103 1/8	---	102 3/8	105 1/8	102 3/8	105 1/8	---	102 3/8	105 1/8	---	102 3/8	105 1/8	---	102 3/8	105 1/8	---	
Improvement & ext 6s	1934	F A	104	104	104 1/4	104 1/4	---	104	107 1/4	104	107 1/4	---	104	107 1/4	---	104	107 1/4	---	104	107 1/4	---	
New River 1st gold 6s	1932	A O	103	105	103	103	---	103	106 3/4	103	106 3/4	---	103	106 3/4	---	103	106 3/4	---	103	106 3/4	---	
N & W Ry 1st cons g 4s	1906	A O	93 1/8	93 1/8	92 1/4	93 1/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	
Registered	1906	A O	93 1/8	93 1/8	92 1/4	93 1/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	89 7/8	98 3/8	---	
Dy 1st lien & gen g 4s	1944	J J	93 1/8	95 1/4	92 1/8	92 1/4	---	92 1/8	96 1/4	92 1/8	96 1/4	---	92 1/8	96 1/4	---	92 1/8	96 1/4	---	92 1/8	96 1/4	---	
10-yr conv 6s	1929	M S	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	---	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	---	107 1/2	107 1/2	---	107 1/2	107 1/2	---	107 1/2	107 1/2	---	
Pocah C & C Joint 4s	1941	J D	92 1/2	93 1/2	92	92 1/2	---	91 1/4	97	91 1/4	97	---	91 1/4	97	---	91 1/4	97	---	91 1/4	97	---	
North Cent gen & ref 5s A	1974	M S	107 3/8	107 3/8	108	108	---	107 3/8	108	107 3/8	108	---	107 3/8	108	---	107 3/8	108	---	107 3/8	108	---	
Gen & ref 4 1/2s ser A stpd.	1974	M S	102	102	99 3/8	100	---	98 3/8	101 3/8	98 3/8	101 3/8	---	98 3/8	101 3/8	---	98 3/8	101 3/8	---	98 3/8	101 3/8	---	
North Ohio 1st guar g 5s	1945	A O	99 1/2	99 1/2	99	99	---	99	99	99	99	---	99	99	---	99	99	---	99	99	---	
North Pacific prior lien 4s	1997	Q J	91 3/8	91 3/8	90 1/4	91 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	88	97 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	---	
Registered	1997	Q J	91 3/8	91 3/8	90 1/4	91 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	88	97 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	---	88	97 3/8	---	
Gen lien ry & 1d gt 3s Jan	2047	Q F	67	67	66 1/2	67	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	
Registered	2047	Q F	67	67	66 1/2	67	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	62 1/2	72 1/2	---	
Ref & imp 4 1/2s series A	2047	J J	99	100	98	100	---	97	101	97	101	---	97	101	---	97	101	---	97	101	---	
Ref & imp 6s series B	2047	J J	113 1/8	113 1/8	112 1/4	113 1/8	---	111	117 1/4	111	117 1/4	---	111	117 1/4	---	111	117 1/4	---	111	117 1/4	---	
Ref & imp 6s series C	2047	J J	104	110	103 3/8	104 3/8	---	103 3/8	109 1/2	103 3/8	109 1/2	---	103 3/8	109 1/2	---	103 3/8	109 1/2	---	103 3/8	109 1/2	---	
Ref & imp 6s series D	2047	J J	104	104 3/4	104 3/8	104 3/8	---	102 3/8	109 1/2	102 3/8	109 1/2	---	102 3/8	109 1/2	---	102 3/8	109 1/2	---	102 3/8	109 1/2	---	
Nor Pac Term Co 1st g 6s	1933	J J	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	---	107	110 3/4	107	110 3/4	---	107	110 3/4	---	107	110 3/4	---	107	110 3/4	---	
Nor Ry of Calif guar g 6s	1938	A O	102	105 1/4	107	107	---	105	107	105	107	---	105	107	---	105	107	---	105	107	---	
North Wisconsin 1st 6s	1930	J J	99	102 1/4	101	102 1/4	---	100	102 3/4	100	102 3/4	---	100	102 3/4	---	100	102 3/4	---	100	102 3/4	---	
Og & L Cham 1st gu g 4s	1948	J J	82	85 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	---	78 1/8	88 3/8	78 1/8	88 3/8	---	78 1/8	88 3/8	---	78 1/8	88 3/8	---	78 1/8	88 3/8	---	
Ohio Connecting Ry 1st 4s	1944	M S	93	93	93 3/8	93 3/8	---	93	93 3/8	93	93 3/8	---	93	93 3/8	---	93	93 3/8	---	93	93 3/8	---	
Ohio River RR 1st g 5s	1936	J D	99	103 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	
General gold 5s	1937	J D	99	103 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	100 3/4	104 1/2	---	
Oregon RR & Nav con g 4s	1946	J J	106	109	105	105	---	102	110 1/4	102	110 1/4	---	102	110 1/4	---	102	110 1/4	---	102	110 1/4	---	
Ore Short Line 1st cons g 5s	1946	J J	106	110 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	
Guar stpd cons 5s	1946	J J	106	110 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	106 1/4	111 1/4	---	
Guar refunding 4s	1929	J D	99	99	98 3/8	99	---	98	100	98	100	---	98	100	---	98	100	---	98	100	---	
Oregon Wash 1st & ref 4s	1961	J J	88 3/4	88 3/4	88 3/4	89	---	86 1/8	94 1/2	86 1/8	94 1/2	---	86 1/8	94 1/2	---	86 1/8	94 1/2	---	86 1/8	94 1/2	---	
Pacific Coast Co 1st g 4s	1946	J D	75 7/8	77	77	77	---	77	83 1/4	77	83 1/4	---	77	83 1/4	---	77	83 1/4	---	77	83 1/4	---	
Pac RR of Mo 1st ext g 4s	1938	F A	92 1/4	94 1/2	92 1/4	94 1/2	---	91 3/4	95 3/4	91 3/4	95 3/4	---	91 3/4	95 3/4	---	91 3/4	95 3/4	---	91 3/4	95 3/4	---	
2d extended gold 5s	1933	F A	98 1/2	102	102	102 1/2	---	102	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	---	102	102 1/2	---	102	102 1/2	---	102	102 1/2	---	
Paducah & Ills 1st r 4 1/2s	1955	J J	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 3/8	100 3/8	---	100 3/8	101 1/8	100 3/8	101 1/8	---	100 3/8	101 1/8	---	100 3/8	101 1/8	---	100 3/8	101 1/8	---	
Paris-Lyons-Med RR ext 6s	1958	F A	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	---	99	100 1/4	99	100 1/4	---	99	100 1/4	---	99	100 1/4	---	99	100 1/4	---	
Sinking fund external 7s	1958	M S	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 1/4	104	---	101 1/2	105 1/2	101 1/2	105 1/2	---	101 1/2	105 1/2	---	101 1/2	105 1/2	---	101 1/2	105 1/2	---	
Paris-Orleans RR r f 7s	1958	M S	95 1/2	96	102 3/4	104 3/8	---	101	104 1/2	101	104 1/2	---	101	104 1/2	---	101	104 1/2	---	101	104 1/2	---	
External sinking fund 5 1/2s	1968	M S	96	96	95 7/8	96 1/2	---	95 7/8	96 3/4	95 7/8	96 3/4	---	95 7/8	96 3/4	---	95 7/8	96 3/4	---				

Table with columns: Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Sept. 7, Interest Period, Price Friday, Sept. 7, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes sections for Wheeling & Lake Erie, Industrials, and various bond issues.

Table with columns: Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Sept. 7, Interest Period, Price Friday, Sept. 7, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes sections for Crown Cork & Seal, Crown-Willamette, Cuba Cane Sugar, and various other bond issues.

Outside Stock Exchanges.

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Boston Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows are categorized by Railroad, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various bond issues like Fisk Tire Fab Co and Fox New Eng Theatre.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various stock companies like Acme Steel Co, Adams Royalty Co, and American Colortype Co.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Midland, Nat Elec Power, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Aetna Rubber, Am Multi-graph, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Almar Stores, American Stores, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including National Acme, Nat Refining, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 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 like Arundel Corporation, Baltimore Trust, Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone, etc.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 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 like Am Laundry Mach com, Amer Products pref, Amer Rolling Mill com, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Included) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Pure Oil 6% pref, 8% preferred, Rapid Electrotyping, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 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 like Amer Vitrifed Prod com, Preferred, Am Wind Glass Mach com, etc.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 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 like Bank Stocks—, First National Bank, Nat Bank of Commerce, etc.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the San Francisco Exchange see page 1381.

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 (Sept. 1) and ending the present Friday (Sept. 7). 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 Sept. 7, 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. Rows include various stocks like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acetol Products Inc A., Acme Steel com, etc.

Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.				
Nat Mfrs & Stores	40	38 3/4	40 3/4	800	31	Apr 41 1/2	U S Asbestos	52	43 1/2	52	11,400	27 1/2	July 52	
Nat Rubber Mach'y	30 1/2	32 3/4	33 3/4	5,800	23	July 33 3/4	U S Dairy Prod class A	56	53 1/2	56	900	27 1/2	July 52 1/2	
Nat Sugar Refg	150	145	150	275	119	Feb 152 1/2	U S Foll class B	41	36	41	13,700	29 1/2	Aug 41	
National Tea pref	100	105	105	25	104	Jan 107 1/2	U S & Foreign Sec com		27 1/2	29	1,800	20 1/2	Mar 32	
Nat Theatre Supply com	10 1/2	10	10 3/4	1,500	6	Jan 19 1/2	\$6 first pref	96 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	400	94	June 100 3/4	
Nat Trade Journal, Inc.	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4	600	30 3/4	Apr 35 1/2	U S Freight	79 1/2	79 1/2	81	1,700	70 1/2	Feb 84 1/2	
Neuhelm Pharmacies pref.	23	21	23	400	19 1/2	Apr 37 1/2	U S Gypsum Co com	20	61 1/2	61 1/2	300	53 1/2	Feb 102 1/2	
Nebel (Oscar) Co com		22	22	100	18	Apr 25	U S Radiator com	42	42	42	300	35 1/2	Aug 48	
Neisner Bros com	93	90 3/4	93	300	73	Apr 100 3/4	Universal Insurance	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2	1,300	13 1/2	Aug 24 1/2	
Preferred	100	132	134 1/2	900	110 3/4	Jan 139 1/2	Universal Prod		26 1/2	27	300	23	Aug 27	
Nelson (Herman) Corp	5	25 1/2	28	200	27 1/2	Apr 28	Van Camp Pack, pref	50	16 1/2	17 1/2	200	7 1/2	Mar 27	
Nestle LeMur Co class A	24 1/2	27 1/2	28	200	27 1/2	Apr 28	Wahl Co common		15	16	300	9 1/2	Feb 21 1/2	
Neve Drug Stores com	36	36	38	400	35 1/2	June 43 1/2	Walt & Bond class A		25 1/2	25 1/2	300	24 1/2	Jan 29	
Convertible A	132	132	132	100	120	Apr 145	Class B		18 1/2	17 1/2	400	15	Mar 19 1/2	
Newberry (J J) com	100	107 1/2	107 1/2	50	106 3/4	Jan 110 3/4	Walgreen Co com		47 1/2	45 1/2	5,800	37 1/2	June 50	
Preferred	10	10	10 1/2	3,700	7 1/2	Jan 11 1/2	Warrants		24	23	1,800	16 1/2	Apr 25 1/2	
New Mex & Ariz Land	100	131 1/2	131 1/2	50	114	Jan 149 1/2	Watson (Jno Warren) Co		6 1/2	6 1/2	1,200	5 1/2	June 20	
Newport Co prior com	100	66 1/2	67	200	62 1/2	Aug 73 1/2	Wayne Pump		38	33 1/2	2,300	32	July 38 1/2	
Newton Steel com	30	30	30	200	28	June 35	Wesson Oil & SD com v t c		75	73 1/2	500	67	Feb 85 1/2	
N Y Merchandise Co	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	100	12 3/4	Mar 19	Western Auto Supply of C		6	6	100	51	July 68 1/2	
Niagara Share Corp	72 1/2	68 3/4	75	8,200	30 3/4	Apr 75	West Point Mfg	100	132	132	100	128	June 159	
Nichols & Shepard Co	52 1/2	49	51	1,400	16 1/2	Feb 55	Wheatworth, Inc, com		52	52	200	34 1/2	Jan 59 1/2	
Stock purch warrants	75 1/2	73 1/2	74	200	90	Mar 90	Wheeling Steel, com	100	65	65	100	34	Feb 65 1/2	
Niles Bement-Fond com	23 1/2	23	24	6,000	20 1/2	June 26 1/2	Winter (Ben) Inc com		12 1/2	12 1/2	900	11 1/2	June 16	
Noma Electric Corp com	44	43 1/2	45 1/2	2,000	29 1/2	Feb 50 3/4	Wire Wheel Corp new		29	28 1/2	29 1/2	10,900	20 1/2	Mar 36 1/2
Northwest Engineering	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	5,100	11 1/2	Feb 22	Woodworth Inc com		34	34	2,600	26 1/2	Jan 39 1/2	
Novadel Process com	52 1/2	50	50 1/2	500	30	Mar 51	Worth Inc conv cl A		16 1/2	15 1/2	600	15 1/2	Sept 23 1/2	
\$2 cum partic pref	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	10	88	Aug 100 1/2	Yellow Taxi of N Y		49 1/2	46 1/2	5,500	31 1/2	Mar 49 1/2	
Ohio Brass Class B	43 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	100	40	June 51 1/2	Young (L A) Sp & WI com		49 1/2	46 1/2	600	39 1/2	Mar 49 1/2	
Pacific Coast Biscuit pf	51	51	54	200	38	Jan 55	Conv. pref		49 1/2	45	46	225	40	June 53 1/2
Pender (D) Grocery cl A	102 3/4	101 1/2	102 3/4	140	101 1/2	Aug 105 1/2	Zellerbach Corp		116 1/2	105 1/2	116 1/2	65	Apr 116 1/2	
Class B	95	95	95	25	92	Jan 104	Zentite Products Corp com		36	37 1/2	1,300	32 1/2	July 48 1/2	
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg	67 1/2	67 1/2	69 1/2	1,600	44 1/2	Mar 69 1/2								
Peoples Drug Store, Inc.	38 3/4	38 3/4	39 1/2	2,200	34 1/2	Apr 39 1/2								
Perfect Chlor Co	100	110	115	20	110	Sept 115								
Pet Milk pref	150	145	150	400	117	Feb 150								
Phelps Dodge Corp	100	145	150	400	117	Feb 150								
Phil Morris Con Inc com	25	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	4	July 10								
Class A	9	9	9	200	9	June 14								
Flick (Albert), Barth & Co	19	19 1/2	19 1/2	700	19	Aug 22 1/2								
Pref class A (partic A pd)	25	25	25	100	25	July 34 1/2								
Pie Bakeries of A	50	50	50	100	50	Aug 67								
Piedmont & Nor Ry	35 1/2	34 1/2	39 1/2	6,100	18 1/2	Feb 36 1/2								
Pierce Governor Co	39 1/2	35 1/2	41 1/2	69,325	23 1/2	Mar 41 1/2								
Pigly Wigly Corp com	26	26	27 1/2	700	19	June 31								
Pigly Wigly Western	128	128	128	100	56 1/2	Jan 126								
States Co class A	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	300	7	June 10 1/2								
Plins Wierfront Co cl A	262	255	262	210	210	Feb 262								
Pitts & Lake Erie com	57	57	57 1/2	900	50	July 61 1/2								
Pitts Plate Glass	272	272	275	25	247	Feb 300								
Pratt & Lambert Co	34 1/2	34 1/2	35	700	33	June 35								
Procter & Gamble com	104 1/2	104 1/2	105	75	102 1/2	May 107 1/2								
Propper Silk Hosiery Inc	7	7	7 1/2	500	6 1/2	Mar 9 1/2								
Prudence Co 7% pref	24 1/2	24	25 1/2	2,300	20	Aug 35								
Pyrene Manufacturing	52 1/2	48 1/2	52 1/2	2,400	47 1/2	Aug 52 1/2								
Rainbow Luminous Prod A	287	287	290	50	270 1/2	Jan 350								
Raybestos Co com	60c	60c	60c	100	50c	Feb 1 1/2								
Realty Associates com	1 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	170	265	Jan 337								
Repetit, Inc	17	17	17 1/2	700	17	Apr 27 1/2								
Republic Mot Trk v t c	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	100	35	Apr 40 1/2								
Richman Bros	34	34	35 1/2	900	30 1/2	June 37								
Richmond Radstok, com	18 1/2	18 1/2	19	200	18 1/2	Sept 26 1/2								
7% cum conv pref	225	220	230	200	205	Apr 287								
Ross Gear & Tool com	106 1/2	106 1/2	107	100	104	Jan 111 1/2								
Ross Stores Inc	100 1/2	100 1/2	103	1,200	81 1/2	Jan 125								
Royal Baking Prod com	51 1/2	51 1/2	56 1/2	25,800	18 1/2	Mar 57								
Preferred	647	635	658	3,460	310	Jan 658								
Ruberod Co	57	55	58	500	30	June 58								
Rubberoid Co	80	78 1/2	81 1/2	5,500	60	Jan 90								
Safe-T-Stat Co common	380	2380	415	2,500	215	Jan 400								
Safeway Stores com	42 1/2	41	43	1,800	26	Jan 43								
Old fifth warr	164	164	172	825	110 1/2	Jan 172								
8% Regis Paper Co	26	25 1/2	26	500	17	Jan 29 1/2								
Sanitary Grocery Inc	24 1/2	22	26	4,300	17	June 26								
Schiff Co com	88	88	89	4,300	33	Jan 60 1/2								
7% Cum Conv pf	57	57	60	4,300	33	Jan 60 1/2								
Schulte Real Estate Co	46 1/2	46	46 1/2	500	33 1/2	Feb 50 1/2								
Schulte-United 5c to \$1 Sts	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	800	4	May 4 1/2								
Pref part paid	13	13	13 1/2	6,900	4 1/2	May 16 1/2								
Seeman Bros common	39	39	40	200	23	Feb 47 1/2								
Selberling Rub, com	27 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2	900	27	Sept 32 1/2								
Selfridge Provincial Stores	25	24 1/2	25	700	19 1/2	May 25 1/2								
Ltd ordinary	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2	1,400	40 1/2	Jan 60 1/2								
Serve Inc (new co) v t c	22	22	24	1,200	17	Apr 20								
Preferred v t c	190	190 1/2	190	104	104	May 200								
Seton Leather com	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 3/4	300	6 1/2	Apr 9 1/2								
Sharon Steel Corp	27 1/2	25 1/2	27 1/2	2,200	20	May 29 1/2								
Shearier (W A) Fan	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2	1,300	23 1/2	Jan 35 1/2								
Silica Gel Corp v t c	22	22	24	1,200	17	Apr 20								
Smith (A O) Corp	190	190 1/2	190	104	104	May 200								
Snl Viscosa Ltd	27 1/2	25 1/2	27 1/2	2,200	20	May 29 1/2								
South Coast Co	34 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	1,300	23 1/2	Jan 35 1/2								
Southern Asbestos	40	40	40 1/2	600	31 1/2	Mar 45 1/2								
Com class A	34 1/2	32 1/2	34 1/2	6,400	25	June 34 1/2								
Sou Grocery Sts com	18 1/2													

Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries	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.			
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.		
Anglo-Amer Oil (vot sh)	£1	17 1/2	17 1/2	1,100	17	June	22 1/2	Feb	18	1,100	95	July		
Non-voting shares	£1	17 1/2	17 1/2	600	16 1/2	June	20 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	7,000	95	July		
Buckeye Pipe Line	50	63	62	300	58	Jan	76	Apr	102 1/2	213,000	99 1/2	July		
Continental Oil v te	100	17 1/2	16 1/2	7,500	16	Feb	23	Jan	102 1/2	1,194,000	97	July		
Cumberland Pipe Line	100	98	98	50	88	Mar	114	May	105 1/2	18,000	84 1/2	Jan		
Galena Signal Oil	100	8	8	100	4 1/2	Jan	8 1/2	June	105 1/2	2,000	15 1/2	Apr		
Preferred old	100	85 1/2	83	84 1/2	200	35	Jan	89 1/2	106 1/2	23,000	104	Jan		
Preferred new	100	82	78 1/2	200	27	Jan	86	July	106 1/2	2,000	104	Jan		
Humble Oil & Refining	25	25	25	21,700	59 1/2	Feb	84 1/2	Apr	107	9,000	99	Jan		
Illinois Pipe Line	100	232 1/2	232 1/2	1,800	176 1/2	Jan	245	May	105	14,000	99	July		
Imperial Oil (Canada)	100	72 1/2	69	9,700	56 1/2	Feb	75	May	102 1/2	22,000	102	July		
Registered	100	72	72 1/2	200	61 1/2	Apr	72 1/2	Sept	103	1,000	102 1/2	July		
National Transit	12.50	22	21 1/2	900	19 1/2	June	32 1/2	May	103 1/2	49,000	89 1/2	Aug		
Ohio Oil	25	62 1/2	62	400	58 1/2	Feb	68 1/2	May	100 1/2	5,000	98 1/2	Jan		
Penn-Mex Fuel	25	35	33	700	28	June	84	May	98 1/2	98,000	95 1/2	Jan		
Prairie Oil & Gas	25	46 1/2	46 1/2	6,700	46 1/2	Aug	56	Apr	103 1/2	4,000	102	Aug		
Prairie Pipe Line	100	190 1/2	194 1/2	2,000	172	Jan	223	Mar	107	9,000	99	Jan		
South Penn Oil	25	49 1/2	49	3,400	36 1/2	Jan	53	Apr	105	14,000	99	July		
So West Pa Pipe Lines	100	82 1/2	82 1/2	50	79	Jan	104	Apr	102 1/2	22,000	102	July		
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	77 1/2	73	25,700	70 1/2	Jan	83 1/2	Apr	101	8,000	108	June		
Standard Oil (Kansas)	25	22	23	1,300	15	Jan	27 1/2	Apr	110	12,000	100 1/2	June		
Standard Oil (Kentucky)	25	127 1/2	130	2,200	122 1/2	Feb	136 1/2	Apr	93	59,000	89 1/2	Aug		
Standard Oil (Neb)	25	43 1/2	44	200	39 1/2	Feb	45 1/2	Aug	95	10,000	95 1/2	Sept		
Standard Oil (O) com.	25	83 1/2	84	1,600	71	Mar	84 1/2	Aug	99	7,000	97	June		
Preferred	100	119	119	100	100	Jan	125	May	99	23,000	78	Aug		
Vacuum Oil new	100	81	80	5,800	72	June	87 1/2	May	81	38,000	87 1/2	Aug		
Other Oil Stocks.														
Amer Maracaibo Co	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	4,600	3 1/2	July	6 1/2	Jan	103 1/2	5,000	103	Jan		
Atlantic Lobos Oil Co	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	700	1 1/2	Jan	5	Apr	93 1/2	41,000	93 1/2	Aug		
Barnsdall Corp stk purch warrants (deb rights)	8 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	18,500	3 1/2	July	8 1/2	Sept	99 1/2	31,000	98	Aug		
British Amer Oil com.	13 1/2	13	13 1/2	4,100	13	Aug	23 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	91,000	96 1/2	Aug		
Carib Syndicate new com.	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	17,600	10 1/2	Jan	17 1/2	May	97 1/2	2,000	97	June		
Croole Syndicate	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	1,700	76	Mar	3 1/2	June	85	4,000	83	July		
Crown Cent Petrol Corp	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	6,700	8 1/2	Jan	30 1/2	May	88 1/2	19,000	87 1/2	Aug		
Derby Oil & Ref pref.	15	15	15 1/2	500	7 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	Aug	98 1/2	8,000	96 1/2	July		
Gulf Oil Corp of Penna	25	124 1/2	120 1/2	11,300	101 1/2	Feb	148 1/2	May	106	8,000	104	June		
Houston Gulf Gas	10	15	15 1/2	400	11 1/2	Feb	22 1/2	Apr	101 1/2	3,000	101	July		
International Petroleum	10	38 1/2	37 1/2	14,500	35	Feb	45 1/2	Mar	97 1/2	9,000	93	Sept		
Kirby Petroleum	25	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Aug	3	May	92 1/2	46,000	89 1/2	Apr		
Leonard Oil Developm't	25	6 1/2	6 1/2	500	5 1/2	Mar	9 1/2	May	95 1/2	4,000	94 1/2	Aug		
Lion Oil Refg	25	27 1/2	27 1/2	500	20	Feb	32 1/2	Mar	97 1/2	75,000	95 1/2	Aug		
Lone Star Gas Corp	25	53 1/2	53 1/2	1,600	48 1/2	Apr	67 1/2	May	99 1/2	10,000	109 1/2	July		
Magdalena Syndicate	1	81	81	8,000	78 1/2	Apr	1 1/2	Apr	99 1/2	78,000	97 1/2	Jan		
Mexico-Ohio Oil Co.	10	30	30	200	4	July	8	Jan	101 1/2	19,000	99 1/2	July		
Mexico Oil Corp.	10	30	30	4,000	20	July	74	May	99 1/2	69,000	89 1/2	June		
Mountain & Gulf Oil	10	84	84	100	76	June	1 1/2	Mar	91 1/2	8,000	80	Jan		
Mountain Prod Corp	10	22 1/2	22 1/2	6,800	22 1/2	Aug	28 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	4,000	99 1/2	Aug		
Nat Fuel Gas new	26	26	27	1,800	24 1/2	Mar	30 1/2	Apr	106 1/2	15,000	106	June		
New Bradford Oil	5	5	5	200	4 1/2	Mar	5 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	34,000	97 1/2	June		
North Cent Tex Oil	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	700	10 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	May	90 1/2	11,000	89 1/2	Jan		
Pandem Oil Corporation	3	2 1/2	3	800	2 1/2	Aug	6	Jan	92 1/2	16,000	92 1/2	Aug		
Pantepec Oil of Venezuela	13 1/2	12 1/2	14	27,800	8 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	July	92 1/2	94	1,000	93	Aug	
Paragon Refg com	25	15 1/2	15 1/2	200	10 1/2	Jan	16 1/2	Jan	92 1/2	29,000	92	Aug		
Pennock Oil Corp	6	6	6	200	5 1/2	Feb	7 1/2	Apr	92 1/2	40,000	91	Aug		
Reiter Foster Oil Corp.	10	10	10 1/2	6,400	4 1/2	Feb	13	Apr	96	6,000	78 1/2	Aug		
Richfield Oil pref.	25	23 1/2	23 1/2	500	22	Apr	31 1/2	May	90	7,000	89 1/2	July		
Warrants	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	300	8 1/2	Apr	24	May	101	93,000	99 1/2	July		
Ryan Consol Petrol	5	5 1/2	6 1/2	900	4 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Apr	99 1/2	9,000	92	Aug		
Salt Creek Producers	10	26 1/2	26 1/2	4,500	26 1/2	Sept	35	Jan	95 1/2	9,000	90	Aug		
Texon Oil & Land	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	30,000	3	Mar	4 1/2	May	100 1/2	10,000	92 1/2	Aug		
Tidal Osage Oil v stock	19	17 1/2	20 1/2	6,700	13	Feb	22 1/2	May	90 1/2	14,000	90	Aug		
Non-voting stock	19	17 1/2	19 1/2	8,200	13 1/2	Feb	21 1/2	Apr	93	58,000	93	Aug		
Venezuela Petroleum	6	4 1/2	5	3,300	4 1/2	Feb	6 1/2	May	100 1/2	10,000	87	Feb		
Wilcox (H F) Oil & Gas	5	17 1/2	17 1/2	600	17 1/2	July	25	Apr	104 1/2	1,000	100	July		
Woodley Petroleum Corp	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	900	3 1/2	Apr	8 1/2	Apr	97 1/2	39,000	96 1/2	Jan		
"Y" Oil & Gas Co.	25	5	5 1/2	300	2 1/2	Feb	8 1/2	May	101	14,000	100	June		
Mining Stocks.														
Bunker Hill Sull	10	125	125 1/2	400	121	June	160	Jan	88	88 1/2	2,000	87	Aug	
Carnegie Metals	10	20 1/2	17 1/2	3,000	17	Jan	27 1/2	Apr	104	104	106	9,000	100	Jan
Central American Mines	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	3,200	60	Jan	6 1/2	Aug	96	1,000	94	Aug		
Chief Consol Mining	1	42	42	12,000	20	May	53	June	91	9,000	91	Aug		
Comstock Tun & Dr'ge	10	42	42	12,000	20	May	53	June	91	9,000	91	Aug		
Consol. Copper Mines	5	11 1/2	12 1/2	21,000	5	Jan	15	May	91 1/2	13,000	84	July		
Copper Range Co.	25	20	21	300	14	Feb	21 1/2	May	75	2,000	74 1/2	Jan		
Cresson Consol G M & M	80	80	80	1,600	76	Apr	2 1/2	Jan	98	98	99 1/2	234,000	98	Sept
Divide Extension	1	5	4	15,000	3	Mar	5	Jan	99 1/2	9,000	99	May		
Dolores Esperanza Corp.	2	1	1 1/2	1,400	30	Mar	2	Apr	100 1/2	9,000	100	Apr		
Engineer Gold Min Ltd	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,200	2	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	11,000	106 1/2	Jan		
Evans Wallower Lead com	6 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	2,500	7	July	9 1/2	July	100 1/2	2,000	100	Aug		
Falcon Lead Mines	1	7	7	3,000	5	July	16	Jan	99 1/2	15,000	99 1/2	Aug		
Golden Centre Mines	5	10	9 1/2	6,500	2 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	May	100	65,000	99 1/2	Jan		
Goldfield Cons. Mines	1	13	13	1,000	8	Jan	18	June	99	13,000	97 1/2	Aug		
Goldfield Florence	1	12	11	23,000	6	Jan	25	May	99	99	99 1/2	102	May	
Hecla Mining	25	15	15	2,000	13 1/2	Apr	13	Jan	101	3,000	99	Aug		
Hollinger Cons Gld Mines	5	8 1/2	8 1/2	2,900	8 1/2	Apr	18 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	7,000	95	July		
Hud Bay Min & Smelt.	10	19	20	54,600	16 1/2	Jan	21 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	9,000	95 1/2	Aug		
Iron Cap Copper	10	3	3 1/2	600	3	Jan	8 1/2	May	99 1/2	73,000	95 1/2	Aug		
Mason Valley Mines	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,300	1 1/2	Apr	1 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	7,000	95	July		
Mining Corp of Canada	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	3 1/2	Apr	5 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	31,000	89 1/2	Aug		
New Cornelia Copper	5	29 1/2	28 1/2	4,800	25 1/2	Feb	29 1/2	Jan	94 1/2	23,000	94 1/2	Jan		
New Jersey Zinc	100	220	215	150	180 1/2	Jan	242	May	95 1/2	25,000	96 1/2	Jan		
Newmont Mining Corp	10	164 1/2	164 1/2	11,600	122	Jan	185 1/2	June	99 1/2	7,000	94 1/2	July		
Nipissing Mines	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	800	3	Aug	5 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	31,000	89 1/2	Aug		
Noranda Mines, Ltd.	1	53	52 1/2	7										

Stocks (Continued) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Nebraska Pow 6s	2022	109 3/4	109 3/4	1,000	108	Aug	113 1/4	May
New Eng G & El Assn 5s	1947	96 1/2	96 1/2	6,000	86 1/2	June	101	Mar
N Y P & L Corp 1st 4 1/2s	1967	93 3/4	93 3/4	89,000	91 1/4	July	97 3/4	Mar
Niagara Falls Pow 6s	1950	106	105 1/2	2,000	105	Aug	106 3/4	June
Nichols & Shepard Co 6s	1937	205	205	200	117 3/4	Jan	205	Sept
Without warrants	100	100	100	13,000	94 1/2	Feb	101	Apr
Nippon Elec Pow 6 1/2s	1953	93 3/4	93 3/4	34,000	92	June	97 1/4	Apr
North Ind Pub Serv 5s	1966	100 1/2	101	3,000	99	Aug	104	Mar
Nor States Pow 6 1/2s	1933	103	103 1/2	19,000	101	June	105 1/4	Jan
Conv 6 1/2s	1933	133	133	1,000	119	Jan	148	Apr
Ohio Power 6s ser B	1952	100 1/2	101	12,000	99	June	103 3/4	May
4 1/2s series D	1956	94	93 3/4	57,000	91 1/4	June	97 1/4	Apr
Ohio River Edison 5s	1951	99 1/2	99 1/2	10,000	99	July	102 1/2	June
Oswego Falls Co 6s	1941	101	101	2,000	98 1/4	Aug	102	Apr
Oswego River Power	1957	98 1/2	98 1/2	2,000	98	July	102	Jan
Pac Gas & El 1st 4 1/2s	1957	97 3/4	97 3/4	93,000	95 1/4	July	101 3/4	Apr
Pacific Invest 5s	1948	96 3/4	97 1/2	6,000	96	Mar	105	May
Penn-Ohio Edison 6s	1950	102	101 1/2	22,000	99 1/2	June	104 1/2	May
Without warrants	102	101 1/2	102 1/4	6,000	100 3/4	July	104 1/2	Mar
Penn Pow & Lt 5s ser D	1953	102	102	3,000	100	Aug	104	Jan
1st & ref 5s ser B	1952	104 1/2	104 1/2	31,000	103 3/4	Aug	107	Jan
Phila Elec Pow 6 1/2s	1972	104 1/2	104 1/2	2,000	102 1/2	Sept	105	Jan
Phila Rpt Tran 6s	1952	102 1/2	103	2,000	102 1/2	Sept	105	Jan
Phila Sub Cos G & E	1957	99 3/4	98 3/4	60,000	97 1/2	July	102 1/2	Mar
1st & ref 4 1/2s	1952	100 3/4	101	25,000	100	June	103	Apr
Pittsburgh Steel 6s	1948	98 3/4	99 1/2	17,000	97 1/2	June	102 3/4	Mar
Potomac Edison 5s	1956	95	95	1,000	94 1/2	Aug	101	Jan
Power Corp of N Y 5 1/2s	1947	99 3/4	98 3/4	138,000	96 1/4	Aug	103 1/4	Apr
Pub Ser El & G 4 1/2s	1967	102	102	2,000	101	Aug	107	Apr
Queensboro G & E 5 1/2s	1952	97 1/2	98	17,000	95 1/4	Jan	99 3/4	Apr
Rem Arms 5 1/2s notes 1930	97 3/4	97 3/4	98	67,000	98	Feb	155	June
Richfield Oil of Calif 6s	1941	145 1/4	138	146 1/2	12,000	99 3/4	Aug	101 1/2
3-yr convt 5 1/2s notes '31	94 1/4	94	94 1/4	10,000	92 1/2	Aug	96 1/2	May
St Louis Coke & Gas 6s	1947	97 3/4	96 3/4	13,000	94 1/4	Aug	100 3/4	Mar
San Ant Pub Ser 5s	1958	101 1/4	101 1/4	1,000	100	Aug	104	Apr
Sauda Falls 5s	1955	104	104	5,000	95 1/2	Mar	108 3/4	June
Schulte R E	1975	90 1/2	90 1/2	11,000	88 1/2	Mar	93 3/4	June
Without warrants	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	21,000	13 1/2	Feb	76 1/2	May
Serve Inc (new co) 5s	1948	95 1/2	95 1/2	44,000	93 1/4	Aug	98 3/4	Mar
Shawinigan W & P 4 1/2s	1967	96 1/2	95	6,000	96 1/2	Sept	101 3/4	Apr
Shawshen Mills 7s	1931	96 1/2	97	2,000	99 1/4	July	102 3/4	Jan
Sloss-Sheffield S & I 6s	1929	100 3/4	100 3/4	4,000	100	June	102 3/4	Jan
Purch Mon 6s	1929	114	117 1/2	50,000	103	Jan	135	Apr
Snider Paek 6% notes 1932	114	98	98 1/2	11,000	95 1/2	June	100	Mar
Solvay-Am Invest 6s	1942	104 1/4	105 1/4	71,000	95	June	109 1/4	Mar
Southeast P & L 6s	2025	105 1/4	105 1/4	101,000	105	Jan	141	July
Without warrants	140 1/4	100 3/4	101 1/4	45,000	100	July	104 1/4	Apr
Southern Abestos 6s	1927	100 1/2	100 1/2	8,000	100 1/2	Apr	104 1/4	Apr
Sou Calif Edison 5s	1951	93	93 1/4	4,000	93	Aug	99 1/2	Jan
Refunding mtge 5s	1952	101 3/4	102 1/4	14,000	96 3/4	July	99 1/2	Jan
Gen & ref 5s	1944	102 1/4	103	2,000	102	Apr	108	Mar
Sou Calif Gas 5s	1937	97	97	14,000	96 3/4	July	99 1/2	Jan
South'n Dalries 6s	1930	103	103	2,000	102	Apr	108	Mar
Southern Gas 6 1/2s	1935	103	103	2,000	102	Apr	108	Mar
South Pub Serv 6s	1943	90 1/2	90 1/2	5,000	90 1/2	Sept	97 1/2	Mar
Southwest G & E 6s	1957	96	96	1,000	95	July	100 3/4	Apr
S'west Pow & Lt 6s	2022	105	105	3,000	102 1/4	Aug	112 1/4	May
Staley (A E) Mtg 6s	1942	98	98	7,000	97 1/2	Aug	101 1/4	Mar
Stand Inv 5s with war 1937	130	130	130	1,000	108 1/4	Jan	145	May
Stand Pow & Lt 6s	1957	100	99 3/4	61,000	99 1/4	Jan	104 1/4	Mar
Sinines (Hugo) Corp	1941	87	87	69,000	87	Sept	98 1/4	May
7s Oct 1 '36 without war 7s	1946	88 1/2	88	24,000	88	Aug	97 3/4	May
Sun Mail Raisin 6 1/2s	1942	79	78	19,000	76	July	88	Jan
Sun Old 5 1/2s	1939	100 3/4	100 3/4	23,000	100	July	102 1/4	Apr
Swift & Co 5s Oct 15 1932	99 3/4	99 3/4	100	56,000	99 3/4	Aug	101 3/4	Apr
Texas Power & Lt 5s	1956	99	98 3/4	37,000	97 1/2	July	103 1/4	Mar
Trans-Cont Oil 7s	1930	107	105 1/2	37,000	103	Feb	116	Jan
Tyrol Hydro Elec 7s	1952	92	92	2,000	89 3/4	Aug	95 1/2	Apr
Ulen & Co 6 1/2s	1936	99	99	5,000	97 1/2	Feb	100	May
United El Serv (Unea) 7s	1956	114	111	9,000	101 1/4	Jan	125	May
Without warrants	94	94	95 1/2	25,000	92 3/4	Jan	100	Apr
United Indust 6 1/2s	1941	91 3/4	91 3/4	3,000	91	Aug	99 1/4	Jan
United Lt & Rys 5 1/2s	1941	94	94 1/2	15,000	92	Aug	99 1/2	Jan
6s series A	1952	100 1/2	101 1/2	29,000	100 1/2	June	108 1/4	Jan
United Oil Prodn 8s	1931	62	61	2,000	60	Aug	90	Apr
Un Rys of Havana 7 1/2s	1936	111	110	11	110	July	113 1/2	Feb
United Steel Wks 6 1/2s	1947	91 1/4	91 1/4	18,000	89	June	96	Feb
Without warrants	94	94	94	500	94	June	98 1/4	May
U S Raditor 6s A	1938	99 1/2	99 1/2	18,000	92	July	102 1/2	May
U S Rubber 6 1/2s notes 1930	97	97	98 1/2	3,000	93	July	102 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1931	96	95 1/2	96 1/2	13,000	92	July	102 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1932	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	1,000	92	July	103	Feb
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1933	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	6,000	91	July	103	Feb
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1934	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	10,000	90 1/2	July	102 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1935	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	4,000	90 1/2	July	103 1/2	Feb
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1936	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	3,000	90	July	102 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1937	94 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/4	6,000	90	July	103 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1938	94 1/2	94 1/2	95	4,000	90 1/2	July	103 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1939	94	94	96	9,000	91	July	104 1/2	Feb
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1940	94	94	96	16,000	100	May	105	Feb
U S Smelt & Ref 5 1/2s	1935	101 1/4	102 1/4	63,000	92	Jan	101	May
Utilities Pow & Lt 5 1/2s	1947	94	93 3/4	11,000	94 1/2	Aug	82	July
Van Camp Paek 8s	1941	66 3/4	69	11,000	64 1/2	Aug	82	July
Va Elec & Pow 6s A	1955	99	99	3,000	98 3/4	Aug	102 1/4	Mar
Warner Bros Pict 6 1/2s	1928	182	192	18,000	95 1/4	Jan	170	Aug
Warner-Quinlan Co 6s	1942	115	110	200,000	98	Feb	115	Sept
Webster Mills 6 1/2s	1933	95	91 1/4	5,000	88	Aug	99 1/4	Apr
Western Power 5 1/2s	1957	102 1/2	101	103 1/2	137,000	99	June	105
Westvac Chlorine 6 1/2s	1937	100 1/2	101	5,000	100	Aug	107	May
Wheeling Steel 4 1/2s	1953	90	88 3/4	82,000	86	Aug	93 1/4	May

Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Mtge Bank of Chile 6s 1931	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	15,000	93	June	99	Mar
Mtge Bk of Jugoslav 7s '57	85	83 1/2	85	24,000	81	Aug	90	May
Mtge Bank of Venetian Provinces 7s	1952	90	90	2,000	89	June	96	Apr
Netherlands 6s	1972	104 1/4	104 1/4	1,000	104 1/4	Sept	108 1/4	Feb
Newfoundland 7s	1952	100 1/4	101	5,000	99 1/4	June	102	Feb
Parana (State of) Braz 7s '58	1951	93 3/4	93 3/4	8,000	92 1/2	Aug	98 1/4	May
Prussia (Free State) 6 1/2s '51	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	31,000	95	June	98 1/4	Mar
Extl 6s (of '27) Oct 15 '52	91	90 1/2	91 1/2	134,000	88 1/4	Aug	94 1/4	May
Rio Grande do Sul (State) Brazil 7s (of '27) 1967	94 1/4	97	97	3,000	96	Jan	100 1/4	Apr
6s (Kling) extl see 7s ser B '37	1948	94 1/4	94 1/4	103,000	94 1/4	July	94 1/4	July
Russian Government	1919	12 1/2	12 1/2	3,000	12 1/2	June	18	Mar
6 1/2s	1946	95	95	1,000	94 1/4	June	98 1/4	Apr
6 1/2s cts	1919	12 1/2	13	29,000	12 1/2	June	18	Mar
5 1/2s	1921	13	13	5,000	12 1/2	June	17 1/2	Mar
5 1/2s certificates	1921	13	13	14,000	12 1/2	July	17 1/2	Mar
Saar Basin Con Counties 7s	1935	100	99 3/4	3,000	99 3/4	Sept	102 1/2	May
Santa Fe (City) Argentine Republic extl 7s	1945	96 1/2	96 1/2	2,000	93 1/4	Jan	99 1/4	May
Santiago (Chile) 7s	1949	100 1/4	100 1/4	2,000	98 1/4	Jan		

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Table with multiple columns listing various securities including Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Standard Oil Stocks, Sugar Stocks, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, and Investment Trust Stocks. Each entry includes a description of the security and its corresponding bid and ask prices.

* Per share. † No par value. b Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. n Nominal. s Ex-dividend. u Ex-rights. r Canadian quotation. # Sale price.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analysis of Western Maryland Railway.
—Furlaud & Co., Inc., 52 Wall St., N. Y., have issued a current circular of foreign investment suggestions.
—James H. O'Neil, formerly with Goodbody & Co., is now associated with the New York Produce Exchange.
—Paul Bauer & Co., 7 Wall St., New York, have issued their analysis of bank stocks and market review.

—Thomas E. Kenney, formerly of Ryan & Kenney, is now in charge of the trading department of the New York office of Sawyer Brothers, 52 William Street.
—Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., announce the removal of their offices to the Harriman Building, 39 Broadway, New York.
—Wm. Carnegie Ewen, 2 Wall St., New York, has issued for distribution a circular on Interborough Rapid Transit Co.
—Battles & Co. announce that A. Sidney Norton is now associated with them in their New York office, 30 Broad St.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we complete our summary of the earnings for the fourth week of August. The table covers 7 roads and shows 0.46% increase over the same week last year.

Fourth Week of August.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	530,922	547,900		16,978
Canadian Pacific	6,263,000	5,769,000	494,000	
Georgia & Florida	38,400	36,200	2,200	
Minneapolis & St. Louis	335,312	396,556		61,244
Mobile & Ohio	475,172	507,659		32,487
St. Louis Southwestern	662,900	673,239		10,339
Southern Railway System	5,286,892	5,600,552		313,660
Total (7 roads)	13,592,598	13,531,306	496,000	434,708
Net increase (0.46%)			61,292	

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 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)	18,861,532	10,882,826	-1,294	0.02
4th week Feb. (12 roads)	15,575,152	13,665,718	+1,909,434	13.97
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)	13,673,411	13,394,689	+278,722	2.08
2d week June (12 roads)	14,229,434	13,551,112	+678,321	5.01
3d week June (11 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 (12 roads)	14,611,038	14,078,523	+532,515	3.78
4th week July (12 roads)	20,725,170	19,038,584	+1,686,586	8.84
1st week Aug (12 roads)	14,966,919	13,605,103	+1,361,816	10.00
2d week Aug (12 roads)	15,193,245	14,211,656	+981,589	6.91
3d week Aug (12 roads)	15,501,891	14,278,486	+1,223,405	8.57
4th week Aug. (7 roads)	13,592,598	13,531,306	+61,292	0.46

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.	Increase or Decrease.	1927.	1926.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
July	508,413,874	510,935	-48,297,061	125,438,334	160,874,882	-35,436,548
August	556,406,662	570,093,397	-22,686,735	164,013,942	179,711,414	-15,697,472
Septem ^r	564,043,987	590,102,143	-26,058,156	179,434,277	193,233,706	-13,799,429
October	582,542,179	605,982,445	-23,440,266	180,919,048	194,283,539	-13,364,491
Novem ^r	502,994,051	561,583,956	-58,589,905	125,957,014	158,501,561	-32,544,547
Decem ^r	466,526,003	525,820,708	-59,294,705	90,351,147	118,520,165	-28,169,018
1928.	1927.			1927.		
January	456,520,897	480,722,646	-30,161,749	93,990,640	99,549,436	-5,558,796
February	455,681,258	468,532,117	-12,850,859	108,120,729	107,579,051	+541,678
March	564,233,987	590,648,788	-26,414,801	131,840,275	135,874,542	-4,034,267
April	473,428,231	497,865,380	-24,437,149	110,907,453	113,818,315	-2,910,862
May	509,746,395	518,569,718	-8,823,323	128,780,393	127,940,076	+840,317
June	501,576,771	516,448,211	-14,871,440	127,284,367	129,111,754	-1,827,387

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 1927—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, 2.66% dec.; May, 0.66% inc.; June, 1.41% dec.

In the month of July the length of road covered was 238,316 miles in 1927, 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; in June, 240,302 miles, against 239,066 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.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canadian National						
Chi Det & Can Grand Trunk Jet	323,925	310,900	196,745	160,388	186,395	149,983
From Jan 1.	2,259,571	2,315,455	1,337,918	1,129,171	1,265,457	1,056,526
Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee						
July	845,394	789,943	361,736	299,850	352,854	285,740
From Jan 1.	5,341,164	4,863,113	2,043,894	1,868,694	1,981,804	1,776,079
Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine						
July	115,047	123,914	-8,531	-15,578	-22,531	-28,878
From Jan 1.	1,566,568	1,647,019	175,814	132,140	77,814	39,040
Canadian Pacific Lines in Vt						
July	170,654	191,639	-466,216	41,121	-471,066	36,371
From Jan 1.	1,163,577	1,191,109	-742,917	28,635	-776,867	-4,615
Chicago & Ill Midland						
July	201,896	70,732	27,067	-91,387	20,632	-98,272
From Jan 1.	1,454,561	963,863	281,348	-200,936	233,303	-250,560
Chicago Rock Island & Gulf						
July	740,578	626,549	337,751	156,608	315,665	130,198
From Jan 1.	3,813,172	4,321,278	1,251,398	1,292,027	1,075,841	1,106,708
Colorado & Southern						
July	930,777	972,141	250,702	35,036	186,394	-35,610
From Jan 1.	6,443,302	7,005,107	1,075,835	734,022	615,642	281,627
Fort Worth & Denver City						
July	1,085,628	975,213	478,077	229,420	429,855	203,977
From Jan 1.	6,202,693	7,174,460	1,049,968	1,853,728	1,664,648	1,432,642
Trinity & Berayes Valley						
July	210,791	193,938	39,748	26,312	32,123	19,034
From Jan 1.	1,256,626	1,426,158	86,115	70,480	32,852	18,901
Wichita Valley						
July	109,454	98,877	30,515	7,169	23,524	381
From Jan 1.	958,257	998,896	399,269	409,183	338,991	346,451

	—Gross from Railway—		—Net from Railway—		—Net after Taxes—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Denver Rio Grande Western						
July	2,579,268	2,670,025	533,680	533,939	342,705	343,816
From Jan 1.	17,180,457	17,353,034	3,601,394	3,510,531	2,299,694	2,207,608
Denver & Salt Lake						
July	286,582	267,714	64,574	-26,154	54,571	-34,970
From Jan 1.	2,101,711	2,026,672	631,365	44,748	573,332	-5,642
Georgia						
July	480,449	463,256	101,989	89,274	91,330	81,171
From Jan 1.	3,014,404	3,284,285	445,326	546,103	379,819	471,754
Kansas City Mexico & Orient						
July	246,801	245,277	28,779	24,514	24,695	20,403
From Jan 1.	1,770,802	1,720,582	189,650	48,070	161,243	18,469
Kansas City Mexico & Orient of Texas						
July	429,758					

Engineers Public Service Co.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of July		12 Mos. End. July 31—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings.....	2,641,057	2,463,621	30,527,369	28,555,123
Oper. expenses & taxes..	1,542,826	1,551,763	18,286,727	17,602,716
Net earnings.....	1,098,231	911,858	12,240,642	10,952,406
Interest & amortization..	327,159	290,092	3,796,731	3,276,736
Balance.....	771,071	621,765	8,443,910	7,675,669
Dividends on pref. stock subsidiary companies..			1,813,814	1,485,037
Balance.....			6,630,096	6,190,632
Proportion of above bal. applic. to com. stock of subsidiaries in hands of public.....			91,902	207,086
Bal. applic. to reserves and to Eng. Pub. S. Co. Dividends on pref. stock of Eng. Pub. Serv. Co.			6,538,194	5,983,545
			*2,133,164	2,153,606
Bal. applic. to reserves and common stock of Engineers' Public Service Co.....			4,405,030	3,829,939

* Includes dividends for 11 months on \$7 dividend preferred shares redeemed July 1 1928 and 1 month on \$5 div. convertible pref. shares.

Nebraska Power Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	Month of June		12 Mos. End. June 30—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earn. from oper.	410,893	377,599	5,080,773	4,606,889
Oper. exp. & taxes.....	222,097	199,028	2,677,315	2,348,908
Net earn. from oper.	188,796	178,571	2,403,458	2,257,981
Other income.....	15,690	10,818	182,857	186,671
Total income.....	204,486	189,389	2,586,315	2,444,652
Interest on bonds.....	67,250	67,250	807,000	792,555
Other int. & deductions..	15,405	9,346	165,688	96,024
Balance.....	121,831	112,793	1,613,627	1,556,073
Divs. on preferred stock..			364,000	364,000
Balance.....			1,249,627	1,192,073

The Pullman Co.

	Month of July		12 Mos. End. July 31—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
<i>Sleeping Car Operations—</i>				
Berth revenue.....	6,998,323	7,133,829	44,483,902	44,528,306
Seat revenue.....	856,222	917,547	5,714,370	5,858,705
Charter of cars.....	205,665	168,256	1,241,232	1,004,863
Miscellaneous revenue..	13,266	13,422	95,202	90,798
Car mileage revenue....	86,470	77,312	598,143	696,889
Contract revenue.....	881,159	931,471	5,106,475	5,200,626
Total revenues.....	7,278,789	7,378,897	47,026,376	46,978,917
Maintenance of cars.....	1,910,758	1,833,387	16,981,547	15,954,798
All other maintenance..	14,262	51,050	296,291	294,632
Conducting car oper.....	3,092,938	2,988,082	20,448,542	20,176,698
General expenses.....	226,848	264,767	1,700,127	1,744,112
Total expenses.....	5,244,808	5,137,288	39,426,509	38,170,241
Net revenue.....	2,033,981	2,241,609	7,599,866	8,808,676
<i>Auxiliary Operations—</i>				
Total revenues.....	125,793	112,706	846,975	787,471
Total expenses.....	104,596	90,852	693,328	681,112
Net revenue.....	21,197	21,854	153,647	106,358
Total net revenue.....	2,055,179	2,263,463	7,753,514	8,915,034
Taxes accrued.....	442,561	487,100	2,266,478	2,503,587
Operating income.....	1,612,617	1,776,363	5,487,036	6,411,447

Virginia Electric & Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of July		12 Mos. End. July 31—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings.....	1,296,424	1,231,838	15,871,939	15,146,487
Operation.....	529,894	550,546	6,286,101	6,363,437
Maintenance.....	128,346	127,213	1,515,301	1,521,608
Taxes.....	115,053	100,645	1,431,909	1,171,695
Net operating revenue	523,129	453,433	6,638,626	6,089,746
Inc. from other sources..			13,714	
Balance.....			6,652,341	6,089,746
Interest & amortization..			1,812,684	1,532,430
Balance.....			4,839,656	4,557,315

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Sept. 1. The next will appear in that of Oct. 6.

New York Steam Corporation.

(7th Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1928.)

President David C. Johnson, Aug. 30, wrote in substance:

Growth.—While some years naturally have shown greater expansion than others, the trend in business (as indicated by chart of gross earnings for the past 15 calendar years) has been consistently upward. The graph also indicates the growth since the end of the calendar year 1927. The increase in gross earnings between 1916 and 1920 was due in substantial part to the higher rates necessitated during that period, because of the rapid increase in the cost of fuel. However, the rise in gross earnings in recent years has been at even a more rapid rate, although the average price received per thousand pounds of steam has steadily decreased from \$1.25 in 1921 to 98 cents in 1928.

Charts in the report show the increases which have occurred in sales of steam, in length of mains and services and in net earnings, as well as in the cubic contents of buildings served or under contract. It is of especial interest to note the increase in contents of buildings without boilers served

or under contract. At the present time, over 2,100 buildings are served or under contract, of which approximately 73% have no boiler equipment, and many of these are without smoke stacks.

Revenue.—The statement of earnings, expenses and charges for the years ended June 30 1927, and June 30 1928, shows an increase in gross earnings, including non-operating revenue, from \$5,977,426 to \$7,085,158. Sales of steam increased from 6,112,182,000 to 7,151,639,000 pounds, or over 17%. This favorable increase was accomplished despite a mild winter, as more fully described later in this report.

Net earnings, after operating expenses, maintenance and taxes other than Federal income taxes, showed a very substantial increase from \$1,771,665 to \$2,277,281, or over 28%. These earnings were 3½ times the net interest charges. The fact that of the \$1,107,732 increase in gross earnings, \$505,616, or over 45% was saved for the net available for interest, whereas normal ratio at this point is 32%, is due to economies in operation, to smaller proportionate general expenses, and to the fact that less steam was purchased from the New York Edison Co.

Substantial additions to the power house equipment and to the distribution system, placed in operation during the year, resulted in materially increasing fixed charges, although the benefit from these improvements is by no means fully reflected in the earnings for the period. Net earnings after income deductions available for preferred stock dividends increased from \$1,348,298 to \$1,524,534 or over 13%. These earnings were approximately 2½ times the preferred stock dividend payments of \$617,698. The net earnings available for renewals and replacements and dividends on common stock were, therefore, \$906,836, or only slightly larger than those for last year.

During the year, the corporation encountered unusual difficulties, which in the future are not likely to obtain or should be more readily overcome. First, the winter of 1927-1928 was abnormally mild. In fact, it was one of only 4 winters since 1871 (the first year for which we have complete records) during which the average temperature in each of the months from September to March, inclusive, was warmer than the normal for such months. Secondly, the operating efficiencies obtained from our new Kip's Bay Station in the early months of the year were not as high as we would have liked although they improved materially during the last 3 months of the year. It is a fact, however, that with practically all largestations of new design, 2 or 3 years are required in which to work out various operating problems in order to obtain high efficiencies, and during the ensuing year much more favorable results are expected from the Kip's Bay Station. Thirdly, as mentioned above, interest charges and preferred stock dividend requirements increased substantially, due to the financing of a large amount of new property constructed and placed in operation, although the full benefits from such property have not as yet been obtained.

Following the conservative policy of the management, it was decided to appropriate from surplus \$550,000 for renewals and replacements, although actual retirements during the period were only \$179,533. Our reserve for renewals and replacements, therefore, increased from \$515,398 to \$1,205,893. In this connection, it should be understood that the corporation started business 7 years since with a plant account of \$9,333,196, set up on a depreciated basis, and naturally with no reserve for renewal and replacements on the liability side of the balance sheet. This is, of course, different from the situation of a utility company which has been in existence for many years where the cost of the property is stated in its plant account, and provision for depreciation accomplished through a reserve for renewals and replacements created over a long period of years rather than by making a deduction from the cost or reproduction value of the property, as was done originally in the case of this Corporation. The properties of the corporation are in excellent physical and operating condition. A large proportion is new, nearly two-thirds having been constructed during the past 4 years.

New Property.—During the past year, the plant and property account of the corporation increased from \$31,588,584 to \$36,994,992 or a net increase of over \$5,406,000 after retiring property valued at \$179,533. Having rapidly extended the area of the territory served in the uptown district during the past 4 years to meet the demands created by an unprecedented rate of new building construction, it is the policy of the corporation to secure during the ensuing year all of the business possible on its existing lines and to make only such extensions as may be justified by an immediate increase in net earnings or as may be required to maintain a high character of service. In other words, it will be the endeavor to increase net earnings through the utilization, as far as possible, of the property constructed during the past several years, so as to minimize capital expenditures in the immediate future.

Financing.—The net capital expenditures made during the year, of \$5,406,000, were financed out of earnings and through the sale of \$4,000,000 5% 1st mtge. bonds and 8,070 shares of \$6 preferred stock. These securities were successfully sold to the public by syndicates headed by the National City Co. and enjoy satisfactory markets. The increase in bonded debt outstanding with the public is less than the amount of bonds sold because of retirements made through the operations of sinking funds.

Recent financing of the corporation has been done at a relatively low cost, particularly as compared with its financing costs several years since. Thus, during 1922, first mortgage bonds were sold by the corporation on a basis slightly over 7%, while recent issues have been sold on a basis slightly over 7%, while recent issues have been sold on a basis slightly in excess of 6%. Likewise, preferred stock financing during 1922 was on a basis slightly above 8%, as compared to slightly over 6% this year. This drop of 2% in yield represents a saving of nearly 30% in financing costs. That it is due more to the improved credit position of the corporation than to improved general market conditions, is evidenced by the fact that a computation of a representative group of public utility securities shows a decrease in yield of only about ¼%, or about 13% in financing costs, as compared to the improvement in financing costs of the New York Steam Corp. of nearly 30%.

During the year, our bonds continued to be purchased by life and fire insurance companies and other institutions, frequently in very large blocks. A law passed in New York State within the last few months permits the investment by life insurance corporations in our preferred stock.

At the present time, the preferred and common stocks of the corporation are owned by 3,221 individuals, estates and institutions. It is estimated that the corporation has approximately 5,000 bondholders, making a total, after allowing for duplications, of about 8,000 holders of the securities of the corporation. Of the preferred stockholders, 46% are women, 6% are estates and institutions and 48% are men. While no accurate record may be kept of bondholders, it is estimated that the number of women and institutions owning the corporation's first mortgage bonds represents an even greater percentage of the total. The geographical distribution of the securities is wide, holders of the preferred and common stocks residing in 37 states of the Union and 11 foreign countries.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 127, p. 1253.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1928.	1927.		1928.	1927.
Assets—					
Plant & property.....	36,994,992	31,588,584	Liabilities—		
Investments.....	3,427	3,428	Ref. A stock.....	4,193,000	4,193,000
Deposits and advances.....	118,095	114,616	\$6 pref. stock.....	5,807,000	5,000,000
Bond discount and expenses in process of amortx.....	1,566,792	1,579,361	Common stock.....	57,320,000	7,320,000
Deferred charges.....	135,078	148,637	First M 6% bonds.....	5,693,500	5,693,500
Cash.....	620,313	720,359	First M 5% bonds.....	1,847,500	7,954,000
Accts. receivable.....	543,043	627,179	Accounts payable.....	1,451,025	1,906,154
Notes receivable.....	4,465	—	Cust. serv., sec. & rental deposits.....	153,857	131,300
Materials and supplies (at cost)....	852,983	643,759	Notes and trade acceptances pay'le.....	650,000	62,566
			Accrued interest.....	174,008	159,017
			Accrued taxes and water rentals.....	227,969	175,742
			Sundry curr. liab.....	26,503	57,793
			Accrued divs., &c.....	184,411	171,748
			Due to affil. cos.....	—	160,273
			Renewal & repl. ser.....	1,205,893	815,398
			Other reserve.....	68,379	54,419
			Surplus.....	1,846,139	1,571,013
Total (each side).....	40,839,187	35,425,922			

a Represented by 41,930 outstanding shares of Series A \$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par value) valued at minimum liquidation price.
b Represented by 30,000 shares of no par value common stock, authorized and issued at stated value.
c Represented by 58,070 outstanding shares of \$6 dividend series (no par value) at minimum liquidation price.
x Including \$210,983 excess of minimum liquidations price of \$6 preferred stock over gross proceeds from sale.
y After deducting \$37,867 reserve for bad debts.
z Includes \$215,000 capital surplus arising from substitution of property under lease agreement.—V. 127, p. 1253.

Chicago & Alton Railroad Co.

(22d Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

GENERAL TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924), Miles operated, Passengers carried, etc.

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924), Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924), Total oper. revenues, Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenues, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924), Total Income, Deduct—Hire of equip., Jt. facility rets.—bal., etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1927, 1926, 1925, 1924), Assets (Road & equip., Impt. on leased, etc.), Liabilities (4% cum. prior, etc.), Total.

x \$9,883,012 appearing in receivers' assets under other unadjusted debits and corporate liabilities under other unadjusted credits eliminated from combined figures.—V. 126, p. 2472.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation & Subs. (Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1928.)

C. G. Wilson, President, Richmond, Va., Aug. 31, wrote in part:

After provision for depreciation in the sum of \$762,549, plus mines depletion and other direct operating charges, there was a net profit from current operations of \$2,510,703. It is believed, and so assumed, that allowable charges accruing from previous operations are sufficient to offset income taxes that would otherwise normally accrue against the current year's operations and in consequence no provision has been made by way of reserve charge to cover that item.

There was expended for ordinary running repairs and maintenance and charged to cost of operations the sum of \$324,248; for additions and betterments to plant account, \$246,301; there was expended for replacements, \$658,330.

Dividends upon the corporation's 7% prior preference stock were paid during the year in the net amount of \$896,200.

During the fiscal year there were purchased 4,372 shares of the company's 7% prior preference cumulat. div. stock at the aggregate net cost of \$406,834, or an average per share of \$93.054. The difference—\$30,565—between the par value of the stock so purchased and the cost thereof, was credited to contingent reserve account.

The results from operations of subsidiary units and of income from miscellaneous sources compares satisfactorily with similar items of the previous fiscal year.

While exact figures covering commercial fertilizer consumption for the country at large for the year just closed are not precisely known, it is estimated that there was an increase of approximately 20% over that of the year preceding. However, company did not participate in this reported increase, largely by reason of certain competitive conditions prevailing in given areas of the Atlantic Seaboard territory to which the management (without marking a course of permanent policy) declined to adjust the affairs of the company, believing as it did that in the circumstances of the year, standing alone, the normal desire for an enlarged ton-

nage movement should be subordinated to the possibilities of a realization in the profit account.

The proportion of tonnage moving upon a cash basis during the year compared within a fraction with the record of the year preceding.

The company has recently embarked in the manufacture and sale of specially prepared forms of fertilization for use in plant and garden culture ("Bloomald") and for grass development on lawns and golf course fairways, &c. ("Fairway"); also in the production of some refined chemicals not heretofore manufactured by the company.

There has been an excess production of some farm commodities, notably tobacco and potatoes, with the consequent unremunerative returns to the grower, but taking the crops of 1928 as a whole, actual and prospective, they compare favorably with those of 1927, to the end that the buying power of farmers in the fertilizer consuming territory has, we believe, appreciably improved during the last twelve months.

Viewed by and large, at no time since pre-war days have the fundamental conditions underlying the fertilizer industry been so sound as at present; inventories are not burdensome; efficient productive capacity is not widely out of line with consumptive demand; the price level of materials as a whole (although the cost of some of the ingredients entering into the manufacture of complete fertilizer is above that prevailing a year ago) is upon a practical parity; the same is true of the wage scale; transportation is upon the highest plane of efficiency ever experienced by the industry; moreover, by the known factors of the moment, the account that the fertilizer industry will give of itself for the current year lies in its own hands to determine.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with 3 columns: Year (1928, 1927), Gross earnings after deducting mfg. costs and exp., Total income, Selling, admin. & gen. exp., etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1928, 1927), Assets (Land, bldgs., mach., & equip., etc.), Liabilities (7% prior pref. stk., 6% part. pref. stk., etc.), Total.

x After deducting \$1,119,324 reserve for doubtful accounts and bills and cash discounts, y Authorized 750,000 shares, no par value, issued 486,700 shares.—V. 127, p. 563.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corporation. (5th Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1928.)

Gerhard M. Dahl, Chairman, Aug. 31, reports in substance:

Corporation has continued the policy of rendering as good service as possible, limited as to rapid transit lines by the facilities provided by the City, and of placing and keeping the properties in excellent operating condition, as indicated by expenditures for maintenance of way and structure and of equipment, including reserves for depreciation, continuing in excess of 24% of total operating revenues.

There were paid, for the fiscal year, on the outstanding pref. stock of the corporation, four quarterly dividends aggregating \$1,496,808, and on the outstanding common stock, four quarterly dividends of \$1 each, aggregating \$3,079,644.

Passengers Carried Fiscal Years Ended June 30.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1918-1928), Surface, Rapid Transit, Totals.

The decade thus shows that the increase in rapid transit facilities and in population has produced an increase in rapid transit traffic of 153% and that the surface lines, in the face of such increase in facilities, have also shown a substantial increase, indicative that they are an important and essential part of transportation facilities.

Rapid Transit Lines.

During the past fiscal year the City made substantial progress in completing its obligations under the contract of 1913. The lengthening of certain station platforms was completed so that trains of 8 subway cars of the corporation's standard size may be operated. The Coney Island shops and storage track yard were so far completed as to permit the installation of shop equipment and of use thereof by the New York Rapid Transit Corp., which was thus, this past year, provided with adequate shops for the maintenance of its subway equipment. On the 14th St. Line (the western half of which was placed in operation on June 30 1924) the City made such progress in the construction of the eastern half that operation thereof was possible shortly after the close of the fiscal year. Through and transfer connections with existing lines at East New York made the 14th St. Line a trunk line, affording added convenience to northern Brooklyn and southern Queens and decreasing the Canal St. congestion. The City, in Jan. and Feb. 1928 let the contracts for the construction of the Nassau Line, the last important construction obligation of the City under the contract of 1913. The City also announced its intention to extend the 14th St. Line from Sixth Ave. to Eighth Ave., Manhattan, as an extension under contract No. 4. Company informed the City, in response to a query, that, under the contractual accounting option, it will operate such extension as a part of the system without separate accounting.

The New York Rapid Transit Corp., besides providing the fixed equipment for the Coney Island shops and for the 14th St. Line, placed in operation the remainder of the 213 cars, comprising 71 units of triplex articulated cars, heretofore contracted for. It also placed orders for 150 additional cars of 50 such units which, it is anticipated, will all be in operation by the end of 1928. These triplex units represent an increase, since 1924, of 25% in the car capacity of standard subway equipment of the company, thus providing a substantial increase in service to the public. To finance these cars and other capital improvements, New York Rapid Transit Corp. was authorized by the Transit Commission to issue \$17,000,000 of its 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series B, which corporation was authorized to buy at 94.

Results of Operation Under Contract With City.

Under the provisions of contract No. 4 as to the disposition of revenue arising from operations under the contract, New York Rapid Transit Corp. is entitled to its operating and preferential deductions, including cumulat. deficiencies thereof, ahead of any payments to the City. The condensed summary below, for the fiscal year ended June 30 1928, and for the 15-year

period from the commencement of operation under the contract, namely, Aug. 4 1913 to June 30 1928, shows the order in which such deductions are made from revenues and the application of revenues thereto, together with the cumulative deficiencies.

It will be observed that the earnings for 1928 show an increase in the excess over the year's deductions, applicable to the cumulative deficiency. With a continuation of favorable operating conditions and particularly with the additional facilities that the City is obligated to provide, it is hoped that the net revenue will continue to increase so that the cumulative deficiency of full deductions may be gradually made good.

Contract No. 4, Operation Condensed Summary.

	Year Ended June 30 1928.	1913 to June 30 1928.	Period Aug. 4 1913 to June 30 1928.
Revenue	\$34,908,064	\$315,912,207	277,714,062
Operating deductions & corp.'s 1st preferential	26,778,205		
Balance available for return on new money invested under contract	8,129,859		38,198,145
Corp.'s 2nd pref. representing int. and sinking fund on corp.'s contribution to construction and equipment under contract	5,634,078		51,219,252
Balance above corp.'s 2nd preferential	2,495,781		
Deficiency representing amount by which revenues failed to equal int. and sinking fund on corp.'s contribution to constr. & equip. under contract			13,021,107

The above statement includes deductions amounting to \$3,433,557 which were objected to on March 7 1928 by the Transit Commission; as to which final determination has not been had, under the provisions of contract No. 4.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 127, p. 1247.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	(B.-M. T. SYSTEM.)			
Assets—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Cost of road and equipment:				
Properties owned, excl. of rapid transit exp. made under Contract No. 4 & related etfs.	140,804,725	140,459,048	141,578,773	139,899,610
Rapid transit exp. under Contract No. 4 & related etfs.	102,997,484	96,155,374	90,240,015	88,620,888
Cash on hand & in banks	6,042,958	5,454,272	4,845,540	6,480,855
Materials & supplies	1,172,139	2,584,344	2,216,922	2,601,231
Inv. incl. stock purch. for empl. account.	1,963,193	3,758,855	5,497,660	7,057,526
Accounts receivable	1,070,688	1,243,352	1,248,383	626,547
Interest receivable	87,456	132,965	160,406	137,480
Cash fund for construction and equipment of lines				78,988
Special depositions of sec. & cash:				
Insur. reserve investments		1,306,847	1,253,506	1,216,560
City of N. Y., Cont. No. 4, &c.	281,399	281,399	281,399	281,399
State Industrial Comm.—City of N. Y. corp. stk. & Lib. bds	946,581	830,682	695,936	695,936
Deprec. Fund Board, Contract No. 4 and related certificates	3,041,530	3,039,774	2,335,609	2,315,251
Other special depositions	1,172,139	838,224	808,182	876,861
Sinking fund bonds	4,685,000	3,095,000	1,967,000	1,197,000
Accounts in litigation & items in suspense	1,282,614	872,669	515,344	343,907
Prepaid accounts	264,895	211,868	241,709	272,015
Bds. & dep. held in escrow (contra)				28,063
Claims in constr. of Bklyn. City Lines, arising out of lease of Feb. 14 1893:				
(a) General claims acct Bklyn. City RR.	7,789,988	7,789,988	7,789,988	7,789,988
(b) Claims in respect of 469 cars, &c.	3,173,634	3,173,635	3,173,635	3,173,635
Items in suspense				629,666
Total	278,354,766	271,228,195	264,850,006	264,323,406
Liabilities—				
Funded debt—B.-M. T. Corp.—N. Y. Rap. Tr. Corp. underlying bonds	92,698,000	92,698,000	92,698,000	92,698,000
Williamsburgh Power Plant Corp.	17,885,600	17,885,600	17,885,600	17,885,600
Brooklyn Heights RR.	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Nassau Electric RR.	14,750,000	14,750,000	14,750,000	14,750,000
Brooklyn Queens Co. & Surburban RR.	5,886,000	5,970,000	6,324,000	6,624,000
Coney Island & Brooklyn RR.	6,232,000	6,232,000	6,232,000	6,232,000
Total funded debt	264,000,100	251,917,100	252,648,100	254,915,100
Less bonds owned or in treasury	125,862,757	113,891,758	113,899,758	115,963,757
Balance	138,137,342	138,025,343	138,748,343	138,951,342
Pref. stock (249,468 shares)	24,946,800	24,946,800	24,946,800	24,946,800
Common stock (769,911 shares)	31,331,833	31,331,833	31,331,833	31,331,833
Constit. cos.: Shs. not owned by B.-M. T. System	161,025	184,625	294,025	299,725
Real estate mortgages	150,000	383,950	386,100	381,200
Bills payable	7,500,000	3,800,000		
Accounts payable	2,492,942	2,690,333	2,204,653	2,321,482
Tax accruals	3,115,047	2,465,631	1,961,693	1,497,474
Int. accr. on fund. debt	4,049,377	4,019,046	4,043,241	3,973,721
Other interest	68,057	58,932	21,246	21,164
Total claims, incl. judgments	45,080	68,150	63,679	42,841
Dividends payable	1,144,113	1,144,113	1,144,113	374,202
Items in suspense				691,405
Items pay. from bond proceeds				233,979
Proceeds from sale of real estate and awards				70,691
Pref. stock held for employees	583,125	729,570	175,760	
Employers' liability reserve	357,735	379,182	383,039	331,360
Res. for undetermined assets, claims in litigation, unliquidated claims & gen. reserves	32,610,679	33,107,420	33,598,602	35,425,960
Accr. amort. of cap., &c., reserves	8,275,385	6,320,635	5,012,539	4,734,242
Res. for taxes in litigation and contng. tax liabilities	2,776,749	2,719,665	2,710,677	2,733,250
Unadjusted credits	18,997	53,668	8,711	
Leasehold, &c., deposits (contra)				28,062
Unearned rentals				4,373
Surplus June 30	20,587,481	18,799,298	17,814,954	15,928,298
Total	278,354,766	271,228,195	264,850,006	264,323,406

x Includes \$1,122,606 dividends declared on preferred stock payable Oct. 15 1928, Jan. 15 and April 15 1929.—V. 127, p. 1247.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

I.-S. C. Commission Postpones Hearing.—Hearing on Southwestern freight rates called for Sept. 10 has been postponed until Sept. 17.—New York Times, Sept. 7 p. 47.

Two Rail Unions Vote to Authorize Strike.—Confidence of 70,000 trainmen and conductors on western roads is voted in wage crisis.—New York Times, Sept. 5, p. 53.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on Aug. 23 had 226,882 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced. This was a decrease of 14,376 cars compared with Aug. 15, at which time there were 241,258 cars. Surplus coal cars on Aug. 23 totaled 64,331, a decrease of 10,464 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 119,293, a decrease of 4,168 for the same period. Reports also showed 19,962 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,299 cars under the number reported on Aug. 15 while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 13,802, an increase of 1,068 for the same period.

Locomotives in Need of Repair.—Locomotives in need of repair on the Class I railroads of this country on Aug. 15 totaled 8,827, or 14.9% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 517 locomotives compared with the number in need of repair on Aug. 1, at which time there were 8,310, or 14%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on Aug. 15 totaled 4,926, or 8.3%, an increase of 344 compared with Aug. 1, while 3,901, or 6.6%, were in need of running repairs, an increase of 173 compared with Aug. 1. Class I railroads on Aug. 15 had 6,712 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 6,982 on Aug. 1.

Freight Cars in Need of Repairs.—Class I railroads on Aug. 15 had 154,055 freight cars in need of repair, or 6.9% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 2,188 cars over the number reported on Aug. 1, at which time there were 151,867, or 6.7%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on Aug. 15 totaled 109,215, or 4.9%, an increase of 794 compared with Aug. 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 44,840, or 2%, an increase of 1,394 compared with Aug. 1.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—To Sell Northwestern Pacific Stock to Southern Pacific Co.—See Southern Pacific Co. below.—V. 127, p. 1249, 949.

Bangor & Aroostook RR.—Outlook.

Percy R. Todd is quoted as follows: "As to the coming potato crop in Bangor & Aroostook's territory, that is, the one planted this spring, and the movement of which is just commencing, it is absolutely impossible as yet to make a definite estimate because the extent of blight or rust in potatoes, only a small portion of which have as yet been dug, is absolutely unknown, but I fear that it may develop to be very extensive as it has in other potato raising regions."

"I am inclined to believe that both our August and September net earnings will show a decrease from the same period of last year. However, I think there is no doubt that we will earn double our common stock dividend for the year."

"In August only 15 cars of potatoes have been loaded on our line as against 214 last year, which is merely an indication that farmers are holding back on account of the extremely low price being offered, from 90 cents to \$1 per bushel at our stations, which is below cost."

"Our equipment is in such condition that we can handle a potato crop of any size with ease. Our track and other property are in better shape than in any previous year."—V. 126, p. 2302.

Belgian National Ry. Co.—\$4.14 Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$4.14 per share on the participating preferred stock, American shares, payable Sept. 20 to holders of record Sept. 10. The previous distribution on this issue was \$1.86 per share, made on June 15 last. (See also offering of stock in V. 126, p. 405.)—V. 127, p. 1101.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Holders of Securities Not Exchanged under Reorganization Plan May Lose—Bondholders Entitled to 49%—Stock Valueless—Exchange Still Kept Open by Reorganization Managers.

In spite of the great publicity during the period of over three years in connection with the receivership and reorganization of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., a large number of stockholders and some of the bondholders apparently are unaware of the reorganization plan and the fact that they are in danger of losing in the aggregate about \$2,000,000.

Inquiry of Jerome J. Hanauer, who has been in charge of the reorganization under which Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City Co. have acted as reorganization managers, elicited the information that the reorganization managers recently have sent letters to the registered owners of undeposited shares, calling the situation to their attention. Many of the registered shareholders are not actual shareholders, but have sold their shares and the present owners are unknown, while as to the bonds, which are payable to bearer, the owners are entirely unknown to the reorganization managers.

Although the Court has authorized the termination of the offer to securityholders as long ago as last February, the reorganization managers are still holding the privilege open to the holders of about \$4,000,000 bonds, 6,000 shares of preferred stock and 15,000 shares of common stock, who have not as yet deposited under the plan.

Under the foreclosure decree the bonds will only be entitled to distribution value of about 49%, while the new securities given under the plan, together with the cash adjustment, are now worth over 80% in the market. The preferred common stock, are now worth over 80% in the market. The mortgages ahead of them having been foreclosed, but the value of the securities given under the plan for the shares, after deducting the assessment of \$28 for each share of preferred and \$32 for each share of common, would now leave a market equity of about \$49 for each share of preferred stock and \$33 for each share of common stock. Of course, sooner or later the privilege to deposit will have to be terminated, but the reorganization managers stated that it was their desire to give the fullest opportunity to all non-depositing securityholders to avoid loss.—V. 126, p. 3446, 1975.

Georgia & Florida Ry.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$4,710,000 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1918 (not June 30 1928 as previously reported.)—V. 127, p. 1250.

Mobile & Ohio RR.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$43,879,815 on the owned properties and \$45,011,800 on the used properties of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 126, p. 2955, 2640.

Muskogee Co.—Relations with Railway Company.

We take the following from the Philadelphia "News Bureau" of Aug. 31: A statement defining relations of the Muskogee Co. and the Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. points out that the former holding company owns a total of \$10,835,501 in first mortgage and preferred stocks of the K. O. & G. Railway. The latter company has no common stock. The statement says:

"In this manner the Muskogee Co. has controlled the railway company for upwards of two years. During that time the railroad property has been practically rebuilt, and this rehabilitation is reflected in increased efficiency, acquisition of new traffic and economies in operation."

Muskogee Company a Delaware corporation, has outstanding 40,000 shares of no par value stock, of which 16,600 shares are owned by the Midland Valley RR.

The assets of the Muskogee Company consist of the preferred stocks of the Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. The following table is a statement of the degree of ownership by the Muskogee Co.:

	Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Railway Capital Structure	Owned by Muskogee Co.
1st mortgage 5s 1978	\$3,951,000	
Series A 6% cum. (from June 1 1926)		
preferred stock	2,851,164	\$2,459,067
Series B preferred stock	281,919	225,762
Series C preferred stock	5,783,650	5,607,148
Preferred stock	2,700,000	2,543,523
Total	\$15,547,733	\$10,835,501

There is no common stock of the Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.

The Muskogee Co. has in this manner controlled the Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. for upwards of two years. During that period the railroad property has been practically rebuilt. 181 bridges have been filled, 151 bridges rebuilt—with a resultant excellent bridge condition—the entire main line of 310 miles ballasted, five large freight engines purchased, telephone and telegraph lines and substantially all stations and buildings reconstructed, 15 miles of 90 lb. rail laid and over 800,000 ties renewed, representing 75% of the total cross-ties on the property.

This complete rehabilitation is reflected in increased efficiency, acquisition of new traffic and economies in operation, perhaps best reflected by the fact that the freight trains between Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Denison, Texas, a distance of 195 miles, regularly make the run in 11 hours as compared to 18 or more hours two years ago.

In June 1928 the 6% long-term debt and Director General of Railroads' 6% collateral note were refunded by an issue of \$3,951,000 first mortgage 5% series 1978 gold bonds, which were offered by Edward B. Smith & Co. and W. H. Newbold's Son & Co. at 98%.

The total operating revenues of the Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. for the month of July 1928, were \$253,713 against \$221,078 for the year 1927;

for the 7 months' period ended July 31 1928, \$1,688,634 as against \$1,589,921 for the same period of 1927. Net income applicable to dividends for the 7 months' period ended July 31 1928 was \$205,253, as against a deficit of \$33,984 for the same period of 1927. The outlook is encouraging.

The rebalancing program, just completed, whereunder the entire main track was heavily ballasted, entailed abnormal charges to operating expenses. The relief from these charges from now on should be reflected in increased net income.

On July 31 1928, an initial dividend of 3% was paid on the Series A 6% cumulative preferred stock of the Railway Company. On Aug. 15 1928, an initial dividend of \$1.50 per share was paid upon the stock of the Muskogee Co.—V. 127, p. 950.

Northwestern Pacific RR.—Full Control by Southern Pacific Co.—See Southern Pacific Co. below.—V. 126, p. 1346.

Paulista Ry. (Companhia Paulista de Estradas de Ferro, Brazil).—To Redeem Bonds.—

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., as fiscal agents under the loan, have drawn by lot and called for redemption on Sept. 15, \$74,000 of Paulista Ry. 1st ref. mtg. 7% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, making a total of \$793,500, bonds redeemed by the sinking fund. Payment is to be made at 102 at the office of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., N. Y. City.—V. 126, p. 1346.

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—The Farmers Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., N. Y. City, will until Sept. 29, receive bids for the sale to it of consol. mtg. bonds at a price not exceeding par and int., to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$2,235,150.—V. 126, p. 1346.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—Stockholders Meeting.—A special meeting of stockholders has been called for Oct. 24 to authorize construction of the Connellsville extension and to ratify an increase in the company's indebtedness from \$3,832,000 to \$50,000,000 through the issuance of first mortgage bonds as needed.

Construction of the Connellsville extension, 38 miles long, was recently authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission.

Work Started on Railway Link.—The Pittsburgh "Gazette" Aug. 29, said:

Construction of the 38-mile link of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia that will put Pittsburgh on a direct route to tidewater at Baltimore began yesterday morning.

Work on the link will be pushed at high pressure until early in 1930, when it will join the Western Maryland RR. tracks at Connellsville, realizing the 20-year-old dream of the Gould interests to connect the Great Lakes and tidewater by a direct route to Baltimore.

Only a handful of railroad officials and newspaper men were present yesterday morning when a huge steam shovel bit into the ground at Cochran Mill and lifted the first yard of earth into a caterpillar tread truck to begin the first cut and fill, marking the end of a long and bitter battle between the railroad and competing lines.

From the first estimate of \$12,900,000, the contract price has been reduced to slightly over \$10,000,000 for the 38-mile link.

To finance the project directors of the railroad have authorized the issuance of \$15,000,000 of 5% mortgage bonds. As soon as approval of the issue by the I.-S. C. Commission is secured \$10,000,000 of the bonds are to be sold.

The first cut and fill, construction of which was begun yesterday, will be 70 feet high and 1,700 feet long. There will be six tunnels on the line, a number of small bridges and three major river bridges; a bridge 170 feet high across the Monongahela River at Gibsonton, near Monessen, and bridges 130 feet high across the Youghiogheny River at Whitesett and between Dawson and Broadford. Crossing Pidgeon Creek there will be a trestle 280 feet high, one of the highest railroad structures in the eastern part of the United States.

Throughout the Cochran Mill-Connellsville link, according to F. C. Baird, general manager of the railroad, the work will be what is known in railroad circles as heavy construction. Instead of following river valleys, the line will strike a hill-top level at an average elevation of 1,000 feet above sea level. The line will be of single-track construction, but all masonry is designed to permit adding a second track when traffic requires it.

H. H. Temple, chief engineer for the railroad, yesterday estimated construction time at from 18 months to two years.—V. 127, p. 1251.

Southern Pacific Co.—Asks Permission to Get Full Control of Northwestern Pacific RR.—

Application was made to the I.-S. C. Commission, Sept. 5, by the company for authority to acquire by stock purchase complete control of the Northwestern Pacific R.R., which is now owned jointly by it and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. The company contend that such action would be in the public interest and named \$4,443,349 as the purchase price. Total mileage operated by the Northwestern Pacific is about 478 miles, and the points of interchange with the Southern Pacific lines are at Santa Rosa, Schellville Junction and San Francisco, all in California.

"Such acquisition," the application states, "will vest in the applicant all of the capital stock of said carrier and will place upon applicant the entire responsibility for furnishing through said carrier adequate transportation service to the public."

The Southern Pacific further set forth that while the stock has no ascertainable market value, it believed that the value agreed upon represents the fair value for the reason that it was the cost of the stock to the Santa Fe plus its additional advances to the Northwestern Pacific, without interest.—V. 127, p. 1251, 681.

Southern Railway.—Abandonment of Morristown-Corryton Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission on August 25 issued a certificate authorizing the abandonment by the company of a branch line of railroad between Morristown and Corryton, Tenn. The line sought to be abandoned extends from Morristown, Hamblen County, through Grainger County to Corryton, Knox County, a distance of 39.58 miles, all in the State of Tennessee.—V. 127, p. 680.

Waco Beaumont Trinity & Sabine Ry.—Authority to Issue Securities Asked.—

The company has filed with the I.-S. C. Commission an application for authority to issue and sell \$910,000 common stock and \$3,000,000 1st mtg., series A, bonds.

The application states that the purpose of these issues is to retire the existing outstanding bond issue and all other obligations of the company and to make provision for the construction of the first section of its proposed extension in Texas.

The commission in July 1927 granted to the company authority to construct extensions from Livingston via Beaumont to Port Arthur, about 95 miles, and from Weldon to Waco, about 109 miles. The application shows that the company has set out upon the construction of these extensions, dividing the construction work and the financing related to same into three sections. The first section is from Port Arthur via Port Neches and Beaumont to Elizabeth with a belt line around Beaumont. The second section will extend from Graybury to Normangee, and the third section from Normangee to Waco. The funds to be realized from the sale of the \$3,000,000 of bonds covered by the present application will be appropriated to construct the section from Port Arthur via Port Neches and Beaumont to Elizabeth, with the belt line around Beaumont, and also to prosecute work on the section between Graybury and Livingston.

Provision is also for the purchase of an amount of equipment considered adequate for operation of the first section.

The application shows that the railway company has arranged to sell \$3,000,000 of 1st mtg. bonds to George M. Forman & Co. of Chicago, at 89 and interest and that it has let to the Foundation Co. of New York, a contract covering the entire construction between Port Arthur and Waco.

The application also indicates that by or before completion of the section between Port Arthur and Elizabeth the company expects to bring out through George M. Forman & Co. a second series of bonds to cover cost of constructing the section between Graybury and Normangee, and that while that section is under construction, a third and final issue will be brought out to cover the cost of constructing the section between Normangee and Waco.

It is stated that this process of building by sections was adopted so as to overcome difficulties related to the carrying charge on the construction funds during the period of construction, it being believed that each section as completed will provide a background of earnings for further mortgages.

The application indicates that the plans of the company, together with tentative arrangements made with the bankers and with the construction company, contemplates the construction of modern and efficient port terminals on the Beaumont-Port Arthur waterway for operation in connection with the railroad. It is indicated that a separate company will be organized to own and construct these terminals.

Reference is also made to the acquisition of about 14,000 acres of land, with 10 miles of water frontage, to be owned by a separate company, to be developed for industrial purposes in connection with the railroad. These lands are said to be held under option by R. C. Duff, who will transfer same to the development company when organized. It is indicated that the railway company will own the capital stock of the development company as well as of the port terminal company. The commission is asked to approve the present application providing for the issuance of \$910,000 of stock and \$3,000,000 of bonds merely as a first step in the general undertaking.—V. 125, p. 778.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in Chronicle of Sept. 1.—Public utility bonds pass municipal in holdings of 25 largest insurance companies, p. 1194.

Alabama Power Co.—Bonds offered.—Harris Forbes & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc. and Coffin & Burr, Inc., are offering \$15,000,000 1st refunding mtg. gold bonds, 5% series, due 1968 at 99½ and interest yielding over 5%.

Dated Sept. 1 1928; due Sept. 1 1968. Int. payable (M. & S.) in N. Y. City. Callable all or part at any time prior to maturity on 45 days' notice; at 104 through Sept. 1 1933, and thereafter with successive reductions of ½ of 1% in the redemption price for and during each successive 5-year period; plus int. in each case. Denom. \$1,000c* and or \$1,000 and authorized multiples. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Penn. 4 mill tax refundable.

Legal Investment for Savings Banks.—The first and refunding mortgage gold bonds, 4½% series due 1967 are on the advance list dated March 30 1928 of public utility bonds considered legal for savings bank investment under the provisions of the 1928 amendments of the banking law of the State of New York; and the company will promptly make application to the Superintendent of Banks for the listing of these bonds.

Issuance.—Subject to approval by the Alabama P. S. Commission.

Data from Letter of Thomas W. Martin, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Is one of the principal subsidiaries of Southeastern Power & Light Co. and one of the largest hydro-electric companies in this country. Its properties are all located in Alabama and it serves directly or at wholesale nearly all the domestic and commercial electric light and power requirements of the State. Company also supplies power at wholesale to affiliated companies and other utilities, including the major portion of the requirements of two affiliated companies serving respectively western Florida and the eastern half of Mississippi.

Properties.—The present installed generating capacity of the plants owned by the company aggregates 498,130 hp. of which over 73% is hydro-electric. The property includes three of the largest hydro-electric developments and one of the largest steam generating stations in the South. In addition to these owned plants, the company has available, through lease or contract 177,850 h. p. of hydro capacity and 118,760 h. p. of standby steam capacity. Another large hydro-electric plant, to be known as Jordan Dam, is now under construction at Look 18 on the Coosa River and the initial installation of 144,000 hp. should be in operation this year. A plant with an initial capacity of 72,000 hp. utilizing the storage from Martin Dam is now under construction at Tallassee Falls and should be in operation early in 1930. A modern steam plant at Gorgas, Ala., with an initial installation of 80,000 hp. is under construction and should be in operation in 1929. The total initial capacity of the three plants now under construction will be 296,000 hp.

Security.—The first and refunding mortgage bonds are secured by a first mortgage on important transmission and distribution properties in southern Alabama and participate in the security of the first mortgage of the former Alabama Power Co. on practically all of the remainder of the physical properties owned by the company, through pledge of \$37,000,000 of first mortgage lien and refunding bonds for the security of which (and of the bonds of that issue with the public) there are in turn pledged \$53,552,000 of such first mortgage bonds and \$1,276,000 divisional bonds. In addition the first and refunding mortgage bonds are secured by a general lien on all the remainder of the physical properties owned by the company, subject to underlying mortgages under which \$34,708,700 bonds are outstanding in the hands of the public.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company in part for expenditures already made for construction or acquisition of important additions and improvements to its properties and for other corporate purposes.

Combined Earnings 12 Months' Periods Ended July 31.

	1927.	1928.
Gross earnings, including other income*	\$16,273,050	\$17,127,034
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	8,103,407	7,239,922
Net earnings	\$8,169,643	\$9,887,112
Annual interest on funded debt with public (including this issue)		4,285,235

Balance for other interest, renewals and replacements, dividends, etc.	\$5,601,877
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* Does not include interest during construction capitalized amounting during the 12 months ended July 31 1928 to \$1,043,432 and during the preceding period to \$745,181.

Capitalization (as of July 31 1928 after giving effect to this financing).

Capital stock (no par value):	
Common	2,356,753 shs.
Preferred dividend, \$5 per sh. per an. cumul.	26,849 shs.
Dividend, \$6 per sh. per an. cumul.	82,354 shs.
Dividend, \$7 per sh. per an. cumul.	176,904 shs.
100-year gold debenture certificates 7% due 2020 a	\$12,170,000
First & ref. mtg. bonds 5% series due 1968 (this issue)	\$15,000,000
4½% series due 1967	40,000,000
1st mtg. lien & ref. bonds (closed mtg.): b	
5% series due 1951	17,700,000
5% series due 1956	6,000,000
1st mtg. 5% bonds due 1946 c	10,221,000
Underlying divisional bonds (closed mortgages) c	787,700

a These debentures have a contingent interest in the balance available after the payment of preferred stock dividends. b Not including \$37,000,000 first mortgage lien and refunding bonds pledged to secure the first and refunding mortgage bonds. c Not including \$53,552,000 1st mtg. bonds and \$1,276,000 underlying divisional bonds pledged to secure the first mortgage lien & refunding bonds and not including \$12,000 underlying divisional bonds pledged under the first mortgage. Additional first mortgage bonds may be issued only for pledge as security for the first mortgage lien and refunding bonds.—V. 126, p. 3585.

American Community Power Co.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared the initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the 1st pref. stock; also an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on preference stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15.—V. 127, p. 258.

American Natural Gas Corp.—Earnings.—

The consolidated income account for the 6 months ended June 30 1928 shows gross revenues of \$6,162,442. Operating expenses, maintenance and general taxes, other than Federal income tax, amounted to \$3,259,950, leaving net operating income of \$2,902,492 before depreciation and depletion. After interest on funded and unfunded debt, depreciation and depletion, dividends accrued on preferred stock of subsidiaries, and minority stockholders' equity earnings of Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. there remained the sum of \$1,351,887. After interest and dividends on American Natural Gas Corp. securities, there was a balance for the 6 months ended June 30 1928, of \$781,577 available for amortization of debt discount and expense, Federal taxes and 651,300 shares of common stock.—V. 127, p. 258.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Tenders.—

The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until Sept. 12 receive bids for the sale to it of 30-year 5% coll. trust gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1946 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$800,426.—V. 127, p. 1252.

American Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for 12 Months Ended July 31 1928.

Gross earnings, including other income	\$2,001,409
Oper. expenses, maint. & taxes, except Federal income taxes	1,351,317
Annual interest requirements—1st lien & ref. 6% bonds	288,960
15-year 6½% debentures	135,135
Balance	\$225,997

The above figures include 12 months' earnings of properties now owned through certain of such properties were owned for only a portion of the period and one small property was not actually acquired until after July 31, but earnings of this property for the 12 months ended April 30 1928 are included in the above figures. Interest charges as above are for 12 months' period on entire amount of securities now outstanding.—V. 127, p. 681.

Appalachian Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, successor trustee, 205 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., will until Sept. 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 5% s. f. gold bonds dated June 1 1911, at a price not exceeding 105 and int., to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$223,920.—V. 125, p. 1458.

Arizona Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc. and Coffin & Burr, Inc. are offering an additional issue of \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, Series of 1948, at 94 and int., to yield 5½%. Dated Jan. 1 1928. (See original offering in V. 126, p. 249.)

Issuance.—Authorized by Arizona Corporation Commission.

Data from Letter of E. C. Deal, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Arizona. Supplies electric light and power, manufactured gas, ice and (or) water service for domestic and industrial purposes to various cities and communities located in the State of Arizona. The territory served has a population of approximately 70,000. Over 66% of the net operating income is from electric properties, 19% from water properties, and 8% from gas properties. The principal communities served by the company are: Yuma, Globe, Florence, Bisbee, Douglas and Safford, Ariz.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding.
1st mtge. gold bonds: 5% bonds, Series 1948.	a	\$2,700,000
20-year sinking fund 6% bonds, Series A, due 1945.	a	1,639,700

Cumulative preferred stock (no par value) 50,000 shs. 1,820,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value) 100,000 shs. 23,000 shs.
a Issuance limited by provisions of the mortgage and of a supplemental indenture, dated as of Jan. 1 1928. b \$6.50 Series.

Security.—This issue of first mortgage 5% gold bonds, Series of 1948, together with the bonds of Series A now outstanding, constituting the only funded debt of the company, rank equally, and are secured by a direct first mortgage on all the physical properties of the company in the State of Arizona.

Earnings.—The earnings of the properties are officially reported as follows:

12 Months Ended July 31—	1928.	1927.
Gross revenues	\$1,545,922	\$1,502,148
Oper. Exp. maint. & taxes, other than Federal Income Tax	905,976	873,292
Balance	\$639,946	\$628,856

The annual interest requirements on company's entire funded indebtedness (including this issue) amounts to \$233,382

The increased earnings which will result from capital expenditures for which a large part of these additional first mortgage bonds have been issued, are not reflected in the above figures.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to reimburse in part the treasury for the cost of additions and improvements, made and in process, for property acquisitions in Florence, Casa Grande and Miami, and for the retirement of \$321,500 principal amount of Series A bonds.—V. 126 p. 1979, 712.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Class A Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend on the class "A" stock of 50c. per share payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Sept. 29. A like amount was paid on May 1 and Aug. 1 last. In addition to the regular dividend on this stock an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in cash was paid Feb. 1 last.

Holders of class "A" stock may apply the regular dividend to the purchase of additional shares of class "A" stock at \$20 per share whereas the present market price is about \$50 per share, making the stock dividend rate 10% per annum, yielding, at the present market price, about \$5 per share per annum.

The dividend will be so applied and the class "A" stock (or scrip certificates for fractional shares) purchased therewith will be delivered to all stockholders entitled thereto who do not, on or before Oct. 5 next, request payment in cash.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Properties Since Dates of Acquisition.

12 Months Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.	Increase.	%
Gross earnings & other income	\$41,368,723	\$32,376,230	\$8,992,493	28
Oper. exp., maint., all taxes, &c.	23,101,658	17,420,775	5,680,883	33
Net earnings	\$18,267,065	\$14,955,455	\$3,311,610	22
Underlying pref. divs. & int.	5,130,362	5,966,856	836,494	*14
Balance	\$13,136,703	\$8,988,599	\$4,148,104	46
All other interest	4,976,085	2,328,820	2,647,265	114
Bal. for divs. & depreciation	\$8,160,618	\$6,659,779	\$1,500,839	23
Prov. for replace., renewals & retire. of fixed cap. (deprec.)	2,013,436	1,702,591	310,845	18
Balance for divs. & surplus	\$6,147,182	\$4,957,188	\$1,189,994	24

Boston Worcester & New York Street Ry.—Earnings.—

[As filed with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.]

Period Ended June 30 1928—	3 Months.	6 Months.
Operating revenues	\$175,425	\$382,601
Operating expenses	150,663	340,656
Net operating revenues	\$24,762	\$41,945
Gross income	20,501	33,451
Net income	16,086	24,482

—V. 127, p. 407.

Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—New Directors.—

George B. Cortelyou, president of the Consolidated Gas Co., and John A. Garver, have been elected directors. Certificates of deposit for capital stock of the Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc., were removed on Sept. 6 from the list of the New York Stock Exchange, the certificates having been exchanged for common and preferred stock of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—V. 127, p. 820, 407.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Sells Interborough Rapid Transit Stock.—

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" Aug. 31: "Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. has sold the 19,650 shares of Interborough Rapid Transit Co. stock (represented by certificates) which it acquired in May, 1927. A substantial profit was made out of the transaction.

It was brought out in hearings before the Transit Commission last year that Gerhard M. Dahl, chairman of the B.-M. T., held 6,600 voting trust certificates of the I. R. T. and that the Waubesa Corp. in which Mr. Dahl was interested also held 6,600 certificates. Albert H. Wiggin, chairman of the finance committee of the B.-M. T. and chairman of Chase National

Bank, held 3,000 certificates and Thomas L. Chadbourne, personal friend of Mr. Dahl, had 9,800.

It seems quite likely that since the B.-M. T. saw fit to sell its I. R. T. holdings, Mr. Dahl, Mr. Wiggin and their associates, who were said to have working control of I. R. T. at such time as the I. R. T. stock was released from the voting trust agreement (last year), parted with their holdings also. Possibly these sales were made last May and June when I. R. T. had a run-up to 62 as a result of the favorable decision of the Federal Statutory Court on the company's application for a temporary injunction allowing it to charge a 7-cent fare.—V. 127 p. 1247.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—Acquisitions.—

The company on Aug. 31 announced the acquisition by two of its subsidiaries of the properties of the Southwest Power Co.

The Public Service Co. of Oklahoma has taken over the Southwest company's properties serving 18 communities in Eastern Oklahoma, including gas and electric service in McAlester. The electric properties of the Southwest company, 27 Arkansas communities have been taken over by the Southwestern Gas & Electric Co. In each case the properties acquired are in process of interconnection with the system of the company acquiring them.

As a result of the acquisition the Public Service Co. of Oklahoma now serves 103 communities in Eastern Oklahoma and the Southwestern Gas & Electric Co. now serves 112 communities in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. The entire group of the Central and Southwest Utilities Co.'s subsidiaries now service 518 communities in the Southwestern States.—V. 127, p. 681.

Central States Electric Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

Dillon, Read & Co.; Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Dominick & Dominick, and Shields & Co., Inc., are offering \$10,000,000 conv. pref. stock, optional dividend series, at \$98 a share.

Dividends payable quarterly in common stock of the company at the annual rate of one-sixteenth of a share of common stock per share of this preferred stock, or, at the option of the holder, in cash at the annual rate of \$6 per share. Subject to the prior preferences of the 7% (first) preferred stock, the serial preferred stock (of which the optional dividend series, and the 6% series, formerly designated as 6% cumulative preferred stock, are to be presently outstanding) is preferred over the common stock as to cumulative dividends, and as to assets in the event of liquidation. Convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series, is to be entitled on liquidation to preference over the common stock as to assets to the extent of \$110 a share or divs.; is to be red. at the company's option at any time, as a whole or in part, on 30 days' notice, at \$10 a share and divs.; and is to be entitled to cumulative dividends, accruing from Oct. 1 1928 and payable Q.-J. Dividends free of present normal Federal income tax. Central Union Trust Co., New York, registrar; Bankers Trust Co., New York, transfer agent.

Capitalization as at Aug. 31 1928 (Adjusted to Include this Issue).

Debtentures	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% (1st) pref. stock—cumul. (par \$100)	\$50,000,000	\$19,655,000
Serial pref. stock, cumul. (par \$100) 6% series	7,543,300	7,543,300
Optional div. series—convertible (this issue)	175,000,000	10,237,000
Common stock (without par value)	22,500,000 shs.	1,117,640 shs.

a 5% convertible debentures, sec. due 1948 (convertible, on or before Jan. 1 1938, into preferred stock, 6% series, at the rate of 10 shares for each \$1,000 debenture). b \$19,655,000 of preferred stock, 6% series, is reserved for the conversion of the 5% convertible debentures. c \$4,746 shares of common stock are to be reserved for conversion of preferred stock of the optional dividend series, and 125,000 shares of common stock (representing the present maximum stock dividend requirement on the optional dividend issue of preferred stock for a period of 20 years) are to be reserved for dividends payable in common stock on preferred stock of the optional dividend series.

Data from Letter of Pres. L. E. Kilmarx, New York, Sept. 5.

Business and Assets.—Corporation, organized in Virginia in 1912, is engaged in investing primarily in securities of public utility holding and operating companies. Its principal investment is in the common stock of the North American Co., in which company it is the largest single stockholder. Dividends have been paid by the North American Co. on its common stock without interruption for more than 19 years. For five years such dividends have been paid in common stock at the rate of 2½% quarterly.

The value of the net assets of Central States Electric Corp., as at Aug. 31 1928 as shown by the balance sheet of that date, but adjusted to give effect to the issuance of this \$10,000,000 par value of preferred stock and to the present market value of securities then owned, after deducting all current and accrued liabilities and funded debt, but before deducting any preferred stock, was over \$73,000,000.

In addition to common stock of the North American Co., the assets of the company include investments (at cost) aggregating approximately \$11,500,000, for the most part in common stocks of the following companies: Consolidated Edison Co. Northern States Power Co. (Del.) Consol. Gas Co. of New York. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. Consol. Gas, El. L. & Pr. Co. of Balt. Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. Electric Gas, Restors, Inc. Public Service Co. of Northern Ill.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to acquire additional investments, and for other corporate purposes.

Income Statement 12 Months Ended Aug. 31.

Dividend Income—	1927.	1928.
Stock dividends (value as stated below)*	\$3,742,770	\$5,029,769
Cash dividends	43,552	461,109
Other income	621,740	1,989,009
Total income	\$4,408,062	\$7,479,887
Total expenses	47,313	329,532

Balance before int. and discount on funded debt. \$4,360,749
Annual requirement for interest and discount on debentures outstanding as at Aug. 31 1928. \$7,150,355
1,051,543

Balance before preferred dividends \$6,098,812

Annual dividend requirements on preferred stocks outstanding as at Aug. 31 1928, and on this issue:

Dividends on 7% (first preferred stock) 528,031

Dividends on preferred stock, 6% series 614,220

Dividends on convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series—maximum cash option requirements 600,000

* Represents quarterly dividends in common stock of the North American Co. taken, in each instance, at the record date for each dividend, at the approximate market value of such common stock immediately following such date, such value averaging approximately \$50 a share for the 12 mos. ended Aug. 31 1927 and \$63 a share for the 12 mos. ended Aug. 31 1928. The present market value of the North American Co. common stock is approximately \$76 a share.

The above statement of income does not fully reflect for the periods covered by the income derivable from proceeds of \$20,000,000 5% convertible debentures issued in Jan. 1928, and of \$10,000,000 preferred stock issued with proceeds of this issue of \$10,000,000 preferred stock.

The preponderant part of the company's common stock is controlled by interests identified with the affairs of the North American Co. Its present market value, as evidenced by quotations on the New York Curb Market, is approximately \$112 per share. Dividends are now being paid on this stock at the annual rate of \$1 per share in cash and one-tenth of a share in common stock of the company.

Conversion Privilege.—Shares of this series of preferred stock are to be convertible at any time, at the option of the holder, into common stock of the company at the rate of one share of common stock for each \$118 par value of preferred stock, provided that shares called for redemption may be converted at any time within the period of 25 days, after the mailing of the notice of redemption.

The certificate required by law to be filed by the company upon creation of this series is to contain provisions designed to protect the conversion privilege of, and stock dividends on preferred stock of this series against dilution in the event of the issue or sale, pro rata to holders of the company's common stock, of additional common stock (other than stock issued by way of dividends upon the common stock at a rate not exceeding 2½% per quarter) and in the event of a capital reorganization, consolidation, merger or sale. Such certificate is also to provide for adjustment of

the conversion price and the stock dividend rate on preferred stock of this series in case of any split-up or combination of shares of common stock of the company. In case of consolidation, merger or sale, such provisions may be waived in whole or in part, with the consent of the holders of at least 76% of the preferred stock of this series then outstanding.

Provisions and Restrictions.—The company's certificate of incorporation, as amended, and as to be supplemented by the certificate to be filed upon creation of this series, is to provide in substance, among other things, all as more fully to be stated and described therein, that:

(1) The serial preferred stock, subject to the prior preferences of the 7% preferred stock (of which \$7,543,300 authorized and outstanding), is authorized in the amount of \$75,000,000, is preferred over the common stock as to cumulative dividends, and as to assets in the event of liquidation, and is issuable in one or more series, with provision for variations as to dividend rates, premiums on redemption, amounts payable in case of liquidation, conversion privileges and certain other respects. Preferred stock, 6% series (formerly designated as 6% cumulative preferred stock), has been issued as one series, and the convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series, is to be another series, of such serial preferred stock.

(2) The convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series, is to be unlimited in authorized amount (subject to the limitation on the aggregate par value of all serial preferred stock); is to be entitled to cumulative dividends payable quarterly in common stock of the company at the annual rate of 1-16 of a share of common stock per share, or, at the holder's option in cash at the annual rate of 6%; is to be entitled, on liquidation, to preference over the common stock as to assets to the extent of \$110 a share and accrued dividends; is to be convertible, as stated above; is to be redeemable, at the company's option, at any time, as a whole or in part, on at least 30 days notice, at \$110 a share and div. Dividends are to accrue on this issue from Oct. 1 1928 and are to be payable Q.-J. No fractional shares of common stock are to be issued upon conversion of, or by way of dividends upon, the optional dividend series, but in lieu thereof non-dividend bearing and non-voting scrip, exchangeable for full shares, is to be delivered.

(3) If and when the company shall redeem all of the preferred stock, 6% series, the company shall simultaneously therewith redeem all of the convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series, to the end that the holders of the convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series, shall be entitled, so long as any of such stock shall be outstanding, to the protection of the following provisions which are applicable so long as any preferred stock, 6% series, is outstanding: (a) Company shall not pay any cash or scrip dividend on the common stock unless after such payment net tangible assets (as defined) shall be at least 150% of the aggregate par value of all serial preferred stock and all other stock ranking equally therewith or prior thereto, then outstanding; (b) no serial preferred stock or other stock ranking equally therewith or prior thereto (except serial preferred stock or other stock ranking on a parity therewith issued upon the exercise of any conversion privilege contained in any debentures at any time issued under the indenture dated Jan. 1 1928, or in any warrants issued upon the redemption of such debentures) shall be issued unless, after giving effect to such issue, net tangible assets (as defined) shall be at least 150% of the aggregate par value of all serial preferred stock and all other stock ranking equally therewith or prior thereto, then outstanding. In determining such 150% ratios for the purposes of (a) and (b) above, the above-mentioned debentures then convertible, as aforesaid, shall be regarded as converted.

(4) No amendment to the certificate of incorporation adversely affecting the preferences of the serial preferred stock of any one or more series shall be made without the affirmative consent of the holders of at least 80% of the aggregate par value of such serial preferred stock of any one or more series so affected and then outstanding.

(5) Except as expressly provided in the certificate of incorporation, as amended or supplemented, or required by statute, the serial preferred stock is to have no voting rights. The holders of convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series, are to have no rights as such to subscribe for any additional stock or convertible securities.—V. 126, p. 3751.

Chester Water Service Co.—Earnings.

Years Ended July 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$511,813	\$508,326
Operation expense	140,347	156,547
Maintenance	31,922	23,139
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	17,647	17,978
Net earnings	\$321,898	\$310,662
Other income	7,682	12,393
Gross corporate income	\$329,579	\$323,055
Annual interest requirements on total funded debt.	\$135,000	

—V. 127, p. 820.

Colonial Gas and Electric Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Earnings for 12 Months End. June 30 1928.

Gross operating revenue	\$2,195,451
Non-operating revenue	12,729
Total revenue	\$2,208,180
Operating expense	1,013,403
x Maintenance	179,187
Taxes (exclusive of Federal income tax)	97,463
Fixed charges of subs. & controlled cos	322,231
Net earnings	\$595,896
Preferred stock dividends	180,815
Minority interest in net income	2,922
Fixed charges of holding co	145,985

Net inc. of co. & earns applic. to com. stks. owned by it bef. prov. for renewal & replace. & Fed. inc. tax \$266,173
 x Maintenance charged to operations equals bond indenture requirements.—V. 126, p. 3926.

Colonial Utilities Corp.—Acquisitions.

The corporation has been organized to take over the Chester Water & Light Co., and 15 other electric light and power, and ice utilities. See also V. 127, p. 1102.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Stock Rights.

The directors have approved the offering to common stockholders of rights to subscribe to additional common stock at \$70 per share to the extent of one-tenth of their holdings on Sept. 14 1928. Rights will expire at the close of business Oct. 5.

B. C. Cobb, the newly elected President, announced that the offering has been underwritten and the proceeds of the sale will be used for corporate purposes including the purchase of additional common stocks of subsidiary companies thereby providing funds for additions and extensions to their plants and distribution systems.

Regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share on the 6% preferred and 75c. per share on the common stock were declared payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 11.

At the organization meeting of the board of directors on Sept. 4, B. C. Cobb was elected President to succeed Geo. E. Hardy, who was elected to the newly created office of Chairman. Mr. Cobb has been an important figure in public utility affairs for many years. T. A. Kenney was elected a Vice-President.—V. 127, p. 820, 952.

Consumers Gas Co. of Toronto.—Increase Approved.

The stockholders on Sept. 5 increased the authorized capital stock (par \$100) from \$12,000,000 to \$25,000,000.—V. 127, p. 1102.

Dakota Central Telephone Co.—New Control.

See Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co. below.—V. 126 p. 3927.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway.—Committee.

A protective committee of stockholders has been formed by Roger Amory, Roger W. Babson and L. Sherman Adams. They are mailing a letter to stockholders together with proxies for the coming meeting of stockholders to be held Sept. 11. Proxies received by them will be voted to return the property to private management. The letter says:

In 1918 increased cost of material and labor due to war conditions, jitney competition and the general distrust of the public of more than a 5-cent fare jeopardized the solvency of all street railway companies. The predecessor of the Eastern (Bay State Street) was without funds and without credit and the convenience of the riding public was in jeopardy. Under the existing conditions the company had no means for raising the money necessary to keep the railway going.

The Act of 1918 was passed to provide State credit and in order to protect this credit given, the property was placed in the hands of public trust-

tees appointed by the Governor. To accomplish the rehabilitation with the least possible delay, these trustees were given almost unlimited powers for abandonment of unprofitable lines and fixing of fares.

The physical property of the road was appraised by the Department of Public Utilities, and its stocks and bonds scaled down. Due to the reduction in capitalization and the use of the money supplied by the credit of the State and the old stockholders, the road was brought back to an efficient operating condition. All State-guaranteed bonds will have been paid off prior to the expiration of the present act and the Commonwealth will have no longer any financial liability direct or indirect.

The Governor in his message recommended the continuance of the existing arrangement for five years but the act which is now offered the stockholders is not a continuation of the present arrangement. All provisions whereby the company might benefit from State credit have been omitted. If the stockholders accept the act they are placing their property in the hands of the State which assumes no responsibility for the property entrusted to it nor guarantees any return to the owners.

Street transportation is now going through a critical period. Auto-buses are in many cases supplanting the electric car. Steam railroads have in this State entered the street transportation field and the territory of your company has in many cases been invaded.

We believe that these conditions and this very real competition can only be met by the most progressive and efficient management and that such management can be best obtained by private ownership and private control.—V. 127, p. 545.

Eastern New Jersey Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Earnings for 12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.

Gross operating revenue	\$2,167,428
Non-operating revenue	Dr. 30,691
Total revenue	\$2,136,737
Operating expense	\$825,175
*Maintenance	195,650
Taxes (excl. of Federal income tax)	159,152
Interest on funded debt	337,250
Interest on unfunded debt	50,219
Amort. of debt disc. & other charges	128,105

Net inc. of co. & earns applic. to com. stks. owned by it bef. Fed. inc. tax & res. for renewals & replace. \$441,186
 x Maintenance charged to operations equals bond indenture requirements.—V. 126, p. 3928.

Eastern Utilities Investing Corp.—Listing.

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 25,000 shares (authorized 100,000 shares) no par value, class A common stock.

Balance Sheet June 30 1928.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Investments	Capital and surplus
Cash	Accrued dividends
Accounts receivable	Securities called (not retired)
Int. and divs. receivable	Reserves for taxes
Total	Total

—V. 127, p. 1102.

Federal Water Service Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Year Ended June 30—

	1927.	1928.
Gross revenues (Incl. other income)	\$13,437,398	\$14,351,617
Operations	4,599,004	4,468,733
Maintenance & deprec. as provided in sub.cos.mtge.	1,253,827	1,333,199
Taxes (excl. Fed. income tax)	878,866	929,381
Gross corporate income	\$6,705,701	\$7,620,304
Annual int. requir. on funded debt of sub.	3,927,857	
Annual div. requir. on pref. stock of sub.	1,139,085	
Reserve for miscellaneous charges	75,000	
Balance	\$2,478,331	
Annual inter. requir. on \$12,994,500 Fed. Water Service Corp. deb.	\$714,697	
Annual int. requir. on unfunded debt Fed. Water Service Corp.	150,500	
Annual div. requir. on 78,500 Shares Fed. Water Service Corp. pref. stock	520,422	
Balance	\$1,092,712	

—V. 127 p. 682.

Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.—Sale Approved.

The stockholders on Sept. 4 approved the sale of the company's electric and railway properties and its interest in the Mississippi Valley Power Co., a subsidiary, to the Standard Gas & Electric Co.

It is the intention to operate the electric and railway divisions as separate companies in the future. The electric properties will be operated by the Mississippi Valley Power Co., while the railway system will be operated by the Fort Smith Traction Co. a separate organization.

The principal reason given for the change is that no financing of the company has been possible on account of the poor earnings showing of the street railway department. It is believed that the new arrangement will prove beneficial in this respect. A program of construction and expansion has already been outlined, the principal item of which will be the construction of an additional transmission line from Fort Smith to Ozark, and an expenditure of \$225,000 for this purpose has been authorized and materials ordered. See also V. 127, p. 1102.

Fort Smith Traction Co.—To Acquire Railway Properties of Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.—See latter above.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—Bonds Offered.

Offering was made Sept. 7 of an additional issue of \$10,000,000 5% 30-year 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series C, dated Dec. 1 1926, due 1956, at 96 and int., yielding over 5 1/4%. The banking syndicate offering the issue consists of Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Field, Gloré & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Spencer Trask & Co.

Business.—Corporation owns and operates electric power and light, gas, heat and city railway and bus properties in a large number of the most populous and prosperous municipalities in Illinois. It controls an extensive system of trunk line electric railroads in Illinois with a terminal in St. Louis and a profitable steam railroad which enters East St. Louis. Corporation also controls other utilities of which the most important are Des Moines Electric Light Co. and the Kansas Power & Light Co.

The business of the corporation and its controlled companies includes service rendered to more than 470 communities in a territory with a population of over 1,255,000. The electric power and light properties, with a generating capacity of over 237,000 k.w., serve without competition over 259,000 customers. The gas properties, with a generating capacity of over 31,000,000 cubic feet of artificial gas a day, serve, also without competition, over 122,000 customers. The city railway and bus properties have over 235 miles of routes. The steam and electric railroad properties, with the exception of a small isolated branch, have been consolidated through leases into a single operating system. This transportation system supplies freight service to St. Louis and its immediate vicinity on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River and freight, express and passenger service between important cities in central Illinois and St. Louis, which the railroad enters over the corporation's steel toll bridge into the terminal in the heart of the city.

Consolidated Earnings Statement of the System for the Years Ended July 31 (Less Inter-Company Items).

	b1928.	a1927.
Gross earnings from operations	\$34,541,783	\$31,604,713
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes except Fed. taxes	20,075,564	19,133,071
Net earnings from operations	\$14,466,219	\$12,471,642
Non-operating deductions—Net	1,535,104	882,965
Net available for corporation bond interest	\$12,931,115	\$11,608,677
Annual interest on \$102,713,100 mortgage bonds outstanding (including this issue)	5,651,511	
a Not including earnings of properties recently acquired. b Earnings of properties recently acquired are included for the full 12-months' period.		

Approximately 80% of the net earnings are derived from electric power and light, gas and miscellaneous sources other than transportation. For over 23 years the principal companies constituting this system have steadily increased in earning power and have paid dividends on their preferred stocks without interruption.

Security.—Bonds are secured by direct mortgage or collateral lien, on properties appraised at a value substantially in excess of the total mortgage bonds outstanding, and are a direct first mortgage or lien, free of prior encumbrance, on properties, including some of the most important power and light properties of the system, which alone produce net earnings greater than the annual interest requirements on the 1st & ref. mtg. bonds outstanding. Mortgage contains provisions permitting its modification (except in certain important particulars) with the assent of the trustees and the holders of 80% in aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding thereunder.

(Capitalization of Corporation Giving Effect to this Financing).

Common stock (no par value).....	560,000 shs.
\$6 cumulative preferred stock (no par value).....	388,240 shs.
6% cumulative preferred stock.....	\$4,650,000
30-year 5½% sinking fund debentures, due 1957.....	9,335,500
1st & ref. mtg. bonds, series A, 6%, due 1953.....	39,200,000
Series B, 5½%, due 1954.....	16,000,000
Series C, 5%, due 1956 (including this issue).....	26,500,000
Divisional underlying (closed for issuance to public).....	21,013,100

Improvement Fund.—Mortgage provides for the payment to the trustee on June 1 of each year of a sum equal to 25% of gross operating revenues derived from railroads and city railways and 12½% from other utility properties during the preceding calendar year less the amount expended for maintenance and to satisfy the sinking fund requirements of divisional underlying mortgages. Funds so deposited shall be employed either for the retirement of divisional underlying bonds or 1st & ref. mtg. bonds, or for renewals and replacements, or for property additions, or for future subsidiaries or non-pledged shares thereof, as defined in the mortgage, which shall not be made the basis for the certification of additional bonds. The above percentages are subject to periodical re-determination.

Management.—Corporation's common stock is controlled by the North American Light & Power Co.—V. 127, p. 1099.

Indianapolis Power & Light Corp. (& Subs.).—

Earnings for 12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.

Gross operating revenue.....	\$9,002,972
Non-operating revenue.....	38,791
Total revenues.....	\$9,041,763
Operating expense.....	3,345,738
x Maintenance.....	728,238
Taxes (excl. of Federal income tax).....	576,434
Interest on funded debt.....	1,500,000
Interest on unfunded debt.....	15,142
Amort. of debt disc. 2% normal tax, &c.....	101,036
Net income.....	\$2,775,174
Dividends on preferred stock of subs.....	780,000

Net inc. of corp. & earn. applic. to com. stk. owned by it bef. Fed. inc. tax & res. for renewal, & replace..... \$1,995,174
 x Maintenance charged to operations equals bond indenture requirements.—V. 126, p. 3928.

Interstate Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Earnings for 12 Mos. End. June 30 1928.

Gross operating revenue.....	\$5,714,676
Non-operating revenue.....	227,116
Total revenue.....	\$5,941,792
Operating expense.....	\$2,205,467
x Maintenance.....	454,782
Taxes (excl. of Federal income tax).....	311,656
Interest on funded debt.....	1,453,840
Interest on unfunded debt.....	100,755
Amortization of debt discount & expense.....	70,065
Property rentals, 2% normal tax, &c.....	57,951
Net income.....	\$1,287,276
Dividends on preferred stock of controlled company.....	2,604
y Minority interest in net income.....	6,773

Net income of co. & earn. applic. to com. stks. owned by it—before Fed. inc. tax & res. for renewals & replacements..... \$1,277,899
 x Maintenance charged to operations equals bond indenture requirements.
 y After allowing for proportionate part of provision for depreciation and for Federal income tax.—V. 126, p. 3928.

Kaministiquia Power Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Call.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtg. 5½% s. f. gold bonds, series "A" and 1st mtg. 25-year 5½% s. f. registered debenture stock, series "A" have been called for redemption on Nov. 1 at 104 and int. Payment will be made at the Montreal Trust Co., trustee, Montreal, or at the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal or Toronto, Canada, or in London, England, or at the agency of the bank in New York City.
 Any bondholder and any holder of registered debenture stock may surrender his bonds or certificates for registered debenture stock for payment at Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, before Nov. 1, and upon surrender thereof will receive payment therefor in the moneys in which the bonds are by their terms made payable or their equivalent at 104 and int. to the date of the surrender.—V. 121, p. 2402.

Laclede Gas & Electric Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Earnings for Twelve Months Ended June 30 1928.

Gross operating revenue.....	\$9,169,584
Non-operating revenue.....	106,508
Total revenues.....	\$9,276,093
Operating expense.....	3,534,978
x Maintenance.....	425,741
Taxes (excl. of Federal & State inc. taxes).....	887,692
Interest on funded debt.....	\$1,956,500
Interest on unfunded debt.....	118,901
Amort. of debt disc. & expense.....	149,550
2% normal tax and other charges.....	28,452
Net income.....	\$2,183,277
Dividends on preferred stock of controlled company.....	121,485
y Minority interest in net income.....	588,537

Net income of co. & earn. applic. to com. stocks owned by it—before Fed. and State inc. taxes & res. for renew. & repl. \$1,473,254
 x Maintenance charged to operations equals bond indenture requirements.
 y After allowing for proport. part of provision for deprec. &c. and Federal and State income taxes.—V. 126, p. 3928.

Larutan Gas Corp.—Debentures Called.—

All of the outstanding 10-year gold debentures, due Dec. 1 1937, have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at par and int. at the National City Bank of Cleveland, trustee, Cleveland, O.—V. 127, p. 682.

Mackay Companies—Moves Headquarters.—

After maintaining its headquarters for 37 years in the Postal Telegraph Building at 253 Broadway, New York City, the company this week moved its entire executive staff to its new home in the International Telephone Building, located at 67 Broad St., New York City. The Postal Telegraph will maintain a commercial office at 253 Broadway, and the main operating and telephone department will continue to carry on the service from 20 Broad St.—V. 126, p. 3118.

Massachusetts Utilities Associates.—Earnings.—

Clark Williams & Co., who recommend the purchase of the pref. and common shares, state:
 Some of the benefits of the unification of the activities of the 46 gas and electric companies, through the medium of the Massachusetts Utilities Associates which now owns control of from 80% to 100% of their outstanding shares, are being reflected in their current consolidated earnings statements. These are reported to us as follows:

	<i>Balance Avail. for Divs., Dep. Gross Revenue and Reserves.</i>
7 months ending July 31 1928.....	\$5,811,148
7 months ending July 31 1927.....	5,507,606
Increase.....	\$303,542
Month ending July 31 1928.....	\$815,039
Month ending July 31 1927.....	768,720
Increase.....	\$46,319

a Over 40 voluntary reductions in prices are in effect this year that were not in effect in July 1927.
 b Contains rebate of power cost of two constituent companies totaling \$33,968.97.

The Massachusetts Utilities Associates has no outstanding funded debt, while the constituent companies report a total of but \$884,800 funded debt as of June 1 1928. The Massachusetts Utilities Associates controls directly or indirectly over 23,000 shares of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.

Under these circumstances the 524,232 shares of 5% convertible participating preferred shares (\$50 expressed value) and the 1,754,933 common voting trust shares (no expressed value) occupy distinctive positions in the general public utility shares markets.—V. 127, p. 1253.

Memphis Natural Gas Co.—To Offer \$6,300,000 First Mortgage Bonds.—

As the initial step in financing the \$10,000,000 pipe line of the company, one of the principal projects of its kind undertaken in the gas industry, banking group headed by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., is planning to offer shortly a new issue of \$6,300,000 of that company's 1st mtg. bonds. The entire present output of gas of the company, it is stated, has been sold under contracts extending beyond the life of these bonds to Memphis Power & Light Co., Mississippi Power & Light Co., and Arkansas Power & Light Co., all of which are under the supervision of the Electric Bond & Share Co.—V. 127, p. 1253.

Mississippi Valley Power Co.—Acquisition.—

See Fort Smith Light & Traction Co. above.—V. 127, p. 1253, 822.

New England Power Association.—Sub. Co. Plants.—

The New Hampshire P. S. Commission has granted authority to the Greatton Power Co., controlled by the New England Power Association, to begin construction of two hydro-electric plants in that State. Two dams each more than 160 feet high, to be erected at Fifteen Mile Falls, near Littleton and Monroe on the Connecticut River, are included in the proposed building program.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended July 31 1928.

Gross earnings.....	\$30,431,163
Expenses & taxes.....	16,263,010
Interest, amortization & minority interest.....	4,686,582
Profit before depreciation.....	\$9,481,571

V. 127, p. 1253.

New York Rys. Corp.—To Vote Operating Agreement.—

Special meetings of the stockholders of the Sixth Avenue RR., the Forty-second Street and Grand Street Ferry RR., the Twenty-third Street Railway, the Thirty-fourth Street Crosstown Railway, the Christopher & Tenth Street RR. and the Bleeker Street & Fulton Ferry RR. have been called for September 14 for the following purposes: to approve and accept the account of Hugh J. Sheeran as receiver of New York Railways filed on July 11 1928, with the Special Master in the action known as the General Accounting Action, showing the allocation of the earnings of the receivership period; and for the purpose of authorizing and approving an operating agreement between the respective companies and the New York Railways Corp. to be dated as of Jan. 1 1928, and to provide for operation of the property.—V. 126, p. 2964.

New York Water Service Corp.—Earnings.—

<i>Years Ended July 31—</i>	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues.....	\$2,328,854	\$2,097,659
Operation expense.....	703,678	728,825
Maintenance.....	80,844	98,393
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax).....	203,548	195,254
Net earnings.....	\$1,340,785	\$1,075,188
Other income.....	11,166	18,759

Gross corporate income..... \$1,351,951
 Annual int. required on total funded debt..... \$594,200
 —V. 127, p. 822, 546.

Northern States Power Co.—New Turbine.—

Installation of the 35,000 kilowatt steam-electric turbine at the High Bridge Station at St. Paul, Minn., to replace a unit damaged early in January, will begin at an early date, according to H. W. Fuller, vice-president in charge of engineering and construction of the Bylesby Engineering & Management Corp. Shipment is about to be made from the factory, and installation will proceed on a double shift basis as soon as the unit reaches St. Paul. It is expected that the installation will be completed and the turbine be ready for service by Nov. 1.

Completion of the 21,600 kilowatt Chippewa Falls hydro-electric station of the company in Wisconsin, approximately 2 months ahead of the scheduled date, provides sufficient power to meet the system demand until the St. Paul unit is ready for service, which will be in advance of the heavy winter peak.—V. 127, p. 953.

Ocean Electric Ry.—Seeks Dissolution Decree.—

The company has applied to Justice Charles J. Druhan in Brooklyn for an order on all persons interested to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed and why the company should not be voluntarily dissolved. The company is a subsidiary of the Long Island R.R. and operates a trolley line from Hammels to Beach, 149th St., Neponsit, Queens. Decision on the application has been reserved.

Ohio Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

The company, a subsidiary of Federal Water Service Corp. reports gross revenues of \$505,497 for the year ended June 30 1928. Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes, other than Federal income tax, totaled \$216,075 leaving gross income of \$289,421.—V. 126, p. 2792.

Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Corp. (Del.).—Debentures Offered.—A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., are offering at 99½ and int., to yield over 6%, an additional issue of \$2,500,000 6% gold debentures, series A. Dated Mar. 1 1926; due Mar. 1 1976. (See original offering in V. 122, p. 1763.)

Data from Letter of H. A. Clarke, Vice-President of the Company.

Business & Territory.—Corporation owns or controls through subsidiaries a group of properties supplying a diversified public utility service in more than 98 communities having an aggregate population estimated to exceed 650,000. The communities served are either important industrial cities or are the centers of prosperous agricultural regions.

Electric light and power service is supplied in 13 communities in eastern North Carolina, centering about Kinston and New Bern. Manufactured gas is supplied at retail in 39 communities in Pennsylvania, including York and Pittston, 8 communities in New York, 5 communities in North Carolina, in Petersburg, Va., and in a suburban district tributary to Washington, D. C. Manufactured gas is also supplied at wholesale in Addison and Elmira, N. Y. Natural gas is furnished at wholesale in and near Oil City, Pa., and at retail in 7 nearby communities. Manufactured ice is supplied in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., Winston-Salem, N. C., Columbia, S. C., and in 9 other cities in Virginia, North Carolina and So. Carolina.

Security.—The debentures are the direct obligation of the corporation and constitute its only funded debt. Additional debentures may be issued only under the conservative restrictions of the trust agreement. Corporation covenants that while any of these debentures are outstanding it will not create or issue any other indebtedness maturing later than one year which may be specifically secured by mortgage or other instrument, unless these debentures are ratably secured thereby.

Consolidated Earnings.—For the year ended May 31 1928, the consolidated earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries, including those of properties recently acquired, were as follows:

Gross earnings (including non-operating revenue).....	\$5,877,125
Operating expenses and taxes (including current maintenance and taxes other than Federal income taxes).....	3,919,248
Net earnings.....	1,957,877
Bal. of net earnings (before deprec., depl. & Fed. taxes) after deducting annual int. charges & divs. on pref. stocks of sub. companies, amort. & net earnings applicable to com. stocks of sub. companies held by the public.....	1,175,140
Annual int. require. on 6% gold debts. (incl. this issue).....	342,000
The balance of net earnings as shown above was thus more than 3.43 times annual interest requirements on all debentures outstanding with the public, including this issue.	

Capitalization (To be outstanding upon completion of this financing).

6% gold debentures, series A (incl. this issue).....	\$5,700,000
Cumulative preferred stock, 7% (\$100 par).....	10,000 shs.
\$7 (no par value).....	20,000 shs.
Class A stock (no par).....	*97,637 shs.
Class B Stock (no par).....	150,000 shs.

* In addition, corporation has reserved a sufficient number of shares of this stock to provide for the exercise of certain subscription warrants which expire March 1 1929.

As of May 31 1928 (giving effect to this financing) there were outstanding in the hands of the public the following securities of subsidiary companies: \$874,300 common stock, \$1,587,000 pref. stock and \$9,528,834 funded debt.

Management.—All of the class B stock, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by American Electric Power Corp.—V. 126, p. 1040.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—Proposed Acquis.
The Washington-Northumberland Power & Light Co. and Upper Mahanoy-Northumberland Power & Light Co. have applied to the Pennsylvania Commission for approval of sale of their properties to Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—V. 125, p. 2146.

Peoples' West Coast Hydro-Electric Corp., N. Y.—
The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized stated capital stock form \$4,500,000 to \$8,500,000.—V. 126, p. 253.

Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.—Earnings.

Years End. July 31—	1928.	1927.
Gross revenue.....	\$307,366	\$296,868
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes other than Fed. inc. tax.....	144,847	147,561
Gross income.....	\$162,519	\$149,306

—V. 126, p. 3756.

Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.—Tentative Valuation.
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$20,603,725 on the total used property of the corporation and its subsidiaries as of June 30 1919. The total owned property of the system was valued at \$868,225. The Commission stated that the Postal operating organization has no capital stock or long term debt and placed the cost of production new of its properties at \$29,721,716, and less depreciation at \$18,573,284. The sum of \$868,225 given as the value of total owned property is on account of working capital, including material and supplies, the Commission said.

"The figures given out by the Commission are purely tentative and the Postal Telegraph system will protest them as is allowed under the law," the company announces. "The value reported is for the system as it existed nearly 10 years ago, and at prices prevailing nearly 15 years ago. Even based on that period, they fall far short of representing the true value of the Postal Telegraph system as at that time. A valuation based on present prices would be still greater in excess of 1919 figures. Furthermore the tentative valuation omits the value of leases of extensive properties and makes totally inadequate allowances for the value of rights of way, going concern, working capital and other elements of value."

"The amount reported does not include the value of the property of the North American Telegraph Co., operating in 6 States as a part of the Postal Telegraph system. Since 1919 the Postal System has made extensive additions to its plant, none of which is included in the tentative value report. Of course, the commission's tentative value is not intended to and does not include the extensive cable properties of the Mackay System or its other investments outside of the landline system."—V. 127, p. 1104.

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.—Acquisition.
See Central & Southwest Utilities Co. above.—V. 127, p. 1254.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Tenders.
The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until Sept. 26 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$218,886 at a price not exceeding par and int.—V. 126, p. 3756.

St. Cloud Public Service Co.—Bonds Called.
The company has called for redemption Nov. 1 at 103 and int. 130 of its outstanding 1st mtge. gold bonds. Payment will be made at the Chicago Trust Co., 81 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., or at the option of the holder, at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 1581.

Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Co.—Earnings.

Years End. June 30—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues.....	\$4,236,333	\$4,126,555
Operation expense.....	1,153,541	1,185,285
Maintenance.....	383,072	386,248
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax).....	114,515	119,502
Net earnings.....	\$2,585,204	\$2,435,519
Other income.....	12,301	36,336
Gross corporate income.....	\$2,597,505	\$2,471,855
Annual int. req. on total funded debt.....	1,620,000	

—V. 126, p. 3756.

Southern California Edison Co.—New Director.
Ben R. Meyer, President of the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Los Angeles, has been elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Wm. A. Breckenridge.—V. 126, p. 4083.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Electric and Railway Properties of Fort Smith Light & Traction Co. Acquired.—See latter company above.

Consolidated Earnings 12 Months Ended June 30.
H. M. Byllesby & Co. announce that consolidated earnings of Standard Gas & Electric Co. and subsidiary and affiliated companies for the 12 months ended June 30 1928, after deduction of preferred dividends and all prior charges, showed a balance of \$8,780,754, according to figures just made public. This is equal to \$6.55 a share on the average number of common shares of Standard Gas & Electric Co. (1,340,077) outstanding during the period, and \$6.18 a share on the common stock (1,418,904 shares) outstanding on June 30 1928. The balance for the previous 12 months was equal to \$5.09 a share on the stock (1,247,498 shares) outstanding on June 30 1927. The consolidated earnings statement compares as follows:

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings.....	\$161,143,306	\$156,923,864
Net earnings including other income.....	75,643,548	69,910,062
Balance after interest and dividends (to public), retirement reserves, depletion, amortization and minority interests' proportion of undistributed earnings of sub. and affiliated cos.....	14,970,700	12,382,970
Standard Gas & Electric Co.'s interest charges and amort. of debt discount and expense.....	2,558,051	2,400,000
Balance.....	\$12,412,649	\$9,982,970
Stand. Gas & El. Co.'s pref. stock dividends.....	3,631,895	3,631,896
Balance.....	\$8,780,754	\$6,351,074
Stand. Gas & El. Co.'s com. stock divs.—Cash.....	4,689,619	4,021,476
Stock div. (com. stock at \$50 per share).....		616,500
Balance.....	\$4,091,135	\$1,713,098

Notes.—Net earnings of properties disposed of during periods are included in other income. * Apportioned on the basis of inter-company and public security holdings as of June 30 1927.

Collectible earnings of Standard Gas & Electric Co. for the 12 months ended June 30 1928, after deduction of preferred dividends and all prior charges, showed a balance of \$6,718,789. This is equal to \$5.01 a share on the average number of shares of common stock (1,340,077) outstanding during the period and \$4.73 a share on the common stock (1,418,904 shares) outstanding as of June 30 1928, comparing with \$6,207,299 for the previous 12 months, or \$5.01 on the average number of shares (1,238,969) outstanding during that period and \$4.97 a share on the common stock (1,247,498 shares) outstanding on June 30 1927.

After payment of cash dividends amounting to \$4,689,619 on the common stock during the 12 months ended June 30 1928, a balance of \$2,029,170 was carried to surplus for the period, as compared with a surplus of \$1,569,323, after payment of cash dividends of \$4,021,476 and stock dividends of \$616,500 during the previous 12 months. Collectible figures compare as follows:

12 Months Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.
Gross revenue.....	\$13,163,754	\$12,844,930
Net revenue.....	12,914,039	12,401,973
Int. charges & amort. of debt discount & expense.....	2,563,355	2,580,102
Balance.....	\$10,350,684	\$ 9,821,871
Preferred dividends.....	3,631,895	3,614,572
Balance for common stock dividends.....	\$6,718,789	\$6,207,299
Common dividends (cash).....	4,689,619	4,021,476
Common dividends (com. stock at \$50 per share).....		616,500
Surplus.....	\$2,029,170	\$1,569,323

—V. 127, p. 1105, 954.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisition.
See Central & South West Utilities Co. above.—V. 127, p. 411.

Southwest Power Co.—Transfer of Properties.
See Central & South West Utilities Co. above.—V. 127, p. 1105.

Spring Valley Water Co.—Earnings.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.
Gross income.....	\$3,425,302	\$3,218,818
Contrib. to amortization fund.....	328,865	175,377
Expenses, taxes, interest, deprec. &c.....	2,137,912	2,148,993
Net income.....	\$958,525	\$894,448

—V. 126, p. 3299.

13th & 15th Streets Passenger Ry. of Phila.—Condemns City Condemnation Basis Too Low a Price and Illegal.

President William B. Warner, Jr., in a letter to the stockholders, says: "The stock of the Philadelphia Traction Co., the original guarantor of the rental under the said lease, has a market value of approximately \$24,000,000, which is followed by two sub-lessees, the Union Traction Co. and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., as additional guarantors of the said rental. The combined market value of the stocks of the two latter-named companies is about \$90,000,000, making a total of, say, \$113,000,000 to secure the annual rental to your company, amounting to \$240,000, under its said lease.

"Now, the City of Philadelphia has begun proceedings to condemn the property, franchise, etc., of your company, including the rental to be paid under the lease with the Philadelphia Traction Co. and the sub-lessees, but not to disturb or condemn any of the property, rights or franchises of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. So that the only change to be made by such condemnation is to substitute the City of Philadelphia as the owner of the stock and the recipient of the dividends thereon instead of yourselves. If the city can obtain your stock by 'friendly negotiations,' you will receive for your stock on a 7% basis, \$171,500; on a 6% basis, \$200, and on a 5 1/2% basis, \$218 a share. The last amount, namely \$218, being much less, in the opinion of the directors, than the value of the stock, which at one time sold for more than \$300 a share; and this, with the stock of the third guarantor, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., having had a much lower market value than it has today.

"In conclusion, you are advised that competent legal authority declares the proceedings of the City of Philadelphia to condemn your company's property, together with the said lease, are unconstitutional. And it is the belief of the directors and other large stockholders in the company that if the said condemnation proceedings are declared illegal, the probability is that the stock in your company will sell at a very much higher price than at present, as this would possibly remove the last ground to support the propaganda, systematically circulated in the last ten years, to depress the price of the underlying street railway stocks of this city."—V. 124, p. 508.

Toho Electric Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.
Gross earnings for the year ending Apr. 30 1928, converted into dollars at the rate of 50 cents per yen (approximately the parity of exchange), amounted to \$23,441,735, as against \$21,963,117 for the preceding annual period. Gross income available for interest was \$10,329,688, equal to more than three times interest for the period. The balance before dividends, reserves, &c. and after all interest charges was \$6,490,636.—V. 126, p. 1983.

Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$3,500,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series B, is being offered by Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul; Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis; Spencer Trask & Co., and Bankers Trust Co., New York. The bonds are priced at 98 and interest, to yield 5.20%.

Dated Sept. 1 1928; due May 1 1942. Interest payable (M. & N.) at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago (trustee), Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul, or Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red. all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. on or before May 1 1933, and thereafter at 101 and int. prior to maturity. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 e's.

Date from Letter of G. W. Robinson, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. May 16 1903 in Maine. Is one of the leading independent telephone companies in the United States. It owns and operates without competition, a comprehensive telephone exchange and toll system for 38 counties in southern Minnesota, having a combined population of about 1,000,000. On Dec. 31 1927 the company, including its wholly owned subsidiaries, owned and operated 53 exchanges and 113,921 telephone stations, of which 69,613 stations were located in the city of Saint Paul. The company is acquiring approximately 80% of the common stock of the Dakota Central Telephone Co., which company operates an extensive telephone system throughout the eastern half of South Dakota and extending into adjacent sections of North Dakota. On Dec. 31 1927 the Dakota Central Telephone Co. owned and operated 37,343 stations. The population of the territory served is estimated at 400,000.

Security.—These bonds will be secured under the first and refunding (now first) mortgage, dated May 1 1922, covering as a first lien all of the operating properties of the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co. The bonds of Series B have been authorized in the amount of \$4,000,000, although only \$3,500,000 of the bonds will be issued at this time. After giving effect to this financing, the total funded debt of the company will be \$8,500,000 first mortgage bonds, as compared with the total value of the company's physical property of \$20,141,182, which is the valuation placed upon the property by the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission as of Dec. 31 1920, plus the cost of additions since. Additional first mortgage bonds may be authorized under the provisions of the trust indenture for refunding purposes and for not more than 75% of the expenditures for additions, betterments or additional properties.

Earnings.—The earnings statement of company for the years ended Dec. 31 follows:

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross income from all sources.....	\$5,607,469	\$5,465,114	\$5,272,985
Operating expenses, taxes and other expenses.....	\$3,189,176	\$3,161,907	\$3,030,589
Depreciation reserve.....	946,348	911,186	878,287
Earnings available for interest.....	\$1,471,945	\$1,392,021	\$1,364,109
Annual interest requirements on outstanding bonds including this issue.....	450,000		

The net earnings shown above for the year 1927 were 3 1/4 times the annual interest requirements on the company's outstanding funded indebtedness, including this issue. For the 6 month period ended June 30 1928, after deducting \$489,479 for depreciation reserve, such earnings were \$787,316, which is in excess of the 1927 earnings for the same period.

The above statement does not take into account the earnings which will accrue to the company through its ownership of approximately 80% of the common stock of the Dakota Central Telephone Co. The net earnings available for common stock dividends for the year ended Dec. 31 1927 were \$250,973. The Dakota Central Telephone Co. has paid dividends on its common stock as outstanding from time to time, at the rate of 6% per annum in every year from 1906 to 1921, and since 1921 at the rate of 8%.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue of series B bonds will be used in part to pay the purchase price of the Dakota Central Telephone Co. common stock and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st & ref. (now first) mtge. 5 1/2%, series A, 1942.....	a	\$5,000,000
1st mtge 5% series B, 1942 (this issue).....	a	3,500,000
6% cumulative pref. stock (par \$10).....	\$10,000,000	5,798,710
Common stock (no par value).....	200,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

a Additional bonds are limited by the conservative restrictions of the trust indenture.

Capitalization of Dakota Central Telephone Co. (As of June 30 1928).	
1st mtge 6% bonds, due June 1 1935.....	\$1,421,000
6 1/4% preferred stock.....	397,050
Common stock.....	1,867,100

The value of the physical property of the Dakota Central Telephone Co., as shown on its statement as of June 30 1928 is \$5,659,758.—V. 126, p. 2478.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable Oct. 1 on the \$22,000,000 common stock, par \$100. From April 1927 to July 1928, incl., quarterly dividends of 1% were paid on this issue.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock. President Horace Lowry said in substance: "The company did not earn for the third quarter of this year a dividend on the common stock, and, therefore in line with long established precedent, the directors passed this quarterly dividend. The dividends paid on the common stock so far this year totaled 2%. Future dividends will be paid from time to time as earnings warrant."

"There has been a continued decline in passengers hauled since 1920, although the percentage reduction for this year is less than in former years. The policy of the company in this period of decrease in the number of passengers hauled has been to keep up to the highest operating standard all of its properties, and, therefore, while operating expenses have been markedly reduced since 1920, the condition of the property has been thoroughly maintained. Except in a few instances where local conditions have been unusual, all the street railways in the country have had a marked decrease in passengers hauled, due to the competition of the privately owned automobile. Finally parking problems and street congestion will control the number of privately owned automobiles that can be used where the street cars offer competing service.

"In this period there has been an increase in street car fares throughout the country. It is an obvious fact that there must be a substantial increase in the number of revenue passengers or an increased fare must ensue."—V. 127, p. 824.

United Elec. Light & Power Co. of N. Y.—New Pres.—Matthew S. Sloan has been elected president and a director. Nicholas S. Brady, chairman of the board, resigned from the presidency to permit Mr. Sloan to become executive officer of the company.—V. 124, p. 1513.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend for the period ending Sept. 30 1928 of \$1.75 per share on the outstanding preferred stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14.

The regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the class A stock was declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14. Under the resolution of the directors, the holders of class A stock have the right and option to accept, in lieu of their cash dividend, additional class A stock at the rate of 1-40th of a share for each share of class A stock standing of record in their respective names at the close of business on Sept. 14. Unless by the close of business Sept. 14 1928 the stockholder advises the corporation that he desires his dividend in cash, the corporation will send to him on Oct. 1 1928 the additional stock (or scrip for fractional shares) to which he is entitled.

A dividend of 25c. per share for the period ending Sept. 30 1928 was also declared on the class B stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14. Under the resolution of the directors, the holders of class B stock, or voting trust certificates representing such stock, have the right and option to accept in lieu of their cash dividend, voting trust certificates for additional class B stock at the rate of 1-40th of a share for each share of class B stock standing of record in their respective names at the close of business on Sept. 14. Unless by the close of business Sept. 14 the stockholder advises the corporation that he desires his dividend in cash, the corporation will send to him on Oct. 1 1928 the additional stock (or scrip for fractional shares) to which he is entitled. (See also V. 126, p. 3757.)

Consolidated Earnings for 12 Months Ended June 30.			
	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross operating revenue.....	\$28,250,112	\$18,392,956	\$13,149,664
Non-operating revenue.....	313,634	261,155	67,718
Total.....	\$28,563,746	\$18,654,111	\$13,217,382
Operating expense.....	10,924,762	7,474,849	4,951,036
x Maintenance.....	1,983,599	1,557,966	1,113,395
Taxes (exclusive of Federal tax).....	2,032,397	1,061,568	769,689
Interest on funded debt.....	5,829,656	3,469,329	2,259,543
Int. on refunded debt, rentals, &c.....	100,741	99,779	144,662
Amort. of debt discount & expenses.....	353,828	332,177	287,375
Other charges & 2% normal tax.....	123,907	78,250	61,104
Net income.....	\$7,414,854	\$4,570,193	\$3,630,579
Divs. on pref. stocks of sub. & controlled cos.....	2,292,544	1,618,870	642,109
Surplus net earnings of properties prior to acquisition.....	—	Cr. 84,750	—
y Net inc. accr. to minority int.....	455,127	8,882	609,956
Net inc. of oper. cos. before deprec. & Fed. tax.....	\$4,667,183	\$3,027,192	\$2,378,514
Other net earnings of Utilities Pr. & Lt. Corp.:.....			
Profit on constr. for outside cos.....	—	123,511	—
Interest, discounts, &c.....	145,127	122,236	106,018
Engineering fees & miscellaneous.....	1,275,862	874,288	764,096
Total net earnings.....	\$6,088,173	\$4,147,227	\$3,248,628
z Depreciation.....	1,655,103	945,063	787,880
Provision for Federal inc. tax.....	325,044	334,947	344,361
Net inc. of Util. Pr. & Lt. Corp. & earns. accr. to com. stks. owned by it.....	\$2,978,490	\$2,867,217	\$2,116,387

x Maintenance charged to operations equals the bond indenture requirements of the subsidiary and controlled companies. y After allowing for proportionate part of provision for renewals and replacements and for Federal and State income taxes. z Reserves for depreciation have been made in all properties in accordance with the renewals and replacements requirements of all bond indentures of the subsidiary and controlled companies.—V. 127, p. 412.

Utilities Service Co., Alliance, O.—Acquisition.—

Pres. E. W. Sweeney on Aug. 31 announced the acquisition of the Citizens Necessities Co., Toledo, O. The latter company will retain its identity in operation of the Toledo properties, it is said, the purchasing company exercising only supervisory control. The consideration was reported to be approximately \$2,000,000.

An issue of \$5,000,000 1st lien 6% bonds, series A, it is announced, will shortly be offered to the public.

The Utilities Service Co. also operates ice plants in Youngstown, Canton, and Springfield, O., and in addition operates an independent telephone company under the name of the Lima Telephone & Telegraph Co.—V. 127, p. 1105.

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS.

Would End Mill Strike.—Building Material Men's Association of Westchester County, N. Y., seeks authority to settle the mill workers' strike by arbitration.—New York "Times," Sept. 7, p. 47.

Matters Covered in Chronicle of Sept. 1.—(a) Ford workers, 120,293; all records broke in plant employment output, domestic and foreign, 5,000 units daily.—p. 1172. (b) Reported dissolution of African cocoa combine—use of cigarettes by women held as responsible for losses—drop in price in New York market.—p. 1179. (c) Conspiracy charges filed against Painter's District Council of Chicago.—p. 1180. (d) Canada mobilizes \$200,000,000, to move record wheat crop—banks take precautions to prevent diversion of funds into uneconomic channels.—p. 1187. (e) Failed New York Stock Exchange firm of W. D. Moore & Co. to be liquidated.—p. 1191. (f) Only 57 export associations formed under Webb-Pomeroy Act.—p. 1194.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—To Call Bonds.—The holders of the 8% consol. mtge. s. f. gold bonds, series A, will vote Oct. 1 on authorizing the company to redeem on Nov. 1 next all the outstanding consol. mtge. s. f. gold bonds at 107 1/2 and int. See also V. 127, p. 954.

Month of August—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$244,500	\$226,000	\$151,000	\$202,000
Net prof., after int., &c.....	44,700	30,750	loss 27,000	11,250

Alps Apartments (Kelley Development Co.), Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Strauss & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$275,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 15 1928; due Aug. 15 1938. Bonds and coupons payable (F. & A.) at offices of Straus National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago (trustee) and S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and 100 c*. Callable, except for sinking fund, at 102 and int. on or prior to August 15 1937 and at 100 and int. thereafter. Callable for sinking fund at 101 and int.; United States Federal income tax not in excess of 2% paid by borrower. The following State taxes refunded on proper application: Colorado 5 mills, Iowa 6 mills, Kansas 5 mills, Kentucky 5 mills, and Minnesota 3 mills. Co-trustee: John B. Henkle, St. Louis, Mo.

Security.—This bond issue is secured by a direct closed first mortgage on a 4-story and English basement apartment building, furniture and furnishings installed therein, and land owned in fee located on the northeast corner of 36th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

The Alps Apartments contains 84 one, two and three-room apartments, all attractively furnished and practically all of which contain Pullman kitchens or kitchenettes. The furnishings were all assembled and selected to give to the apartments a real home-like atmosphere. All kitchens are equipped with electric stoves and electrical refrigeration.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the year 1928, based on actual earnings for the first six months, are estimated at \$50,000, which is more than three times the greatest annual interest charge under this bond issue, and much in excess of the greatest combined interest and sinking fund requirements.

Borrowing Corporation.—The bonds are the direct obligation of the Kelley Development Co., whose principal stockholders are Jesse W. Kelley and John H. Kelley, who are successful Kansas City business men, owners of other valuable real estate, who come to us with the highest recommendations as to their ability and character.

Personal Guarantee.—Interest and principal payment of this bond issue are unconditionally guaranteed both by Jesse W. Kelley, John H. Kelley and their respective wives, Mary F. Kelley and Helene K. Kelley.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire certain encumbrances upon the property of the corporation and for other corporate purposes.

American Bemberg Corp.—Production Plans.—

Dr. Arthur Woodruff, President, says: "The report has been circulated by the trade papers to the effect that the Bemberg Corp. did not contemplate further expansion over its present capacity of 5,000,000 pounds per year. This report has been misrepresented as coming from official sources. No such statement could have been authorized, as it is at variance with facts."

Bemberg fabrics have become rapidly popular with the American market. Construction of the second unit could therefore have been started at an earlier date than was originally scheduled. Meanwhile, we have succeeded in effecting important improvements in our manufacturing process and are busy in extending them to the equipment of the two units. These will result in a 40 to 50% increase over the announced capacity of our present facilities.

Market conditions do not allow us any slowing down in our expansion program, and indications are that additional construction will be recommended by the time our present program has been accomplished.—V. 121, p. 1571.

American Cyanamid Co.—Usual Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, has been declared on both classes of common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. Like amounts were paid on July 1 and Oct. 1 1927 and on Jan. 3, April 2 and July 2 1928. In each of the 14 preceding quarters an extra of 1/2 of 1% and a regular of 1% were paid on the common stock.—V. 127, p. 1248.

American Department Stores Corp.—Sales.—

1928—August—	1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.	1927.	Increase.
\$1,101,318	\$850,387	\$250,931	\$7,844,154	\$5,488,779	\$2,355,375

—V. 127, p. 825.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Bal. Sheet June 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.		
Cash.....	509,174	313,377	Capital stock.....	11,008,750	10,906,930
Can. & time loans.....	1,075,000	—	Accounts payable (trade).....	100,720	61,685
U. S. Liberty bds.....	842,675	844,094	Credit balances on cust's accounts.....	13,862	8,191
Marketable secur's.....	132,828	358,138	Miscell. & accrued items.....	46,500	27,836
Customers' accts. and notes receiv. (less reserve).....	884,259	931,551	Federal inc. taxes.....	77,377	118,889
Sundry accts. rec.....	29,904	23,436	Dividends payable.....	260,140	—
Inventories.....	1,135,389	1,059,395	Reserve for tax adjustments.....	189,378	—
Invent. of advert'g & other supplies.....	103,699	92,820	Rents receiv. pre-paid.....	—	417
Dus from affil. cos.....	79,056	132,123	Surplus at end of period.....	3,415,405	3,199,582
Due from sub. co.....	—	10,967			
Investments.....	727,547	1,529,176			
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.....	1,952,468	1,989,903			
Deferred charges.....	172,132	160,657			
Good-will, patents & trade-marks.....	7,468,001	6,876,992			
Total.....	15,112,134	14,322,629	Total.....	15,112,134	14,322,629

x After deducting \$1,165,317 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 208,112 shares of no par value.

The statement of earnings for the 6 months ended June 30 was published in V. 127, p. 1255.

Armstrong Electric & Mfg. Corp.—To Place New Electrical Appliances on Market.—

Introduction of a new line of electrical appliances, the majority of them embodying new ideas in the electrical manufacturing field, will be placed on the market during the next 2 months by the corporation, according to an announcement by officials. A new style combination toaster-percolator and an electrical waffle iron with heat indicator will be introduced to the trade this week. The remainder will be shown to the public for the first time at the Electrical Show here in October.—V. 126, p. 3452.

American Seeding-Machine Co.—Bal. Sheet June 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Property accounts	\$1,466,668	Preferred stock	\$2,144,000
Cash	305,648	Common stock	2,204,350
Bills & acc'ts rec.	1,456,161	Accounts payable	19,307
Inventories	913,218	Bills payable	700,000
Investments	10,490	Accrued payrolls	11,440
Liberty bonds	21,800	Custom. cred. bal.	6,617
Deferred items	31,063	Accr. prop. taxes	26,936
Good-will, patents, &c	1,400,747	Reserves	109,124
	1,400,747	Surplus	384,021
Total	\$5,605,796	Total	\$5,605,796

x After reserves for doubtful items, discounts and collection expense amounting to \$150,000. y After reserve for depreciation of \$1,047,404. Our usual comparative statement of earnings for the year ended June 30 was published in V. 127, p. 1255.

Arundel Corp.—Earnings.—

Period Ended July 31—	1928—	Month—	1927. 7 Mos.—	1928.
Net profit after all deductions	\$122,594	\$225,615	\$974,425	

Associated Oil Co. of Calif.—Subsidiary Co. Dividend.—
The West Coast Oil Co., a subsidiary, has declared the usual extra div. of \$3 per share and the regular quarterly div. of \$1.30 per share, both payable Oct. 5 to holders of record Sept. 25. Like amounts were declared in the previous seven quarters. Of the \$1,040,800 preferred stock (par \$100) outstanding, the Associated Oil Co. owns \$628,600, or 60.40%.—V. 127, p. 955, 684.

Atlas Imperial Diesel Engine Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The company on Sept. 1 paid an extra dividend of 12½ cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 37½ cents per share on the class A and class B stocks, all to holders of record Aug. 20.—V. 126, p. 2316.

Austin Machinery Corp.—Receivership.—

The corporation, 2969 Lake Shore Drive, Muskegon, Mich., maker of concrete mixers, gasoline locomotives and contractors' equipment, with plants at Toledo, O., Fairmont, W. Va., and Muskegon, has announced the voluntary appointment of a receiver with the contemplated payment of all creditors and continued operation of business. ("Iron Age")—V. 116, p. 1279.

Autocar Co., Ardmore, Pa.—Tenders.—

The Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., New York City, will until Sept. 15 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtg. sinking fund 7% convertible gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust as nearly as possible the moneys held in the sinking fund Sept. 15 at a price not exceeding 107½ and interest.—V. 126, p. 1511.

Beacon Participations, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The company on Sept. 1 paid an initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the partic. pref. stock to holders of record Aug. 15. See offering in V. 126, p. 3122.

Bendix Corp. (Ill.)—Recapitalization Plan Approved.—

The stockholders on Sept. 6 approved a recapitalization plan calling for the issuance of 600,000 shares of \$5 par value stock, the elimination of 65,000 class A shares and the issuance of new capital shares to be exchanged for the present outstanding 225,000 shares of class B stock of \$10 par value in the ratio of two new shares for one old. The new shares will receive dividends of \$2 annually, equivalent to \$4 on the present class B stock, which will receive a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on Oct. 1.—V. 127, p. 1106.

Best & Co., Inc.—Buys Stock for Employees.—

Philip LeBoutillier, President and General Manager, announced on Sept. 5 the purchase in the open market (at considerably less than the prevailing market price) of 7,500 shares of Best & Co. common stock for the account of executives, buyers and department heads. He said: "We have persuaded about 50 members of our organization occupying positions of responsibility to go into debt to buy Best & Co. stock in order to make them partners in the business; to increase their interest and effectiveness, and to help them profit by the expected increase in the market value of the common stock to which their work contributes."

"In 1927 the sale to the public of common stock by Ansell H. Ball, chief owner of the business, offered to all members of our organization the opportunity to become real partners. To encourage this sound idea, we have formed this syndicate, of which the managers are the president, treasurer and senior vice-president of the company. Participants, who must be employees, have paid 25% of the cost and balance is payable in 4 equal installments. There will be no delivery of stock or right to sell until the stock is entirely paid for."

The addition of 3 floors to the Fifth Avenue building, as recommended by the president last January and approved by the directors, with consequent expansion of existing departments, is substantially completed. Including new fixtures and equipment for 5 floors, this will cost about \$1,000,000 and will be all paid for out of surplus earnings, no outside financing being required.—V. 127, p. 1106.

Bohn Aluminum & Brass Co.—Status, &c.—

Pynchon & Co. have issued a circular describing the company from which we take the following:

The company was formed in 1918 to manufacture aluminum and brass castings, mainly for the automobile trade. The company, while always a fairly good organization, did not begin to show exceptional results until the perfection and adoption by numerous automobile companies of the Nelson Bohn-a-Lite piston; this being an automobile piston made of aluminum alloy whose main characteristic is extreme lightness and whose other properties eliminate all of the former faults of aluminum pistons for automobiles. A year ago only about 33% of new cars carried these pistons as stock equipment. At the present time nearly 85% of the current output is equipped at the factory with Nelson Bohn-a-Lite pistons.

The company has a contract with Ford whereby Ford manufactures 50% of their required pistons under royalty to Bohn, while Bohn manufactures the other 50%. Ford's production rate is now approximately 3,000 cars per day, which means that for this contract alone Bohn is manufacturing 6,000 pistons.

In order further to increase its earning power, the company has recently acquired the Michigan Smelting & Refining Co., which is one of the best known manufacturers of non-ferrous metal objects in the Detroit district. Acquisition of this property nicely rounds out the line of Bohn Aluminum.

Many years have been devoted to experiments with aluminum pistons without any degree of success until the introduction of the Nelson Bohn-a-Lite product. As may be witnessed from the almost universal adoption by automotive engineers of this piston, it constitutes a very large item in the company's future prospects. The automotive field is only one phase of the piston's utility. Its application to aviation is being intensely developed and orders from this source are showing increasingly satisfactory results. Apart from the piston, the company manufactures a large line of brass, bronze and aluminum objects for automobile manufacturers and others. The company has just placed the stock upon a \$3 dividend basis, an increase of over 100% over the \$1.50 rate which has recently prevailed.—V. 127, p. 1256, 264.

Borne-Scrymser Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 50c. per share has been declared on the capital stock (par \$25) in addition to a regular semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 21. Like amounts were paid on Sept. 16 last. In both April and Oct. 1927, the company paid an extra dividend of 75 cents per share.—V. 126, p. 1356.

(A. M.) Byers Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1928—	3 Mos.—	1927. 1928—	2 Mos.—	1927.
Net profit after deprec. & Federal taxes	\$484,232	\$395,578	\$1,078,652	\$1,069,050	
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	199,340	151,583	199,340	151,583	
Earnings per share	\$1.89	\$1.91	\$3.80	\$4.95	

—V. 127, p. 264.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Copper Output.—

Production (lbs.)—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January	4,132,000	3,728,000	3,474,000	3,788,000
February	4,082,000	3,000,000	3,590,000	3,068,000
March	4,038,000	5,408,000	4,020,000	3,416,000
April	4,204,000	3,482,000	3,876,000	5,196,000
May	5,452,000	4,844,000	4,908,000	4,410,000
June	3,982,000	4,150,000	4,208,000	3,848,000
July	3,186,000	3,722,000	3,322,000	3,752,000
August	4,410,000	5,154,000	3,920,000	3,940,000

—V. 127, p. 956, 826.

Canada Bread Co.—Annual Report.—

Year Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Profits after int. on bds.	\$917,951	\$802,802	\$790,812	\$722,237
Interest from investment	35,031	30,553	22,276	13,756
Profit on sale of invest.—	8,574	—	—	—
Total income	\$961,556	\$833,355	\$813,088	\$735,993
Depreciation	253,417	237,749	232,475	195,829
Bond purchases	—	—	—	12,500
Taxes	b	b	a	47,499
First preferred dividend	87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500
Class B preferred div.	175,000	175,000	175,000	—
Common dividend	150,000	125,000	—	125,000
Stock dividend	—	—	—	25,000

Surplus for year	\$295,645	\$208,106	\$327,115	\$242,665
Transfer to good-will	—	—	dr200,000	—
Balance forward	1,500,991	1,292,885	1,165,769	923,104
Total surplus	\$1,796,636	\$1,500,991	\$1,292,885	\$1,165,769
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$17.80	\$13.32	\$13.04	\$15.71
a Profits after deducting 1925 and 1926 income taxes.			b	After deducting Federal taxes.—V. 125, p. 1465.

Carolina Cotton Mills, Maiden, N. C.—Sale.—

This company, which has been in receivership, will be offered at public sale Sept. 14 by A. J. Moretz, receiver. The plant, it is stated, has 13,000 spindles.

(J. I.) Case Plow Works, Inc.—Meeting Postponed.—

The meeting of stock holders to vote on the dissolution was postponed on Sept. 4 until Oct. 16. (See V. 126, p. 2317.)—V. 127, p. 956.

Central Alloy Steel Co.—Earnings.—

6 Months Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.
Profit from oper. after deduct. cost of sales, sell. gen. & admin. expenses	\$3,409,430	\$2,924,893
Other income	251,616	286,483
Total income	\$3,661,046	\$3,211,376
Depreciation	\$918,000	\$918,000
Interest & discount	184,848	189,546
Other deductions	12,336	20,000
Federal taxes (est.)	305,504	286,717
Net profit	\$2,240,358	\$1,837,113
Per share of present com. stock after pref. divs.	\$1.45	\$1.14

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

	June 30 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.	June 30 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.
Assets—				
Plants, &c., less depreciation	45,139,279	44,412,996	Pl. stk. 7% cum.	10,000,000
Uncompl. constr.	254,687	1,220,654	Com. stk. (no par)	6,481,855
Polls, moulds, &c.	1,003,949	1,064,400	Acc'ts payable	2,908,894
Cash & etfs. dep.	6,068,154	4,610,071	Dividends payable	648,185
U. S. Govt. sec's.	—	10,018	Accrued acc'ts	840,430
Notes receivable	170,731	145,304	1st mtge. bonds	—
Acc'ts receivable	5,860,592	4,025,287	Central Steel Co.	4,217,000
Inventory	12,660,807	14,726,287	Reserves	2,077,577
U. S. Govt. sec's. (held in escrow)	307,392	302,297	Capital surplus	27,137,969
Empl. lab. ins.fds.	289,901	261,703	Earned surplus	—
Other funds with bond trustee	8,818	11,919	Appropriated	1,382,650
Invest., affil. cos.	388,947	918,074	Unappropriated	18,278,420
Other investments	514,483	—	Total (each side)	73,972,920
Real est. not used in operations	436,883	435,100		73,214,079
Advts. to RR. under constr. contr.	128,544	139,234	x Represented by 1,296,371 shares no par common stock.	
Notes rec. for sale of property	107,625	117,875	Otis & Co. have issued a special circular describing the company and its operations.—V. 127, p. 413.	
1st mtge. bonds, Central Steel Co.	38,981	115,634		
Misc. acc'ts receiv.	86,508	180,399		
Discount on bonds, insurance, &c.	506,639	516,827		

—V. 127, p. 413.

Chrysler Corp.—Record Orders.—

As of Sept. 1, the corporation has received orders for 53,417 cars for September shipment to Chrysler and Plymouth distributors and dealers. This is by far the largest single month's order for cars ever received and follows record-breaking shipments in July and August.

The company has enlarged its productive facilities to the highest point yet attained without being able to fill the orders that have been received from every part of the United States, Canada and overseas. Demand for the new cars since July 5 has been so heavy that distributors and dealers are all behind on orders and many distributors have offered to take solid trainloads to fill orders. Necessity for getting as many cars as possible to all points has caused the company to pro-rate daily output to as many distributing points as possible to keep sales outlets on an equitable basis. September output, while it cannot equal orders received, will be the largest for any month on record. The company recently established a new high production record for a single day at 1,370 units. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 127, p. 1107.

Circle Theatre (Mercantile & Theatres Properties, Inc.), Philadelphia.—Bonds Offered.—

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$1,200,000 1st mtge. fee 6% sinking fund gold bonds. Dated Aug. 29 1928; due Sept. 1 1936. Int. payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Principal and int. payable at Colonial Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee, or S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., New York. Red. for sinking fund at 101 and int. Callable, except for sinking fund, at 102 and int. on or before Sept. 1 1932; at 101½ and int. after Sept. 1 1932 and on or before Sept. 1 1934, and at 101 and int. thereafter. Mercantile & Theatres Properties, Inc., has assumed payment of the indebtedness evidenced by the bond issue and has agreed to pay the Pa. 4 mills tax with respect to the bonds and the United States of America Federal income tax up to 2% per annum.

Security.—This issue of bonds is secured by a 1st mtge. on land owned in fee and situated on the west side of Frankford Ave. between Orthodox and Margaretta Sts., Philadelphia, together with a modern fireproof store and theatre building to be erected thereon.

The land fronts 132 feet on the west side of Frankford Ave. and runs 242 feet through to Griscom St., on which it has a frontage of 120 feet. The entire plot contains an area of approximately 30,576 square feet.

The building, which will be of steel frame and strictly fireproof construction, will have three stores facing Frankford Ave. and a 3,050-seat theatre fully equipped and furnished, including an organ, the console of which is raised and lowered electrically.

Valuations.—Land and building, when completed, have been appraised as follows: Jesse Jay Schamberg, real estate, Philadelphia, \$1,860,000; Benjamin Barron, realtor, Philadelphia, \$1,795,000. Based on the lower of these two appraisals, there is an equity of \$595,000 above the amount of this bond issue.

Lease.—The Stanley Co. of America has leased the property for a period of 20 years from the date of completion of the building, or approximately 13 years beyond the maturity of the bonds. The minimum net annual rental will be 6 1/2% of the gross cost of land and building to the lessor, which it is estimated will be more than sufficient to pay the greatest combined annual interest and sinking fund requirements of this issue. If the minimum rent so to be fixed is less than this estimate, then bonds will be redeemed at 101 and int. in the manner provided in the mortgage, so that the minimum rent as fixed will be more than the greatest combined interest and sinking fund requirements of the bonds to be outstanding, and the annual sinking fund retirements shall be proportionately reduced. In addition to such minimum rent, the lessee is required to pay 25% of the net operating earnings of the property for each year, plus all taxes, assessments and water rents levied against the mortgaged premises, the Pennsylvania personal property tax up to 4 mills per annum and the Federal income tax up to 2% per annum with respect to the bonds, and all insurance premiums on fire and public liability policies carried upon the property. This lease has been assigned to and deposited with the trustee as additional security for the bonds, although the rights of the trustee are subject to the lease so long as the lessee complies therewith.

Legality for Investment.—These bonds are a legal investment for trust funds under the laws of Pennsylvania.

Sinking Fund.—The bonds are protected by annual retirements of principal and periodic deposits with the trustee on account of principal and interest. The date of maturity of all bonds is Sept. 1 1936, but under the provisions of the trust mortgage \$72,000 will be retired before maturity through the operation of a sinking fund. The requirements of the trust mortgage are as follows: Beginning Sept. 1 1931 a certain amount of bonds must be retired and cancelled annually, either through purchase in the open market or from their holders, or, if sufficient bonds shall not be purchased to meet the requirements, Mercantile & Theatres Properties, Inc., through S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., as fiscal agents, shall within 30 days prior to each Sept. 1 call a sufficient amount of bonds by lot at 101 and int. to make up the necessary amount.

Citizens Necessities Co., Toledo.—Sale.—See Utilities Service Co. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 127, p. 552.

City Stores Co.—Earnings.—
 Period End, July 31— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—6 Mos.—1927.
 Net income after deprec. & conting. res. & min. int. but before taxes.— \$61,475 \$143,809 \$302,940 \$411,780
 —V. 127, p. 112.

Columbia Graphophone Co., Ltd., England.—Final Dividend of 35%—100% Stock Distribution Proposed.—

The directors on Sept. 6 recommended a 100% stock dividend on the ordinary shares by capitalizing part of the reserves.

The directors also announced that earnings for the 15 months ended June 30 1928, including those of subsidiaries, amounted to £491,305. A final dividend of 35% was declared, making a total of 60% for the 15 months. Since the par value of the shares is 10 shillings, the final dividend amounts to about 82 cents a share.—V. 126, p. 3597.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—To Acquire Peierls, Buhler & Co., Inc.—

The corporation has closed a contract to acquire the capital stock of Peierls, Buhler & Co., Inc., one of the foremost textile factors in America. The latter company will continue to operate as a separate and distinct organization with no change in its management, policies or trade relations. This company has been for 35 years a leader among service institutions which extend financing and merchandising advice to manufacturers in the textile industry.

Robert G. Blumenthal, vice-president of Peierls, Buhler & Co., Inc., will become its president. Herbert P. Howell will become chairman of the executive committee and Siegfried Peierls will continue as chairman of the board of directors. Henry Ittleson and Edwin C. Vogel, respectively president and senior vice-president of C. I. T., will be directors of Peierls, Buhler & Co., Inc., and Mr. Blumenthal will become a vice-president, director, and member of the executive committee of the C. I. T. Corp.

Peierls, Buhler & Co., Inc., has a capital and surplus of approximately \$4,000,000, and operations require more than 130,000 square feet of floor space in the general offices at 2 Park Ave., N. Y. City, in addition to more than 10 annexes located in various textile trade centers of the city. Its clients include more than 35 of the leading textile mills in this country and abroad, in addition to sales agencies, converters and importers. The business is closely related in a number of ways with the operations of the C. I. T. organization, both institutions having as their aim the extension of specialized financing service which facilitates the distribution of manufactured products on credit.

This interlocking ownership will enable both organizations to benefit by well developed operating policies, and Peierls, Buhler & Co. will be enabled to utilize the resources of the C. I. T. organization in its future development.

The C. I. T. Corp. is a holding company with operating subsidiaries in the United States and foreign countries. It has more than 70 branch offices and finances the distribution of more than sixty different types of manufactured products. After giving effect to this merger and as of Aug. 31, 1928, its capital and surplus is \$30,000,000 and its consolidated resources amount to more than \$125,000,000.—V. 127, p. 1257.

Consolidated Automatic Merchandising Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 44 cents per share on the cum. conv. pref. stock for the period from Aug. 1 to Sept. 15, this being at the annual rate of \$3.50 per share. The dividend is payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Sept. 14.—V. 127, p. 1257.

Consolidated Laundries Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Stock Offered—Hamilton & Co., Montreal and offering at \$21.50 per share 20,000 shares (no par value) capital stock.

Transfer agent: Toronto General Trusts Corp. Registrar: Eastern Trust Co.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
 Capital stock (no par value)..... 100,000 shs. 20,000 shs.

Business.—Corporation has been incorp. under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to act as a holding and operating company of power laundries throughout the Dominion of Canada. Corporation has recently completed negotiations whereby it will acquire the entire business and assets of the Dominion Laundry Co., Montreal, which was established in 1909 and has enjoyed an unbroken record of consistent growth during the past nineteen years.

The corporation has completed arrangements to establish and operate a thoroughly modern power laundry at Belleville, Ont. This plant will be under the direct supervision of a director of the corporation who has carried on business in Belleville for a number of years. The Belleville unit will serve a population of 75,000 situated in that city and surrounding districts, all of which can be served for the entire twelve months of the year by means of motor trucks.

Consolidated Laundries Corp. is also carrying on negotiations to acquire control of several other established power laundries strategically situated in the provinces of Quebec, Ont., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, which will give the corporation a dominating position in the laundry industry of Canada.

Earnings.—From actual net earnings of one unit alone plus a conservative estimate of the Belleville plant, it is expected that the corporation will realize a net revenue, after taxes and depreciation, but before dividends for the first year's operations under the new management in excess of \$45,500, equivalent to over \$2.25 per share on the stock to be presently outstanding.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Probable Acquisition.—The company has concluded negotiations for the purchase of the New Orleans (La.) Can Co., the latter to be consolidated with the Continental company. The New Orleans plant will be continued in production as a branch factory and expansion is being considered. ("Iron Age.")—V. 126, p. 2971.

Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc.—New Company Organized.—

See Curtiss Flying Service Inc. below.—V. 127, p. 958, 828.

Cresson Consolidated Gold Mining & Milling Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2 cents per share, payable Oct. 10. The previous dividend was 10 cents per share paid on July 10.—V. 127, p. 552.

Curtiss Flying Service, Inc.—Organized—750,000 Shares of Stock to Be Offered Privately at \$13 to \$15 Per Share.—

One of the greatest forward steps ever taken in the United States since the inception of aviation was undertaken Sept. 6 by the Curtiss Aeroplane organization and interests associated with them, through the formation of a new company which will institute the first nation-wide taxi service of the air. The new company, which will be known as Curtiss Flying Service, Inc., it is announced, will establish aviation schools through the country in addition to three so-called universities of the air for the advance training of aviators, and also make it possible for aviation enthusiasts to get service and parts for their airplanes as easily as such service is now obtainable for motor cars. The company will also act as exclusive sales agent for the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. Establishment of the taxi service also will make it possible for passengers to engage an aeroplane by telephone to hop from one city to another as easily as taxicabs are now engaged for short trips.

Announcement of the formation of the new corporation, which will embark upon this unique service, which is now unavailable except upon a small scale, was made Sept. 6 at a joint meeting held at the offices of Blair & Co., Inc., and attended by C. M. Keys, President of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., and also head of the recently organized Transcontinental Air Transport, who will be Chairman of the new company; Casey Jones will be President of the new company. He is now Vice-President of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. and a member of the technical advisory committee of Transcontinental Air Transport, of which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is the head; J. Cheever Cowdin of Blair & Co., Inc., and J. C. Willson of J. C. Willson & Co. of Louisville.

The operations of the new company will be under the direction of the newly organized Curtiss Flying Service, Inc., which is to be financed by the bankers interested in the formation and operation of the new company. The first step to be taken by the new corporation will be the ordering of complete equipment for approximately 25 flying fields located in key cities throughout the country. The locations of all of the flying fields have not yet been selected, according to Mr. Keys, but representatives of the organization are now choosing sites, and the service of taxi flying will be put into operation as soon as the planes and equipment can be turned over to the new company by the Curtiss organization.

In addition to establishing new fields for taxi service and training, Mr. Keys said, it will be the policy of the management to co-operate with existing flying fields in all sections of the country. This will be arranged through the establishment of sub-agents.

The Curtiss Flying Service, Inc., in addition to carrying out the service of furnishing aeroplanes to anyone requiring their service, Mr. Keys added, will act as exclusive sales agents for all products of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., both as to the sale of engines and planes and also the sale of parts and servicing of aeroplanes. In connection with this arrangement, the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co. will hold a substantial amount of the capital stock of the new company.

The new company, Mr. Keys added, will be in a position to start operations almost immediately, as it will acquire all of the assets and business of the Curtiss Flying Service, which was originally started as an exhibition company back in 1910 with only \$20,000 of capital.

The financing of this new enterprise, according to Mr. Cowdin, will be underwritten by Blair & Co., Inc., J. C. Willson & Co., and the National Aviation Corp. Through this arrangement the company has been assured sufficient capital to carry out its plans immediately and start the service in operation at a not distant date. While definite arrangements have not been made for the disposition of the stock of the Curtiss Flying Service, Inc., it is understood that a private offering may be made within the next ten days of a total of 750,000 shares of the capital stock of the company, priced at approximately \$13 to \$15 per share.

Dairy Dale Co.—First Financial Report.—

President W. E. Haley reports in substance: Company was incorp. in Delaware April 26 1927 for purpose of acquiring businesses of Dairy Delivery Co. and Riverdale Creamery Co., wholesale and retail distributors of milk and cream in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties of California. Consolidation became effective May 13 1927.

On May 3 1927 Dairy Dale Co. purchased for cash, partially with funds borrowed on short-term loans, the net tangible assets, good-will and trade routes of San Francisco Dairy Co. This acquisition was made effective on May 18 1927.

The operating control of Dairy Dale Co. functioning as a unit became effective July 1 1927. Operations of the constituent companies were maintained separately during the period from May 13 and 18 to June 30 1927.

Since the close of the fiscal year, April 30 1928, Dairy Dale Co. has acquired the Capital Dairy of Sacramento and the Jersey Farm Dairy of Fresno, partly through the payment of cash and partly through the issuance of class B stock. Officials are now engaged in absorbing these businesses in such manner that the company as a whole may function as a solid operating unit.

Operations from July 1 1927 to April 30 1928.

Gross profit from operations.....	\$867,536
Promotion and sales expenses.....	79,291
Administrative and general expenses.....	299,791
Non-operating losses and expenses, \$21,601, less non-operating income, \$18,269; balance.....	3,331
Interest paid.....	19,910
Cash discounts and interest received.....	7,414

Net profit.....	\$472,626
Net profit of constituent cos. for the period May 13 and May 18 to June 30 1927.....	98,953

Net profit before income tax.....	\$571,579
Estimated Federal income tax.....	80,011

Net profit transferred to surplus.....	\$491,568
Surplus paid in May 13 and May 18 1927 after adjustments affecting prior periods.....	109,011

Total surplus.....	\$600,579
Class A dividends.....	172,499
Class B dividends.....	172,494
Surplus transf. to res. for excess plant & equipment facilities.....	20,226

Surplus April 30 1928.....\$235,360

Condensed Balance Sheet as at April 30 1928.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Plant and equipment.....x\$1,921,924	Capital stock.....y\$2,414,755
Good-will and trade routes..... 769,154	Notes payable..... 130,000
Cash..... 115,358	Trade accounts payable..... 538,819
Marketable securities..... 8,425	Purch. contract & Irrig. Impt. bonds maturing subsequent to April 1929..... 135,405
Notes and accounts rec., less allowance for losses..... 523,170	Surplus..... 235,360
Inventories of mdse. & supp..... 54,269	Res. for amortization of excess plant & equipment facilities..... 20,227
Stocks of fully owned corp's in process of liquidation..... 20,802	
Deferred charges..... 61,465	
Total.....\$3,474,566	Total.....\$3,474,566

x After depreciation of \$635,095. y Represented by 115,000 shares no par class A stock and 230,000 shares no par class B stock. z Includes \$25,990 unamortized organization expenses.—V. 127, p. 828.

David & Frere, Ltd.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 56c. per share on the class A common stock (no par value) payable to stockholders of record Aug. 31. See also V. 127, p. 414.

Davison Chemical Co.—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on Aug. 31 increased the authorized capital stock, no par value, from 400,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares.

President C. Wilbur Miller said in substance: "The policy of the management adopted during the past year has resulted in the company taking its place as one of the largest chemical companies in the country. The results

have not only benefited the Davison company, as indicated in the annual report recently issued, but have gone a long way toward stabilizing the industry as a whole.

"It is the intention of the management to go further in this sound policy of reaching the consumer through its own distribution. To afford the necessary machinery for carrying this out as opportunities may develop, the stockholders amended the charter, increasing the authorized capital shares to 1,000,000 from 400,000. These increased authorized shares will be held in the treasury and only used in the future as opportunities develop, and for the advancement of the company's interests along the lines already adopted, which have proved so beneficial."—V. 127, p. 958, 948.

Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc.—Extra Dividend of 20c.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 20 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 60 cents on both the common stock class A and common stock class B, all payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 21. Like amounts were paid on the respective issues on July 2 last. From Jan. 2 1926 to April 1 1928, incl., the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 60 cents per share on both issues of common stock and, in addition, on April 1 1928 paid an extra dividend of 40 cents per share.—V. 127, p. 266.

Direct Control Valve Co.—Acquisition, &c.

Acquisition of the Lawler Water Feed & Damper Regulator Co. from James J. Lawler, inventor of the direct control valve, and his sons, James R. and Joseph G. Lawler, by the Direct Control Valve Co. was announced on Sept. 4 by officials of the latter company. The Lawler company's principal factory is located in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., where several patented thermostatic devices are made. James R. and Joseph G. Lawler are now on the staff of the Direct Control Valve Co. The acquisition will provide the latter company with the most complete line of articles embodying the thermostatic control principle of any company manufacturing such products. Present plans call for the removal of the Mt. Vernon plant to Milwaukee where it will be combined with the Milwaukee Valve Co., which has a contract with the Direct Control Valve Co. to manufacture the mechanical parts of the valve proper. The assembly plant of the company will also be located in Milwaukee as well as facilities for testing before installation.—V. 127, p. 415.

Dominion Coal Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years End, Dec. 31—	1927.	1926.
Operating profit.....	\$2,297,832	\$2,606,633
Sink, fund & deprec.....	730,000	730,000
Interest & dis. on bonds.....	579,577	617,451
Net profit.....	\$988,255	\$1,259,182
Previous surplus.....	333,747	def925,434
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$1,322,002	\$333,748

President C. B. McNaught, in his remarks to shareholders says in part: "Cost of properties was decreased about \$320,000 during the year, this being approximately the excess of reserve for depreciation and depletion over expenditures on capital account. Funded and mortgage debt was reduced \$220,500. The relation between current and working assets and current liabilities to the public improved to the extent of \$972,361, giving the company an equivalent addition to its working capital which was much needed."

"Liabilities to associated companies remained unchanged throughout the year at \$3,286,991.

"Operating reserves were maintained at about the same figures as was shown last year.

"The net profits for the year after paying all operating and fixed charges and making provision for depreciation and depletion were \$988,254, which is about \$270,000 less than the result of the previous year's operations. In view of the company's large indebtedness to associated companies, liquidation of which may be required at any time, and the need of adequate working capital, directors have not considered it proper to resume payment of dividends on the preferred stock.

"During the season of navigation in the St. Lawrence all the collieries in active operation were fully employed, but for some months in the autumn and winter it was not possible, for lack of an outlet, to maintain a full force of collieries having large interest in the mines. A large quantity of coal was put in stock for shipment this season, but it was not convenient to undertake extensive banking operations until February and in the period between the close of navigation and that time the collieries were only intermittently worked. Some means of disposing of the output in late autumn and winter would be a great benefit to the company and its employees, and the possibility of finding an enlarged winter market is being carefully considered.

"The output from all collieries operated by company in the year 1927 amounted to 4,550,897 tons, an increase of 217,471 tons over the previous year's record.

"After the close of the year in order to conserve its interest in the Dominion Steel Corp., the holder of all the common stock of your company, the British Empire Steel Corp. entered into an arrangement with a group of capitalists having large interest in industrial enterprises in Canada, which is explained in the annual report of the directors of the latter corporation.

"Following upon the consummation of this arrangement and in compliance with its terms, G. H. Duggan and J. H. Gundy, Sir Herbert S. Holt, Messrs. George H. Montgomery, K.C., C. B. McNaught, and W. E. Wilder were elected directors.

"Upon the retirement of R. M. Wolvin from the offices of director and President, C. B. McNaught was elected president.

"It is too early to make anything like an accurate forecast of the result of the company's operations for the current year, but it is evident that it will be disappointing for the reason that operating costs have increased materially and no compensating advance in price has been obtainable for the output of the mines.

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Properties.....	26,574,499	26,894,835	Capital stock.....	18,000,000	18,000,000		
Cash (trus.).....	25,022	507	Funded debt.....	7,855,500	8,076,000		
Inventories.....	2,627,526	1,848,041	Deferred payments.....	26,000	52,000		
Trade accts. rec.....	1,951,613	2,028,396	Bank loans.....	2	2		
Other accts. rec.....	186,429	226,740	Wages payable.....	435,102	619,819		
Investments.....	1,600	9,200	Accr. interest.....	68,904	209,592		
Cash.....	685,194	582,240	Demand insurance.....	2,185,318	2,185,317		
Nat. T. Co.....	67,178		Nat. Trust.....	32,914	32,914		
Deferred charges.....	329,822	293,713	Bal. payable.....	1,101,674	1,060,402		
			Reserves.....	1,245,371	1,213,658		
			Surplus.....	1,322,002	333,747		
Total.....	32,448,885	31,863,675	Total.....	32,448,885	31,863,675		

x Receiver and manager of Dominion Iron & Steel Co.—V. 124, p. 2915.

Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Preferred Stockholders Have until Sept. 14 to Surrender Shares.

Approximately 95% of the pref. stock outstanding at the time of the sale of the property and assets of Dodge Brothers, to the Chrysler Corp. has been surrendered to the Continental Trust Co. of Baltimore, Md., as trustee under the trust agreement drawn up at the time of the merger, in exchange for certificates of a like number of shares of Chrysler common stock.

Under the terms of the trust agreement, the Continental Trust Co. is authorized to continue to purchase for the account of Dodge Brothers shares of its preferred stock and to deliver Chrysler common certificates in exchange therefor until the close of business Sept. 14.

After that date, or after the expiration of such further period, if any, as may be designated by Dodge Brothers to the trustee, the Chrysler common stock then held by the trustee shall be delivered and paid over, or held and dealt with by the trustee, acting under the jurisdiction and advice of the Court of Equity in Baltimore.

Prior to the acquisition of the Dodge company by the Chrysler corporation, a 75c. dividend was declared on the Chrysler common stock, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 17. The Chrysler common stock paid for the Dodge properties is entitled to participate in this dividend, but the dividend must be paid by the Chrysler Corp. to the record holders of such stock on Sept. 17.

The following institutions are prepared to act for Dodge preferred stockholders in forwarding their certificates to the Continental Trust Co.: National City of New York, First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Philadelphia National Bank of Philadelphia, Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis, First National Bank of Boston, Los

Angeles First National Bank, Anglo & London Paris National Bank of San Francisco, Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, International Trust Co. of Denver, and Citizens & Southern National Bank of Atlanta.—V. 127, p. 1108.

Economy Grocery Stores Corp.—Earnings.

Years Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales.....	\$9,062,337	\$7,871,852	\$6,679,076
Less cost.....	6,889,615	6,201,355	5,203,150
Gross profit on sales.....	\$2,172,722	\$1,670,498	\$1,475,926
Other income, &c.....		211,985	173,649
Gross income.....	\$2,172,722	\$1,882,483	\$1,649,575
Deduct operating expenses (including Federal taxes and depreciation).....	2,027,672	1,736,253	1,496,949
Net income.....	\$145,049	\$146,230	\$152,626
Dividends paid.....	100,000	100,000	100,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$45,049	\$46,230	\$52,626
Earnings per share on 100,000 shares of no par capital stock.....	\$1.45	\$1.46	\$1.52

President Joseph Rabinovitch says: "During the year the number of stores was increased from 315 to 340. The gain in business was due not only to the larger number of stores in operation, but the average sales per store also show an increase. The highly competitive conditions mentioned in the previous report have not only continued, but have been even more intense. Thus in spite of the larger volume of business, the final net profits as reported were substantially the same as in the previous year. These profits were after the usual liberal allowance for depreciation."—V. 125, p. 2271.

Electrical Products Corp., Los Angeles.—Stock Split-up.

The stockholders on Aug. 31 approved a change in the authorized capitalization from 40,000 shares of common stock, par \$1, and 15,000 shares of preferred stock, par \$100, to 200,000 shares of common stock of no par value and 75,000 shares of preferred stock of \$20 par value. This is to provide for a 5-for-1 split up.

A change in name to *Claude Neon Electrical Products Corp.* was also approved. Date of the annual meeting has been changed to the last Friday in April from the last Friday in August.

It is expected that the dividend rate on the new common stock will be \$1.50 per share annually, against \$4 per share annually on the \$1 par common stock.

President Paul D. Howse issued the following statement: "The split up of the stock does not add to the assets or actual value of the stock, but is done to increase the number of stockholders. We now have 405 common stockholders and 249 preferred stockholders, a total of 654."—V. 127, p. 958.

Electrical Products Corp. Seattle, Wash.—Notes Offered.

Baillargeon Winslow & Co., Ferris & Hardgrove and Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Seattle, Wash. in July last offered \$200,000 6% secured gold notes at prices to yield from 6% to 6½% according to maturity.

Dated July 1 1928; due serially 1929-1932. Principal and int. (J. & J.), payable at the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Seattle, trustee. Callable as a whole or in part in excess of maturity schedule on the first of any current month in inverse numerical order on 30 days' notice at 101 for first two years; 100.75 for third year and 100.50 for first six months of the fourth year. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Data from Letter of George K. Comstock, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

Corporation is affiliated with and is an integral part of the world-wide Claude Neon Light organization of which there are 12 manufacturing distributors in the United States. Company holds the exclusive franchise covering the manufacture and sale of Claude Neon tubes in the States of Washington, Idaho and Montana, and is the largest distributor of electric advertising and lighting in the Pacific Northwest.

Security.—As specific security the borrowing corporation has pledged with the trustee, selected leases in the principal amount of not less than twice the total amount of notes at any one time outstanding, which minimum ratio must be maintained throughout the life of the loan. In addition the company covenants that the income from leases pledged shall at no time be less than two times the amount required for annual principal and interest payments on this issue of notes. The indenture provides for monthly pro rata deposits of the annual principal and interest requirements with the trustee.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of June 30 1928 shows net tangible assets, including deferred income, of \$549,802, after deducting the present issue of notes in the principal amount of \$200,000, or the equivalent of over \$2,700 for each \$1,000 note. Current assets including cash on hand available for expansion amounted to \$195,825 as compared with current liabilities of \$26,342.

Earnings.—Based on leases in effect as of June 30 1928, the net income of the corporation available for the payment of interest and principal on this issue of notes is at the annual rate of \$68,311 or over five times maximum interest charges on this issue of notes.

Ewa Plantation Co., Hawaii.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Sept. 5. An extra dividend of \$2 per share was paid on March 15 last.—V. 126, p. 2798.

Fox Film Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

6 Months Ended—	June 30 '28.	June 25 '27.	June 26 '26.	June 27 '25.
Profits for period.....	\$2,883,494	\$1,501,639	\$1,515,598	\$1,324,795
Federal tax provision.....	237,004	130,349	114,854	112,771
Expn. for purch & sale of stks. and bonds.....			194,319	167,031
Judgment paid affecting profits of prior years.....		66,270		
Adjust. of foreign surplus account.....		1,983		
Dividends.....	1,534,423	1,000,000	1,000,000	250,000
Surplus.....	\$1,112,067	\$303,037	\$206,425	\$824,993
Previous surplus.....	14,000,394	12,946,109	11,983,468	10,766,905
Total surplus.....	\$15,112,462	\$13,249,145	\$12,189,893	\$11,591,898
Shs. of class A & B stock outstanding (no par).....	767,216	500,000	500,000	500,000
Earnings per share.....	\$3.47	\$2.74	\$2.80	\$2.42

On account of the complete readjustment of the Wesco Corp. during the second quarter of 1928, officials of the Fox Film Corp. state that the large increase in earnings was accomplished with comparatively small earnings from the Wesco Corp. Wesco Corp. earnings are now preceding at a most satisfactory rate, it is stated.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

June 30 '28.		June 25 '27		June 30 '28.		June 25 '27	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land, bldgs., machinery, eq., &c.....	12,716,894	12,658,083	Capital stock.....	30,180,000	10,955,000		
Cash.....	1,967,411	1,944,954	Fox Phila. Bldg. income 6½%.....	1,530,000	1,620,000		
Mortgages owned.....	13,092	18,631	Fox Film Realty Corp. 6s.....	1,623,500	1,674,500		
Acc'ts receivable.....	2,326,048	983,355	Fox Rlty. Corp. 6s	3,880,000	4,000,000		
Inventories.....	15,313,576	13,808,844	Other mortgages.....	110,610	143,752		
Sundry invest'ns.....	44,566	39,276	Pur. mon. oblig'tns.....		50,000		
Inv. in other cos.....	22,829,939	4,623,834	Notes payable.....	1,150,000	1,825,000		
Life insur. policies.....	300,661	151,404	Acc'ts pay., accr'd expenses, &c.....	1,761,274	1,331,591		
Deferred charges.....	971,456	1,364,139	Dividends payable.....	237,004	130,349		
			Prov. for Fed. tax.....	767,216	500,000		
			Adv. payments for film service.....	131,477	107,882		
Total (each side).....	56,483,643	35,587,519	Surplus.....	15,112,462	13,249,145		

x After allowing \$2,726,446 for depreciation. y Represented by 667,216 shares class A of no par value (900,000 shares authorized), and 100,000 shares of class B of no par value (authorized and issued).—V. 126, p. 4689.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Employees Total 120,293—Output Now About 5,000 Units a Day.
See under "Indications of Business Activity" in last week's "Chronicle," page 1172.—V. 126, p. 4088.

Fox-New England Theatres, Inc.—Listing.
There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$4,000,000 6½% convertible sinking fund gold debentures, dated Aug. 1 1928 and due Aug. 1 1943.

Galesburg Couter-Disc Co.—Earnings.
7 Months Ended July 31— 1928. 1927.
Net profit after all charges except taxes..... \$552,000 \$286,000
According to President R. C. Ingersoll plants are working on two 8-hour shifts despite the fact that this is ordinarily the company's slack season. The company has just secured the largest order in its history for clutch discs and brake housings.—V. 127, p. 1258.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Denies Merger.
Max Epstein, Chairman says: "There is no truth in reports that our corporation is ever considering a merger with the North American Car Corp. No such plans ever have been discussed and in my belief never will. We are developing several new types of tank cars for transportation of highly explosive gases and liquids, and such a merger would have no advantages for us."—V. 127, p. 959.

General Asphalt Co.—Bonds Called.
Certain outstanding 6% 15-year s. f. gold bonds (aggregating \$84,800) dated Oct. 1 1924, have been called for redemption Oct. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Bank of North America & Trust Co., trustee, City Hall Square, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 127, p. 830.

General Bronze Corp.—Earnings.—To Redeem 50% of Outstanding Pref. Stock.
Corporation reports net earnings for the second quarter of 1928 at \$215,248 as against \$138,257 for the first quarter. Total earnings for the first six months of this year were \$353,505. Work contracted for 1928 to date is \$3,716,279.
It is announced that the corporation has called for redemption on Oct. 1, at \$110 per share, 50% of the outstanding 7% cum. conv. pref. stock held by each stockholder of record Aug. 31. Up to and including Sept. 21 each share called for redemption may be converted into three shares of common stock.
The corporation states that the reduction of the outstanding preferred stock is deemed advisable because the amount of cash on hand is far in excess of requirements. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock has been declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Aug. 31.—V. 126, p. 723.

Glidden Co., Cleveland.—To Retire Bonds Oct. 1.
Holders of 6% serial gold bonds have been notified by President Adrian D. Joyce that on Oct. 1 next all the outstanding unpaid bonds of this issue will be redeemed at 102 and int. The company recently announced the offering to stockholders of 100,000 shares of new common stock to finance the retirement of a major part of about \$2,800,000 of these bonds outstanding.—V. 127, p. 1258; V. 126, p. 3936.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Extra Dividend.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding 133,299 shares of common stock, no par value, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15.—V. 126, p. 259.

Graham-Page Motors Corp.—Debentures Sold.—First National Co. of Detroit, Inc., Detroit and Security Trust Co. and Guardian Detroit Co., Inc., have sold at 100 and int. \$3,000,000 6% sinking fund gold debentures, Series "A."
Dated Aug. 1 1928; due Aug. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000c*. Red. as a whole at any time upon 60 days' notice or in part upon 30 days' notice on any int. date as follows: To and incl. Aug. 1 1930, at 100½ and int.; thereafter, to and incl. Aug. 1 1932, at 100¼ and int.; thereafter to maturity at 100 and int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at office of the Guaranty Trust Co., New York or at the office of Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, trustee.

Data from Letter by President Joseph B. Graham, Dated Sept. 1.
History and Business.—Corporation was incorp. in Michigan in Sept. 1909, under the name of Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co. In May 1927, Joseph B. Graham, Robert C. Graham and Ray A. Graham, formerly manufacturers of the Graham Brothers Truck, assumed management of the corporation. On Jan. 5 1928, the present corporate name was adopted.
The corporation manufactures Graham-Page motor cars, comprising four lines of six-cylinder models and one line of eight-cylinder models, ranging in price from \$860 to \$2,485. During the past year the distributing organization has been greatly strengthened and increased and now consists of more than 1,500 dealers in the United States and foreign countries.
Corporation owns two plants in Detroit with an aggregate floor space of approximately 1,100,000 square feet. A body plant is owned in Wayne, Mich., which has a daily capacity of about 300 bodies. The Graham-Page Body Corp., organized in 1928, is erecting a body plant at Evansville, Ind., which will have a capacity of 300 bodies per day. It is expected that this plant will begin operating in Jan. 1929. Corporation now has facilities for producing approximately 500 motor cars per day. Upon completion of construction now in progress, it will be able to produce about 700 per day. At the present time approximately 6,100 persons are regularly employed.
Security.—These debentures in the opinion of counsel are a direct obligation of Graham-Page Motors Corp. and constitute its only funded debt. Corporation has covenanted in the agreement under which these debentures will be issued that it will not (1) create any mortgage or other lien upon its properties; (2) create any debt having a priority over these debentures; or (3) create any indebtedness having rank equal to these debentures excepting trade obligations and other usual commercial paper maturing not more than one year from date thereof. This shall not prevent the corporation from pledging or discounting drafts or from creating purchase money mortgages upon new property provided the amount of the mortgage shall not exceed 75% of the purchase price of such property.
The corporation further agrees that if while any of the debentures are outstanding the management of the affairs of the corporation shall pass from Joseph B. Graham, Robert C. Graham and Ray A. Graham, their survivors or survivor, for any cause whatsoever, if the trustee so requests, all outstanding debentures shall be redeemed at the current redemption price. Additional debentures may not be issued unless net earnings of the corporation for the period of 12 calendar months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the calendar month in which application for the issuance of new debentures is made, shall have been at least 3¼ times the total annual interest charges upon all debentures then outstanding and to be immediately issued.
Earnings.—Net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries, after depreciation but before Federal taxes for the years 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926, were as follows: 1923, \$3,250,854; 1924, \$1,542,902; 1925, \$2,742,708; 1926, \$580,450. Adjustments incident to a change in management, combined with extraordinary charges resulting from the discontinuance of old models, caused an operating loss for the year 1927. Net earnings for the 6 months ended June 30 1928, after depreciation but before Federal taxes were \$1,570,709. This is at rate of approximately 18 times maximum interest charges for such a period on Series A debentures.
Production.—According to records of the corporation production has been as follows for calendar years:
1923. 1924. 1925. 1926. 1927.
43,556 34,091 39,479 37,474 21,881
Monthly production for the year 1928 has been as follows:
Jan. 1,497 May. 8,511
Feb. 4,019 June. 8,828
Mar. 7,614 July. 8,829
Apr. 8,275
Total. 47,573
Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these debentures will be used entirely as an addition to working capital of the corporation.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.	
Debentures.....	\$5,000,000	\$3,000,000	
7% cumulative pref. stock (\$100 par).....	3,000,000	1,900,600	
7% cumulative convertible 2d pref. (\$100 par).....	4,000,000	3,691,100	
Common stock (no par).....	*2,000,000 shs.	1,430,863 shs	
*—of which 369,110 shares are reserved for conversion of second preferred.			
<i>Sinking Fund.</i> —A semi-annual sinking fund beginning Aug. 1 1929 will provide for the following schedule of retirement of the debentures:			
Aug. 1 1929.....	\$250,000	Feb. 1 1932.....	\$225,000
Feb. 1 1930.....	175,000	Aug. 1 1932.....	225,000
Aug. 1 1930.....	175,000	Feb. 1 1933.....	250,000
Feb. 1 1931.....	225,000	Aug. 1 1933.....	1,250,000
Aug. 1 1931.....	225,000		

Debentures may be purchased in the market with available sinking fund moneys at not to exceed the current redemption price, or may be called by lot by the trustee.

Balance Sheet as at June 30 1928 (after present financing.)

Assets—	
Cash in banks and on hand (incl. proceeds of this issue).....	\$6,305,677
Dealers' and distributors' accounts, less reserve.....	3,128,423
Subsidiary companies—Open accounts.....	1,860,331
Sundry accounts receivable.....	205,743
Materials, work in process and finished cars—Book value based on physical inventory taken Dec. 31 1927, with adjustments to date hereof.....	5,777,491
Common stock subscriptions receivable.....	404,670
Due from assoc. cos. & minor stockholders of subsidiary cos.....	144,040
Advances to subsidiary companies.....	105,000
Prepaid insurance, taxes and other charges.....	125,668
Stocks and bonds.....	146,436
Investments in sub. cos.—Net worth representing excess of assets over liabilities per records of companies.....	1,678,038
Property, plant and equipment—At cost less provision for depreciation, \$6,179,779; at sound values per appraisals, with subsequent additions at cost, less depreciation, \$2,900,346	9,080,125
Deferred charges—Advertising expenditures unabsorbed, \$203,969; discount & exp. (pref. stock & deb. issues), \$383,861.....	587,831
7% cum. pref. stock purchased for redemption.....	29,297
Total.....	\$29,578,770
<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Acc'ts payable, incl. balances due to dealers & distributors.....	\$6,329,807
Accrued payroll, taxes and other charges.....	788,315
Operating reserves.....	746,452
Reserve for profit on sales to subsidiary companies.....	314,123
Provision for divs. on 7% cum. conv. 2d pref. stock.....	196,606
6% sinking fund gold debentures, series A (this issue).....	3,000,000
7% cum. preferred stock.....	1,900,600
7% cumulative convertible.....	3,691,100
Equity applicable to 1,390,396 shs. common stock issued and outstanding and 40,467 shs. subscribed and to be issued (incl. appreciation of \$1,295,852 arising from appraisal of physical properties).....	12,612,768
Total.....	\$29,578,770

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.—
1928 August—1927. Increase. | 1928—8 Mos.—1927. Increase.
\$1,235,828 \$947,106 \$288,722 \$8,854,394 \$7,247,211 \$1,607,183
—V. 127, p. 1258.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—30,000 Shares Capital Stock Sold Privately.—Lehman Brothers, Lazard Freres, Redmond & Co. and Blake Brothers & Co. have placed privately at \$112 per share 30,000 shares capital stock. The offering does not represent new financing by the company, the stock having been purchased from an individual stockholder.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding.
Capital stock (no par value)..... 550,000 shs. 507,200 shs.
Data from Letter of Pres. Clayton E. Freeman, Dated Sept. 6.
Company.—Operates a chain of 199 department stores located principally in the Eastern part of the United States, from Maine to Texas. The majority of the stores are in the New England States, in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In these stores, the company sells household furnishings, wearing apparel, hosiery, toys, hardware, &c. All merchandise is priced at \$1 and under, except in the millinery and radio supply departments, and in the women's apparel departments maintained in nine of the stores. Company specializes in articles of a staple and necessary character, which by reason of their low price enjoy a popular demand, resulting in rapid inventory turnover.
This business was started by W. T. Grant with the opening of one store in Lynn, Mass., in Dec. 1906. From the beginning the enterprise has been successful and the growth has been remarkably rapid.
Business.—The following tabulation reflects the growth of the business since organization:

Yr. End. Jan. 31—	Stores.	Sales.	Yr. End. Jan. 31—	Stores.	Sales.
1908.....	1	\$99,478	1920.....	33	\$7,941,688
1910.....	4	398,778	1922.....	45	12,728,412
1912.....	9	1,083,690	1924.....	60	20,625,389
1914.....	16	2,000,908	1926.....	77	30,411,399
1916.....	23	3,061,690	1927.....	109	38,074,504
1918.....	30	4,510,776	1928.....	157	43,743,929

Sales for the 6 months ended July 31 1928 amounted to \$22,397,592 as compared with \$17,877,666 for the 6 months ended July 31 1927, an increase of 25.28%. Based on this increase in sales in the first half of the current fiscal year, sales for the fiscal year 1928 are estimated at \$53,000,000. Sales of the stores in operation before Jan. 1927 for the 6 months ended July 31 1928 were 4.12% greater than sales of the same units in the corresponding period of the previous year.
Earnings.—Every year since 1920 has shown an increase in net profits. Consolidated net profits of W. T. Grant Co. (Del.) and W. T. Grant Co. (Mass.), and net profits of the Massachusetts Company prior to acquisition of its stock by the Delaware company, after all charges, including reserves for Federal taxes and for depreciation, for the five fiscal years ended Jan. 31 1928 have been as follows:

Years Ended Jan. 31—	Net Profits.	Per Share of Capital Stock.*
1924.....	\$1,360,837	\$2.68
1925.....	1,399,872	2.76
1926.....	1,825,273	3.60
1927.....	2,126,731	4.19
1928.....	2,329,454	4.59

* Based on the outstanding number of shares of the Delaware company. Net profits for the 6 months ended July 31 1928 exceeded those for the corresponding period of the previous year by more than 26%.
Dividends.—Cash dividends have been paid in each year since the inception of the business in 1906. The present dividend rate of W. T. Grant Co. (Del.) is \$1 per share per annum, payable quarterly Jan., April, July and Oct.

Listing.—Application has been made to list this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 126, p. 3306.

Greif Bros. Cooperage Co.—Earnings.
9 Months Ending July 31— 1928. 1927.
Net income after all charges but before taxes..... \$260,665 \$311,584
—V. 126 p. 3765.

Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago.—Stock Increase.
The stockholders on Sept. 5 increased the authorized capital stock and approved the offering of the new shares to stockholders. See also V. 127, p. 1110.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Changes in Personnel.
At a meeting of the directors John W. Platten, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was elected Chairman of the Board to succeed the late James Bowron; William H. Coverdale was elected President, and Leslie E. Geoghegan, Vice-President and General Manager, was elected a director.—V. 127, p. 267.

Hamilton Leather Goods Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Cooper and Mackenzie, Toronto are offering \$125,000 7% cum. sinking fund convertible redeemable preference shares at par (\$25) per share and div. together with a bonus of one share of no par value common with each 4 shares of preference.

Dividends payable Q.—M. at any branch of company's bankers for the time being in Canada (first dividend to accrue from June 1, 1928). Preferred as to assets over any other class of shares, to the extent of 110% and dividends Redeemable all or part on 30 days' notice at 110 and div., or company may purchase preference shares for redemption in the open market at not exceeding the redemption price and costs of purchase. In the event of preference shares being called for redemption the conversion privilege may be exercised at any time up to and including the day preceding the date specified for redemption. An annual sinking fund commencing June 1, 1929, of not less than 15% and not more than 30% of the net earnings available for dividends on the common shares is provided for cancellation by purchase of the preference shares at or below 110% of the par value plus costs of purchase, if obtainable, or, if not, by redemption. Transfer agent and registrar: National Trust Company, Limited.

Conversion Privilege.—The holders of preference shares shall have the right at any time up to and including June 1931, to convert preference shares into fully paid common shares of the company without nominal or par value on the basis following: 3 common shares for each 4 preference shares on or before June 1, 1929, 2 common shares for each 4 preference shares after June 1, 1929, and on or before June 1, 1930, 1 common share for each 4 preference shares after June 1, 1930, and on or before June 1, 1931.

Capitalization.—

	Authorized.	Issued.
7% cumulative sinking fund convertible red. pref. shares (par \$25.)	\$250,000	\$125,000
Common shares (no par value)	*15,000 shs.	6,250 shs.

*3,750 common shares reserved for conversion of preference shares.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made to list the preference and common shares on the Toronto Curb Market.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part for the acquisition of the assets of the vendor company and to furnish the new company with working capital.

History & Business.—The company has been incorporated under The Ontario Companies Act and has acquired (with certain exceptions) the assets, undertaking, and business of Hamilton Leather Goods Co., Ltd. The business was established in 1899. The business has, from its inception, shown consistent and steady growth in volume and profit, having never experienced an unprofitable year.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1927, after eliminating certain non-recurring expenses, and providing for depreciation and Federal income taxes were \$22,237. On this basis the dividend requirements of \$8,750 on the outstanding preference shares are earned 2.54 times, or after payment of the preferred dividend three remains approximately \$2.15 per share for the common shares.

Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd.—Transfer Agent.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 625,000 shares of common stock, \$20 par value.—V. 127, p. 1259.

Hercules Cement Corp., Phila.—Rights.—The common stockholders of record Aug. 30 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Oct. 1 for 11,250 additional shares of common stock (no par value) at \$65 per share on the basis of 3 new shares for each 5 shares held. See also V. 127, p. 1259.

Hercules Powder Co.—New Directors.—The directorate has been increased from 7 to 12 members by the addition to the board of L. N. Bent, C. A. Bigelow, C. A. Higgins, C. C. Hoopes and G. M. Norman. The directors organized an executive committee with R. H. Dunham as chairman, and a finance committee with E. G. Rheuby as chairman.—V. 127, p. 691.

(R.) Hoe & Co., Inc.—Plant Consolidation and Subscription Rights.—Pres. H. R. Swartz in a letter to holders of class "A" stock says:

Company has completed arrangements for consolidating its American operations in a single efficient manufacturing plant with satisfactory transportation facilities, along the lines of the plan submitted at the annual meeting of the stockholders on April 10, 1928.

The manufacture of heavy precision machinery such as the Hoe products on a profitable basis requires the most modern and economical factory facilities. The Grand Street plant with its different floor levels, inadequate lighting, slow elevators and small hand cranes has become obsolete for our present type of production. Because of lack of proper facilities at Grand Street it is necessary, at the present time, to erect the finished presses in our plant at Dunellen, N. J. As the foundry is also located there and the Grand Street plant is not accessible by rail or water, it is necessary to carry heavy castings by truck to New York for machining and back to Dunellen for assembly, a total of over 60 miles.

In view of present high building costs the management hesitated to undertake a large construction program. Fortunately, however, an existing plant has been found excellently adapted to our special manufacturing requirements and well located from the standpoint of labor and transportation. This plant was the property of the De La Vergne Machine Co., occupying three city blocks between 137th and 138th Streets in the Bronx, N. Y. City, N. Y., with dock facilities on the East River and traversed by a siding of the New York Haven & Hartford R. R. The erecting floor is one of the best in the country, and the plant will be equipped with the best machinery from the present plants as well as a large amount of new high-speed machine-tools and labor-saving equipment. The sale of the Grand Street property has been underwritten and the Dunellen plant will be sold and all operations transferred to the new plant as rapidly as possible.

Certain recent developments have made it particularly fortunate that these arrangements should be made at this time. The Hoe company, whose name for over 100 years has been identified with progress in printing machinery, has during the past year made important improvements in its line of products. The most important development has been in the company's principal product, the Hoe superspeed newspaper press. A new arrangement of cylinders has been designed giving greater net production in a machine and requiring only about 65% of the floor space needed by the former models and by existing presses of similar capacity of other manufacture. The first two 16-page printing units of this new press, known as the "Hoe Super-production press," have been in operation for several months in the plant of the Chicago Daily News, who have since specified this design for the remaining sixty 16-page units of their order. The new press has aroused widespread favorable comment in the trade, and since it has been in operation the company has been successful in obtaining a large majority of the important orders placed for new presses, making a total of one hundred 16-page units of this new design already on the order.

The cost of this plant consolidation and improvement will be financed by the sale of the old properties, by purchase money mortgages on the new property for an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000 and by the issuance of \$500,000 principal amount of 7% notes, due Oct. 1, 1934, and of a maximum of 20,000 additional shares of Class A stock now authorized and unissued. Of the additional shares of Class A stock now authorized and unissued, and so much of the remaining 4,000 shares as may be issued will be issued in part payment for the De La Vergne property to assist in the completion of the entire program.

The 7% notes will be dated Oct. 10, 1928, and interest will be payable April 1 and Oct. 1. Notes will be in coupon form only in denom. of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. They will be callable at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. during the period ending Oct. 1, 1929, and, during each of the succeeding 12 months periods at a premium 1% less than the premium payable during the preceding 12 months period.

The additional Class A stock will be the same as Class A stock now outstanding and will similarly carry \$11. in cumulative dividends, being the amount equal to the cumulative dividends accrued and unpaid since Oct. 15, 1925 on the outstanding Class A stock. Application will be made to list the additional shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The \$800,000 7% notes and 16,000 shares of Class A stock are to be offered to Class A stockholders of record Sept. 10 at \$100 for each unit consisting of \$100 of 7% notes and two shares of Class A stock, each Class A stockholder to have the right to subscribe to one of such units for each 10 shares of Class A stock held on or before Oct. 10.

This offering has been underwritten by Guaranty Co. of New York, Edward B. Smith & Co. and Dominick & Dominick, of New York. Payments in full are to be made by certified check mailed or presented with warrants and subscription forms to Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York City.

Consolidated Statement of Income.

Year	aNet Profit	Interest	Fed. & N. Y. State Franchise Tax	Depreciation	Net Profit
1918	\$1,450,253	\$57,787	\$424,623	\$312,977	\$654,866
1919	1,647,166	32,208	440,027	221,742	953,194
1920	1,044,406	18,663	149,319	229,163	647,261
1921	1,469,629	18,522	267,187	270,817	913,103
1922	1,708,134	18,208	151,978	253,533	1,284,414
1923	1,735,174	19,810	173,035	261,897	*1,280,436
1924	1,185,651	105,287	93,302	257,182	*729,881
1925	661,774	387,244	40,251	230,545	*73,734
1926	1,157,533	399,013	17,192	265,386	475,962
1927	501,560	393,253	3,238	243,130	loss138,062
1928	141,216	191,447	—	137,077	loss187,308

a Before interest, Federal income taxes, N. Y. State franchise tax and depreciation. *At end of 1925 a surplus adjustment of \$569,176 was made, chargeable against earnings of 1923 and 1924.—See also V. 127 p. 1259.

Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share, both payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Sept. 5. Like amounts were distributed on June 15 last.—V. 126, p. 3458.

Hood Rubber Co.—Loss for 1st 6 Months—Outlook.—The following appeared in the Boston "News Bureau" Sept. 7: For the first 6 months of this year company showed a loss before dividends of \$1,070,000 on the basis of writing crude rubber on hand June 30 down to market. As the company does not make semi-annual statements, the figuring is made only for purpose of revealing progress of affairs, the write-down not having actually been made. For first half of 1927 loss of about same proportions occurred.

During the period dividends paid totaled \$464,000, making deficit after dividends for the half year \$1,534,000. Included in the dividend payments was \$1 declaration Mar. 3 on the 200,000 shares of common which would have been omitted had the collapse in crude rubber been evident at the time of declaration. Assuming crude rubber on hand June 30 written down to market, the total on hand including commitments and participation in the American rubber pool is within two cents of the market. Pool rubber will be absorbed as delivered.

Finished goods inventories are low and, as has been customary since 1920, are being kept each month within predetermined limits set by budgets. Inventory is now below the set budget both in amount and cost as related to selling prices.

Sales for the half-year were about the same in units as a year ago though less in dollar value because of lower selling price levels. Current sales viz., for July and August, were larger in units and about the same in dollar value as compared with 1927.

Outlook for the balance of the year is encouraging. Footwear orders on hand are larger than a year ago and the trend of buying is stronger. It frequently happens that company because of the seasonal nature of its business operates in red ink the first half year and it is quite possible that given a big footwear volume in the winter months may close its books with only a moderate loss for the full 12 months.—V. 126, p. 3458.

Holder's, Inc., Chicago.—Notes Offered.—Chicago Trust Co. recently offered \$300,000 6% serial gold notes at 100 and int.

Dated July 1 1928; due serially \$30,000 July 1 1929-1938. Int. payable (J. & J.) at Chicago Trust Co. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Callable on any int. date on 45 days' notice at 103 and int. on or before July 1 1933; thereafter at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Chicago Trust Co., trustee.

History and Business.—Holder's, Inc., is one of the best known distributors of office stationery, supplies and equipment. Starting in 1901 with one store and \$250 capital, the business has grown steadily and today the company is operating 10 retail stores in the "loop" district of Chicago, an extensive mail order business, a wholesale division with salesmen covering 15 States in the Middle West, and a general office and warehouse building in Chicago. Company's present net worth of more than \$1,000,000 has been built up almost entirely of earnings, it being the policy of the company to retain from 60 to 75% of the net profits each year in the business.

Company has outgrown its present general office and warehouse building and now has under construction a new 7-story building with more than 100,000 sq. ft. of floor space at Jefferson and Quincy Streets.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company applicable to the payment of interest on the mortgage and these notes have been as follows years ended Jan. 31:

Year	Net Earnings	Net Earnings	
1925	\$137,442	1927	\$210,352
1926	157,449	1928	216,462

After deducting the maximum annual interest and principal payments on the underlying first mortgage, the average balance available for interest ments, and for the past two years has been 8.9 times such interest requirement. Purpose.—Proceeds will furnish part of the funds required for the company's new building project.

Hubbell Auto Sales Co.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for redemption on Dec. 1 \$104,000 6% 10-year serial gold bonds at 102 and int. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich. Any or all of the called bonds will be taken up at 102 and int. to date of payment upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the trustee at any time prior to Dec. 1.—V. 123, p. 3192.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—August Business.—

The Hudson River Night Line reports gross business for August of \$476,928 compared with \$439,211 for Aug. 1927, an increase of \$37,717 and establishing the month as a record since Aug. 1920. The figure is within \$10,000 of the gross earnings for Aug. 1920.—V. 127, p. 961.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—20-Cent Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 20 cents per share, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 11. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since and including July 1 1926.—V. 126, p. 3604.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Shipments at Record.—

The corporation shipped 7,023 cars last month, as compared with 2,613 in August 1927, an increase of 4,410 cars. July shipments were 5,010 cars. Shipments for the eight months to Aug. 31 this year totaled 50,457 cars, as compared with 27,450 in the corresponding period of 1927, an increase of 23,007 cars.

The previous record full year was in 1926, when 45,426 cars were shipped. Previous August record was in 1926, when shipments totaled 4,025.

Export shipments for the eight months to Aug. 31 totaled 4,087, against 2,032 in the corresponding period of 1927, an increase of 2,055 cars. Export shipments during all of 1927 were 2,743 cars. Canadian shipments in the first eight months of this year were 1,543, against 1,144 in all of 1927. The corporation entered September with 2,909 unfilled orders, it is stated.—V. 127, p. 691, 417.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—New Directors.—

President George E. Learnard announced that at a special meeting of the board held Sept. 5 Robert A. Fairbairn, a director and member of the executive committee of National Biscuit Co.; J. O. Eaton, member of Otis & Co. and director of Central Alloy Steel, Eaton Axle & Spring, Gabriel Snubber and Trumbull Steel; and G. G. Guthrie Hunter, Vice-President of International Combustion, were elected directors. Mr. Fairbairn was also elected a member of the executive committee.—V. 126, p. 3308.

International Silver Co.—Changes in Personnel.
Clifford R. Gardner, purchasing agent, has been elected president, succeeding George H. Wilcox, who has been elected to the newly created office of Chairman of the Board.
Evarets C. Stevens has been elected a Director to succeed the late George D. Munson.—V. 127, p. 692.

Investors' Equity Co., Inc.—Permanent Bonds Ready.
Permanent 5% gold debentures, series B, due April 1 1948, are now ready for exchange for temporary bonds at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall Street, N. Y. City. (See also V. 126, p. 1822.)—V. 127, p. 418.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Production (Tons of Coal).

Month of—	1928.	1927.	Month of—	1928.	1927.
January	414,169	541,594	May	458,355	602,524
February	378,612	565,784	June	394,569	712,650
March	363,672	668,019	July	412,703	664,434
April	388,151	572,035			
			Total	2,810,231	4,714,040

—V. 127, p. 557, 268.

Jenkins Bros., Ltd.—Bonds Called.
All of the outstanding 6½% 1st (closed) mtge. 20-year s. f. gold bonds dated Oct. 1 1923 have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 105 and int. Payment will be made at the Montreal Trust Co., trustee, Montreal, Canada, or at any branch of the Bank of Montreal, at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, Canada, or at the Chemical National Bank of New York, N. Y. City.—V. 117, p. 2329.

Johns-Manville Corp.—Stock Increased.
The stockholders on Sept. 5 increased the authorized common stock (no par value) from 750,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares.—V. 127, p. 1111.

(Rudolph) Karstadt, Inc. (Rudolph Karstadt, Aktiengesellschaft), Hamburg, Germany.—Bonds Called.
This company, through Dillon, Read & Co., fiscal agent, announces that \$118,000 of 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds will be redeemed on Oct. 1 1928 at 100 and int. to that date. Said bonds will be redeemed at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., N. Y. City.—V. 127, p. 115.

Keystone Steel & Wire Co.—Annual Report.

Yrs. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$10,224,376	\$9,054,022	\$8,232,974	\$8,413,075
Cost of sales	7,128,756	6,531,136	6,353,507	6,654,062
Gross profit	\$3,095,620	\$2,522,886	\$1,879,467	\$1,759,013
Other income	70,959	81,691	39,379	55,828
Total income	\$3,166,579	\$2,604,577	\$1,918,846	\$1,814,841
Selling expense	669,549	618,979	596,205	608,905
General expense	389,271	260,253	195,492	197,974
Taxes (except inc. tax)	40,065	41,712	46,577	42,605
Int. on fund debt	185,573	222,399	212,182	213,997
Current interest	7,218	4,957	48,135	62,894
Income tax	196,439	164,612	69,691	51,305
Depreciation	238,339	226,374	217,556	209,870
Amort. bd. disct., &c.	51,931	49,700	32,150	68,153
Net profit from oper.	\$1,388,193	\$1,015,591	\$500,858	\$359,138
Preferred dividends	141,610	x251,848	106,848	106,848
Common dividend (75c.)	151,713			
Balance, surplus	\$1,094,870	\$763,742	\$394,010	\$252,290
Earns. per sh. on present 202,284 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$6.16	\$4.32	\$1.94	\$1.24

x Accrued dividends on preferred stock in the amount of \$40.25 per share paid and in part funded through the issuance of additional preferred stock. This dividend obligation was liquidated as follows: Paid in cash, \$118,951; additional preferred stock issued \$496,667. Besides this, the regular dividend on preferred stock was paid quarterly, amounting to \$132,897.

Balance Sheet June 30.

1928.		1927.		1928.		1927.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant (less deprec.)	5,761,146	5,611,911	Preferred stock	2,023,000	2,023,000		
Cash & call loans	1,166,861	860,596	Common stock—A	3,371,400	3,371,400		
Notes receivable	91,382	269,749	1st mtge. bonds	1,825,000	1,975,000		
Acc ts rec. less res.	1,761,999	1,257,352	7-year notes	800,000	900,000		
Inventories	1,951,318	1,781,205	Divs. declared	738,155	69,117		
Investments (sub. cos.)	126,930	16,239	Operating reserve	148,541	173,797		
Miscell. invest. st.	85,480	150,039	Surplus	2,544,490	1,586,476		
Co. notes & bonds	48,050	40,150					
Emp. house invest.	48,050	40,150					
Emp. stk. subscr.		9,764					
Patents, &c.	431,845	429,979					
Deferred charges	212,689	243,691					
			Total (ea. side)	11,637,702	10,700,675		

a Represented by 202,284 shares of no par value.—V. 126, p. 2800.

Kimberly-Clark Corp.—Initial Common Dividend, &c.
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 62½c. per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 17.
M. L. Emerich, Paul M. Mazur and Walter Kasten have been added to the directorate.

President F. J. Sensenbrenner, who has recently returned from a visit to the newsprint mills of the corporation's subsidiary at Spruce Falls, Ontario, announced:

"We are under contract to supply the full newsprint requirements of the New York Times, and last week were up to 55% of that paper's needs. By the first of the year we will be meeting them 100%."

"The town of Kapuskasing, which has grown up about the mills, now has a population of 4,000, and will have 6,000 when we are in full operation. When logging operations are on in the winter, there is of course a further temporary addition to the force. Aside from the New York Times the company has also agreements for the supply of other newspapers, chiefly in the East."

"The mill as projected comprises 4 machines, the first 2 of which went into operation within the past 3 months, the third machine has just started up, and the final machine will be operating in the latter part of September."—V. 127, p. 832, 269.

Kinnear Stores Co. (Ind.)—Sales.

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$231,242	\$199,024	\$32,218	\$1,858,973
			\$1,530,037

—V. 127, p. 832.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Sales.

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$1,431,802	\$1,286,320	\$145,482	\$11,433,385
			\$10,583,748

—V. 127, p. 832.

(A. B.) Kirschbaum Co., Phila.—New Company Formed.
The stockholders on Aug. 31 approved the plan as submitted by the directors providing for the formation of a new company to be known as A. B. Kirschbaum Co., Inc.

An official statement issued by David Kirschbaum, President of A. B. Kirschbaum Co., says: "At the meeting of the stockholders, the action of the officers and directors for the conversion of the assets into cash was fully endorsed. The assets of the present company will be liquidated, and after all debts are paid and preferred stock is liquidated, the common stockholders will receive their share pro rata of the net assets as they are realized. The present common stockholders in the old company have the privilege of subscribing to stock in the new company, in proportion to the shares they own."

"Application has been made for a charter for a new corporation to be known as A. B. Kirschbaum Co., Inc. This company will have sufficient capital to do a large volume of business."

"At least two of the officers of the present A. B. Kirschbaum Co. will be officers in the new corporation—Alan B. Kirschbaum and Frank F. Wider. Schloss Brothers of Baltimore, long established, widely known, successful men's clothing manufacturers, will have a substantial interest in the new corporation."

"The two concerns will retain their identities—A. B. Kirschbaum Co., Inc., in Philadelphia and Schloss Bros. in Baltimore. The directorate will not be interchangeable; the Philadelphia directors will have no voice nor will they be represented in the Schloss Brothers business."

"However, all of the advantages from a combination of resources of the new corporation and Schloss Brothers—financial, buying and manufacturing—will result in a very great economy through greatly increased volume of production and the facilities of both concerns, interchangeable, will be used up to the requirements of the combined volume."—V. 126, p. 3131.

Kolster Radio Corp.—New Developments.
President Ellery W. Stone has issued the following statement:
"Due to certain unauthorized statements appearing in the newspapers the management considers it desirable to announce at this time that Dr. Kolster and his staff have completed the development of new methods of sound recording on film for use in phonographic recording and for phonographic reproduction. Dr. Kolster's new development also includes the recording and reproduction of talking motion pictures."
"The present laboratory development of these inventions has already proven to be highly successful."

"The superiority of the Kolster invention we believe to be an accomplished fact and the company is devoting its efforts toward commercializing these inventions."—V. 127, p. 692.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales.

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$11,271,985	\$10,512,989	\$758,996	\$84,645,207
			\$76,205,222

The company reports 468 stores in operation, 8 having been opened during month of Aug., 1928.—V. 127, p. 418.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$4,850,125	\$4,564,155	\$285,970	\$36,736,043
			\$31,981,003

—V. 127, p. 832.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales.

Period End. Aug. 25—	1928—4 Wks.—1927.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.
Sales	\$15,262,780	\$11,906,425
		\$126,060,910

—V. 127, p. 1260.

Lambert Co. (Del.)—50c. Extra Dividend.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 17. Like amounts were paid on April 1 and July 2 last. On Nov. 30 1927, an extra dividend of \$1 per share was paid on this issue.—V. 127, p. 557.

Lawrence Portland Cement Co.—2% Dividend.
The directors have declared a dividend of 2%, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 15.—V. 124, p. 1988.

Libbey-Owens Sheet Glass Co.—Acquisition.
See U. S. Sheet & Window Glass Co. below.—V. 125, p. 3637.

Liquidometer Co., Inc.—Acquired by Syndicate.
Arrangements, it is announced, have been concluded by Campbell, Peterson & Co., Inc., on behalf of a syndicate of prominent Wall Street men, for the acquisition, as a going concern, of the Liquidometer Co., Inc., of Long Island City, manufacturers of long distance direct reading and liquid gauges. The company supplies many of the inventions of Clarence A. de Giers, war-time pilot, who developed the Liquidometer gauge after five years experimentation and who, after leaving Vickers, Ltd., brought his invention to the attention of a group including, among others, Samuel Wolner, Jr., President of the Kelly-Springfield Tire & Rubber Co., Maurice Switzer, Vice-President of the Kelly-Springfield Tire & Rubber Co., and William S. Yerkes, Vice-President of the General Outdoor Advertising Co.

Ludlum Steel Co.—Earnings.

Period End. June 30—	128—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—6 Mos.—1927.
Net profit after interest, deprec. & Fed. taxes	\$125,537	\$78,850
Earns. per sh. on 135,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$0.93	\$0.58
		\$1.96
		\$0.99

—V. 127, p. 1112.

McLellan Stores Co.—Sales.

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$1,146,141	\$977,263	\$168,878	\$7,104,396
			\$6,019,843

—V. 127, p. 832.

Majestic Building (Inter-State Amusement Co.), San Antonio, Texas.—Bonds Offered.—The Wheeler Kelly Hagny Trust Co., Wichita, Kan., are offering \$475,000 6% 1st mtge. leasehold bonds.

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1930-1939. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at Wheeler Kelly Hagny Trust Co., trustee. Annual reductions of principal, \$38,000 until July 1 1935, when the annual reductions become \$47,500 until the balance of the loan becomes due. Red. on any int. date after 60 days' notice at par plus accrued interest and a premium of 1%.

Security.—These bonds are a direct obligation of the Interstate Amusement Co. and are further secured by a 1st mtge. upon the leasehold interest in a site having a frontage of 163½ feet on Houston Street just east of St. Mary's Street in the city of San Antonio. The site extends the full length of the block and has equal frontage on College Street. This mortgage also covers upon a 15-story theatre and office building under construction upon leasehold. The value of the leasehold interest and improvements securing this loan have been appraised at \$1,014,750.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Omits Div.

The directors on Sept. 4 voted to omit the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share ordinarily paid Oct. 1 on the outstanding 167,500 shares of the common stock, no par value. From July 1926 to July 1928, incl., the company paid quarterly dividend at this rate. President Richard H. Brown explained in a letter to the stockholders that the severe criticism to which the directors had been subjected and the necessity for conservative accounting made such action advisable. In the first half of 1928, the letter pointed out, net earnings amounted to \$71,899, whereas dividend requirements were \$325,000.

Mr. Brown added: "Since issuance of these figures we have been severely criticized on all sides on account of our generous dividend policy. These critics not only stressed the fact that the dividend had not been earned for some time past but that the company's statement lists under assets items in which conservative accounting would dictate drastic modifications. These are good-will, patents, deferred development expense and unamortized bond discount and expense, which stand on the company's books in excess of \$4,400,000. Until the condition above reflected has been rectified and the company's cash, surplus and earnings are brought to a point where a renewal of the dividend would be justified the directors feel that the interests of the shareholders would be best served by suspending the dividend."—V. 127, p. 1112.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—Record Shipments.

The company reports shipments during August of 1,768 cars which greatly exceeded any August in its history. "For the month just closed we have established a new record for shipments," says President G. M. Williams. "This is due to the enthusiastic reception given our new models. We are entering September with a volume of unfilled orders which indicates a new record for September shipments."—V. 127, p. 1261.

Merchants National Realty Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.
Banks, Huntley & Co.; Merchants National Co.; Blyth, Witter & Co.; Hunter, Dulin & Co.; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.; Wm. R. Staats Co., and M. H. Lewis & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and div. \$1,250,000 pref. 6% cumulative stock series B.

Preferred as to assets and dividends and in event of liquidation or dissolution, entitled to 6% share and divs. before any distribution to common stock. Subject to recall as a whole or in part on any dividend date, upon 35 days' notice, at 105 and divs., or 110 and divs.

at 103 and divs. Dividends payable Q.-J. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Exempt from California personal property taxes. Transfer agent and registrar: Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Calif. Certificate of incorporation provides for the retirement, through the operation of an annual sinking fund, of all of the preferred 6% cumulative stock of all series issued, within 25 years from and commencing upon July of the year following the year in which such preferred stock is issued. All series rank equally with respect to dividends and assets.

Capitalization-----	Authorized-----	Outstanding-----
First mortgage 5 1/2%*-----	\$5,000,000	\$3,600,000
Preferred 6% cumulative stock (\$100 par)	5,000,000	4,195,000
Common stock (no par value)-----	50,000 shs.	40,000 shs.

*Payable 1928 to 1942.
Data from Letter of E. J. Nolan, President of the Corporation. Company.—The Merchants National Realty Corporation was organized in Delaware to acquire and operate real estate principally located in Los Angeles and Southern California.

The properties comprise the northeast corner of Seventh and Spring Streets, being approximately 170 ft. on Spring St. by approximately 119 ft. on Seventh St., together with other parcels principally improved with business and banking structures located in Los Angeles, San Pedro, Redlands, Vernon, Huntington Park, Bell and elsewhere.

The 12-story office and bank building at Seventh and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, has been enlarged to cover the entire lot. The main office of the Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank will occupy the ground floor, basement, mezzanine and second floors, together with other space in this building. An excess of 96% of the entire building is occupied under favorable leases.

Lease.—Corporation has leased the banking premises in its properties to the Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles for a period of 50 years from June 1 1927. The lease provides that the Bank must pay an annual rental which, combined with other income from the properties, shall at all times be sufficient to pay all operating charges including depreciation, mortgage interest and retirement, together with preferred stock dividends and sinking fund requirements.

Management.—The common stock of the corporation is owned by the Merchants National Co., which is entirely owned by the shareholders of the Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles. (Compare also V. 126, p. 588.)

Mexican Seaboard Oil Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

(Including International Petroleum Co.)		1928—3 Mos.—1927.		1928—6 Mos.—1927.	
Period End, June 30—	1928—3 Mos.—	1927—3 Mos.—	1928—6 Mos.—	1927—6 Mos.—	1927—6 Mos.—
Gross operating revenue	\$310,277	\$871,943	\$726,389	\$1,916,499	
Operating expenses	379,795	709,387	866,440	1,367,720	
Loss	\$69,518	prof\$162,556	\$140,051	prof\$548,779	
Other income	229,086	15,243	251,981	30,989	
Total income	\$159,568	\$177,799	\$111,930	\$579,768	
Debiture interest	94,739	119,802	198,397	196,844	
Drill expend. res., &c.	164,952	818,024	440,910	1,660,859	
Deficit x	\$100,123	\$760,027	\$527,377	\$1,277,935	

x Before providing for depletion reserve.
Cia Internacional de Petroleo Y Oleoductos, pipe line subsidiary Mexican Seaboard Oil Co., for the quarter ended June 30 1928 reports a loss of \$22,756 after expenses and amortization, compared with a loss of \$6,919 in the second quarter of the previous year.—V. 127, p. 1261.

Midland Steel Products Co., Cleveland.—Extra Dividends Declared on Common and Preferred Stocks.—

The directors have declared extra dividends of 49 cents per share on the common and \$1 per share on the preferred stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of \$1 per share on the common and \$2 per share on the preferred, all payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 19. Like amounts were paid on July 1 last. On each of the previous five quarters an extra of 48 cents per share on the common and one of \$1 per share on the pref. were paid. On July 1 and Oct. 1 1926 and on Jan. 1 1927 an extra of 49 cents per share on the common and of \$1 per share on the pref. stock were paid.—V. 127, p. 1112.

Missouri Kansas Farms Co.—Jury Indicts for Mail Frauds.

A dispatch from Boston Sept. 5 had the following:
"Seven Mid-Western financiers were charged with conspiracy to use the mails in a scheme to defraud, through the sale of nearly \$1,000,000 worth of securities in farm loan companies, in a joint indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury Sept. 5.

"Those named in the indictment were Guy Huston, John E. Huston, John L. Boy in and Harold A. Smith, all of Chicago; Walter E. Cravens of Kansas City; Oran F. Schee and Vernon U. Sigler of Des Moines.

"The charges involve the sale of securities in three companies—the Missouri Kansas Farms Co., the Farm Co. of Massachusetts and the Farmers' Fund of Illinois. It is charged that the companies were represented as having been organized to lend money to farmers and banks in the Middle West and to take second mortgages on farms already mortgaged to the Federal Joint Stock Land Banks.

"The Government alleges that the men under indictment misused the funds of the companies by putting them into Mid-Western banks in which they were interested; that the companies did not loan the money to any local banks for the benefit of farmers, and in only a few instances took any second mortgages on farms already mortgaged to the land banks.

"Securities in the companies were sold to many prominent residents of Massachusetts and New England, including President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, who is said to have purchased \$70,000 worth of securities of the Farm Co. of Massachusetts.

"Other purchasers were said to include Frank C. Paine, Irving H. Niles, D. Brewster Eddy and Roger Ernst, as well as several Boston brokerage houses. None of the persons indicted is in Boston."—V. 125, p. 399.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Month of August-----	\$17,007,642	\$13,825,103	\$12,667,432
First 8 months-----	\$127,552,116	\$118,068,029	\$119,867,695

Mortgage Corp. of Virginia, Richmond, Va.—Bonds Offered.—Scott & Stringfellow, Richmond, Va. are offering \$167,200 1st mtg. real estate collateral trust 6% serial gold bonds, series 4 at 100 and int.

Dated Sept. 1 1928; due serially 1 to 10 years. Int. payable (J. & J.) at Industrial Bank of Richmond, Va. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date at 101 and int.

Security.—These bonds are the direct obligations of the corporation and are secured by deposit with the trustee, of \$167,250 of first mortgages on improved, income-producing, fee simple, city real estate conservatively appraised at \$391,472 or about 1-3 times the total amount of this issue. This collateral consists of 42 different first mortgages giving an average loan of \$3,982.—V. 127, p. 833.

Mortgage Guarantee Company of America.—Bonds Offered.—

The company with offices at Atlanta, Ga. is offering \$1,000,000 guaranteed 1st mortgage collateral 5 1/2% gold bonds series "AF" at 100 and int. Guaranteed by National Surety Co., New York.

Dated Sept. 1 1928; due Sept. 1 1938. Principal and int. payable at Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, and at office of Mortgage Guarantee Co. of America, Atlanta, Ga. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable (M. & S.) without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Subject to call all or part on any int. date on or before 5 years from date of issue at 102, and thereafter at par. Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. and James F. McNamara, New York, trustees. These bonds are eligible for the investment of National Banks.

Security.—These guaranteed first mortgage collateral gold bonds are the direct obligation of the company. They are issued against and are secured by direct closed first mortgages on improved city real estate and—U. S. Government obligations deposited with an independent corporate trustee, in an amount equal to 101% of the face amount of the bonds.

The mortgages never exceed 60% of the appraised value of the mortgaged property, the majority of which are subject to amortization payments, resulting in an increase in underlying equities.—V. 127, p. 834, 420.

Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Output—Earnings.

6 Mos. End, June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Total net production in concentrate and direct shipping ore (lbs.)-----	7,314,230	12,153,273	14,950,250	15,225,780
Sales of copper (lbs.)-----	9,662,718	10,355,116	17,386,690	12,996,462
Aver. price per lb.-----	14.476 cts.	13.011 cts.	14.068 cts.	14.127 cts.
Net after taxes-----	\$567,993	\$557,617	\$1,192,743	\$946,947

Motor Wheel Corp.—Stock Div. Ruling.—Earnings.—

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has ruled that the common stock shall not be quoted ex the 25% dividend in common stock on Sept. 10 and not until Oct. 16 (see V. 127, p. 1113).
Period End, July 31— 1928—Month—1927. 1928—7 Mos.—1927.
Net profit after interest, Federal taxes, &c.----- \$312,028 \$105,557 \$1,643,602 \$1,142,515
—V. 127, p. 1261.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—Sales.—

1928—August—1927.	Increase, 1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$872,827	\$735,973	\$136,854
—V. 127, p. 834.	\$6,434,841	\$5,659,280
		\$775,561

National Bellas Hess Co.—Sales.—

1928—August—1927.	Increase, 1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Decrease.
\$1,943,669	x\$1,788,732	\$154,937
	\$24,428,275	y\$27,349,523
		\$2,921,248

x Combined sales of National Cloak & Suit Co. & Bellas Hess Co., of which the former reported \$1,629,992. y Combined sales of which National Cloak & Suit Co. reported \$21,260,766.—V. 127, p. 834.

Nedick's, Inc., New York.—Sales.—

Month of August—	1928.	1927.	Increase.
Sales-----	\$524,300	\$296,000	\$228,300
—V. 127, p. 963.			

Neisner Bros., Inc.—Sales.—

1928—August—1927.	Increase, 1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$787,725	\$493,606	\$294,119
—V. 127, p. 963.	\$5,269,898	\$3,591,293
		\$1,678,605

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales.—

1928—Aug.—1927.	Increase, 1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$1,599,834	\$1,229,164	\$370,670
—V. 127, p. 963, 834.	\$10,603,477	\$7,833,213
		\$2,770,262

North Atlantic Oyster Farms, Inc. (& Subs.)—Bal. Sheet June 30.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Plants & properties	y229,636	244,755	Class A stock-----
Cash-----	\$220,240	\$206,554	Common stock-----
Accts & notes rec.	37,197	49,014	Accounts payable-----
Life insur., cash	19,575	17,900	10-yr. 5% income
surrender value-----	629,336	631,611	deb. bonds-----
Inventories-----	5,350	6,350	Res. for Fed. taxes-----
Investments-----	z1,124,168	1,133,702	Funded debt-----
Oyster beds-----	60	31	Reserve-----
Treasury stock-----	190	296	Surplus-----
Sinking fund cash-----	17,382	10,358	166,593
Deferred charges-----	263,000	263,000	Tot. (each side)-----
Goodwill-----			\$2,546,135
			\$2,563,571

x Represented by 15,220 shares of no par value. y After depreciation of \$28,246. z Oysters on beds are carried at the above figures although the actual oysters on beds are in excess of this amount. No adjustments are made for sets, growth or depletion by sales on the theory that over a period of time sales would be compensated for by sets and growth. The income statement was published in V. 127, p. 1262.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.—

Copper Output (Lbs.)—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January-----	7,345,020	5,540,400	7,328,120	6,906,412
February-----	6,534,480	4,746,920	5,972,400	6,063,428
March-----	6,633,620	6,895,000	7,281,560	6,489,000
April-----	6,448,740	5,258,694	7,448,300	6,335,821
May-----	5,847,360	5,552,080	7,446,190	6,691,648
June-----	6,990,740	5,789,380	7,086,640	6,230,956
July-----	5,978,480	4,991,560	6,931,600	5,667,435
August-----	7,346,280	6,077,960	6,889,880	4,919,599

North East Electric Co., Rochester, N. Y.—Acquisition, &c.—

The stockholders on Aug. 30 voted to acquire all the common stock of the North East Service, Inc., the distributing corporation for the company's products, and to issue 50,000 additional common shares to provide for the purchase. Payment for the Service company stock will be made by the exchange of two shares of common stock of Electric company for one share of Service company stock. The Electric Company will increase the number of its authorized common shares from 110,000 to 160,000.

The Service company will continue to operate as a subsidiary of the parent company, it was said. The company at present conducts its retail business through 1,600 service stations located throughout the world. Earnings on this part of the business as applied to common stock issued have been considerably more than twice the earnings on the common stock of Electric company over the past year, the company reports.

As the result of the merger of the two companies the Electric company will increase the annual dividend rate on the common stock from \$1 to \$2 a share.

Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Combined prof. from oper. after deduct'g manuf., sell. & adm. exps.-----	\$857,333	\$346,380	\$118,779
Strike and shut down expense-----			617,413
Interest (net)-----	758,188	565,244	629,466
Prov. for sink. fd. & deprec. of plants-----	337,096	300,000	300,000
Loss for the year-----	\$57,951	\$518,864	\$1,428,100
Surplus brought forward Dec. 31-----	729,773	1,339,327	2,767,427
Proportion of loss on sales of Wabana Ore prior to Dec. 31 1925-----		Cr. 90,359	

Balance, surplus----- \$671,822 \$730,104 \$1,339,327

Pres. C. B. McNaught in his remarks to shareholders said in part:
"The consolidated profit and loss account for the year shows a deficit of \$57,951, which would have been considerably increased if a sufficient amount had been reserved for depreciation of properties and plant. The operations of your company's own properties resulted in a considerable deficit before any provision could be made for bond interest, sinking fund or depreciation. By utilizing receipts from subsidiaries and drawing upon your company's working capital, it was possible, however, to meet the charges for interest on the company's bonds and debenture stock within the period preceding default and to pay the year's installment of the sinking fund.

"The chief causes for this unsatisfactory result are the unfavorable conditions affecting the coal trade and the restriction of operations in the steel works, due chiefly to abnormal competition from materials imported from abroad. Your directors regret that they cannot encourage the hope that results in the current year will show any improvement.

"Since the close of the year conditions affecting some of the associated companies made it advisable for the British Empire Steel Corp., the owner of all the common stock of your company, to take steps to protect its interests in those companies. To this end the directors of the corporation, who are also directors of your company, induced a group headed by Sir Herbert S. Holt and Mr. J. H. Gundy to join the board of the corporation and of its principal constituents, including your company, with the object of developing a sound scheme for reorganization of the financial structure of the enterprise in general. Vacancies on your board were filled by the election of G. H. Duggan, J. H. Gundy, Sir Herbert S. Holt, G. H. Montgomery, K. C., C. B. McNaught and W. E. Wilder. R. M. Wolvin having resigned, C. B. McNaught was elected President.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1927.		1926.		1927.		1926.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Properties	27,384,272	27,746,229	Preferred stock	1,000,000	1,000,000	Common stock	15,000,000
Cash (trustees)	4,102	4,196	Acadia stock	101,900	113,300	East. Car pref.	750,000
Sink fund bonds	10,643	28,939	Funded debt	10,802,065	10,932,934	Bank loans	300,000
Inventories	1,205,016	1,341,140	Accts. payable	163,870	154,881	Wages payable	81,934
Accts. & bills rec.	763,585	899,015	Accr. interest	300,654	304,853	Nat. Trust Co.	38,058
Nat. Trust	22,556		Reserves	216,174	380,220	Surplus	2,442,597
Call loans	600,000						
Cash	734,953	769,091					
Deferred charges	79,875	48,950					
Balances rec.	414,807	660,159					
Total	31,197,255	31,520,269	Total	31,197,255	31,520,269		

Old Colony Trust Associates.—Initial Dividend.
The trustees have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the First Series Trust shares, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15.—V. 126, p. 3135.

Otis Steel Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

June 30 '28. Dec. 31 '27.		June 30 '28. Dec. 31 '27.					
\$		\$					
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real estate, plant & equipment	26,569,492	26,017,090	Prior pref. stock	11,750,082	11,729,083	Prof. stock	14,500
Cash	784,422	52,135	Com. stock	4,005,010	3,709,010	1st mtge. bonds	12,000,000
Cert. of deposit & accrued int.	3,675,138	1,814,194	Accounts payable	2,040,317	1,557,133	Acrued accounts	964,133
Govt. securities	646,000		Deferred items	246		Reserves	1,497,729
Otis 6% bonds	377,400		Surp. incident to reorganization	3,696,357	3,342,617	Surp. reserve for stock exchange	4,821
Accounts receiv.	1,885,188	1,134,474	Prof. & loss surp.	4,924,891	3,352,843		
Prepay. on purch.	411,741						
Inventories	5,143,419	6,087,049					
Refundable dep.	58,651						
Other assets	1,093,047	1,147,248					
Deferred charges	899,588	905,309					
Total	40,898,086	37,803,499	Total	40,898,086	37,803,499		

Represented by 801,002 no par shares.
August Billings.
Month of— Aug. 1928. July 1928. Aug. 1927.
Billings— \$3,218,145 \$2,782,948 \$2,259,497
—V. 127, p. 1115, 422.

Pacific Finance Corp.—Div. Rate Increased.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock (par \$25), payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. A quarterly dividend of 62½ cents per share was paid on this issue on July 2 last.
The directors also ratified the action of its subsidiary company, Rule & Sons, Inc., in amalgamating with Wheeler Bros. & Pierce, Inc., on a basis of exchange of stock. O. Rey Rule, Executive Vice-President of the Pacific Finance Corp., stated that this will very materially increase earnings of Rule & Sons, which earnings are ultimately available to common stockholders of Pacific Finance Corp.—V. 127, p. 1116.

Pacific National Co., Los Angeles.—Dividend, &c.

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents a share on the new \$25 par value common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the old \$100 par value common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 25.
In May of this year, the stockholders voted to increase the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 and to reduce the par value from \$100 to \$25 a share.

Pan American Western Petroleum Co.—Richfield Oil Co. Stock Ready for Delivery.

Definitive certificates of Richfield Oil Co. common stock are now ready for delivery to holders of fiscal agents' interim receipts issued according to the offer of exchange of Pan American class B stock for Richfield common stock.
Interim receipt holders who deposited their Pan American class B stock prior to July 20, 1928, will receive coincident with delivery to them of definitive certificates, a sum equal to 50 cents per share for each share of Richfield common stock represented by the interim receipts.
Delivery of definitive certificates will be made by registered mail.
Script certificates are to be retained by the holder until further notice of the outcome of pending Elk Hills' litigation.
The fiscal agents are: Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.; Blair & Co., Inc.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and Newberger Parsons & Co. (See also V. 127, p. 272, 560.)

More than 221,000 shares of Pan American "B" stock have been exchanged for Richfield common stock since the latter company purchased all of the voting stock of the Pan American from E. L. Doherty two months ago, according to a statement made last week by James A. Falbot, President of the Richfield company. This represents, together with the 100,000 shares of voting stock and the "B" stock bought by the Richfield company, considerably more than 60% of the 500,000 shares of Pan American outstanding. The fiscal agents will continue to receive deposits of Pan American "B" stock in exchange for Richfield common until Sept. 11, when the offer expires.—V. 127, p. 1263.

(D.) Pender Grocery Co.—Extra Class B Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share on the class B stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. a share, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. Like amounts were paid on this issue on April 1 and July 2 last.—V. 127, p. 1263, 965.

People's Drug Stores, Inc.—Sales.

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$933,092	\$654,246	\$278,846	\$7,063,177
		\$5,081,597	\$1,981,580

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co.—Ruling.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has ruled that the old common and preferred stocks be not stricken from the list of the Exchange on Sept. 4 and not until further notice.—V. 127, p. 1263.

Pittsburgh Hotels Corp.—Co-agent Appointed.

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-agent with the Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., for the payment of 5½% and 6% mortgage bond coupons.—V. 127, p. 1263.

Pittsburgh Steel Foundry Corp.—Bonds Called.

One hundred twenty-five of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds dated Apr. 1 1925, have been called for payment Oct. 1 at 102½ and interest. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 126, p. 1366.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Shipments of Crude Oil.

(In barrels.)	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January	5,394,759	4,850,792	4,187,390	4,411,289
February	5,006,573	4,736,228	4,071,405	4,322,446
March	5,253,096	5,494,658	4,588,038	4,923,928
April	4,901,433	5,484,826	4,332,971	4,415,855
May	5,480,557	5,641,514	4,342,259	4,719,835
June	5,294,564	5,505,551	4,215,416	4,716,114
July	5,701,370	5,788,134	4,234,294	4,822,612
August	6,021,445	5,786,822	4,005,484	4,318,496

Note.—These figures do not include shipments through the lines of the Pure Oil Pipe Line Co. of Texas, a subsidiary.—V. 126, p. 3610.

Raybestos Co.—Quarterly Dividend of 80 Cents.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 80 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. An interim dividend of 40 cents per share was paid on this issue on July 1 last.—V. 126, p. 3772.

Reo Motor Car Co.—Shipments.
Period End. Aug. 31— 1928—Month—1927. 1928—9 Mos.—1927.
Cars and trucks shipped. 4,823 4,468 35,281 33,355
In July 1928, there were 4,814 units shipped.—V. 127, p. 1263.

St. Louis Screw Co.—Bonds Called.

The company has called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 102 and interest, certain 1st mtge. serial 5½% gold bonds (aggregating \$75,000), dated 1925. Payment will be made at the Lafayette South Side Bank & Trust Co., trustee, Lafayette Ave. & Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.—V. 125, p. 2948.

Schulco Co., Inc.—Earnings.

6 Months Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.
Net income after interest charges, &c.	\$14,571	\$7,131

—V. 126, p. 3943.
Schulte-United 5c to \$1 Stores, Inc.—Permanent Clts.
The permanent engraved certificates for common stock are now ready for distribution in exchange for temporary certificates at the office of Trust Company of North America, transfer agents, 93 Liberty St., N. Y. City. See also V. 126, p. 3943, 884.—V. 127, p. 1117.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sales.

1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	
Month of August	\$28,985,684	\$23,969,681	\$19,604,621	\$16,946,972
First eight months	201,361,086	174,656,950	166,237,923	152,262,838

—V. 127, p. 1264.
Shur-On Standard Optical Co., Inc.—Plan Operative.
The reorganization committee has declared operative the plan of reorganization, dated as of May 1 1928, as amended by amendment adopted as of Aug. 6. Compare V. 126, p. 4099; V. 127, p. 1117.

(Isaac) Silver & Bros. Co., Inc.—August Sales.

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$459,628	\$393,632	\$65,996	\$3,599,036
			\$3,093,808

—V. 127, p. 1117.
Simmons Co.—Sales.
1928—August—1927. Increase. 1928—8 Mos.—1927. Increase.
\$3,884,332 \$3,519,631 \$364,701 \$23,817,410 \$21,543,333 \$2,274,077
—V. 127, p. 1264.

Skelly Oil Co.—Earnings.

Period Ended July 31—	Month—1928—7 Mos.
Net income after interest charges	\$654,756
Earns. per sh. on 1,093,634 shs. cap. stk. outstdg.	\$0.60

—V. 127, p. 697.
Southern Grocery Stores, Inc.—Sales.
1928—July—1928. Increase. 1928—7 Mos.—1927. Increase.
\$1,149,119 \$999,021 \$150,098 \$3,283,332 \$6,867,565 \$1,415,867
—V. 127, p. 967.

Spang, Chalfant & Co., Inc.—Order for Pipe.

According to Pittsburgh (Pa.) dispatches, the Arkansas Natural Gas Corp. has placed an order for 66 miles of 10-inch seamless line pipe with Spang, Chalfant & Co. Production of the pipe will be started shortly.—V. 127, p. 968.

(C. G.) Spring & Bumper Co.—Defers Pref. Dividend.
The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 2%, ordinarily due at this time on the outstanding 8% cummul. pref. stock, according to a Detroit dispatch.—V. 127, p. 562.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey)—Stock to Employees.
The company announces that a price of \$41 a share has been fixed as the price at which stock can be purchased by employees during the second half of 1928 under the employees second acquisition plan.—V. 127, p. 968.

Steel & Tubes, Inc.—Proposed Sale.
The stockholders will vote Sept. 14 on approving the sale of all the assets of the company to the Republic Iron & Steel Co. See also V. 127, p. 1264.

Sullivan Machinery Co.—Listed.

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 200,000 shares (total authorized issue) without par value common stock.—V. 126, p. 2001.

Sylvestre Oil Co., Inc.—Closes Large Contract.
The company announces that it has closed a contract to supply 1,000,000 gallons of fuel oil to a group of Brooklyn (N. Y.) apartment houses. This is in addition to a number of smaller contracts already closed and marks the entry of this company into the Brooklyn territory, which will be supplied from their Newtown Creek plant. This plant, now under construction, will be ready for operation the latter part of this month and a fleet of delivery trucks is now being assembled to take care of this section.—V. 127, p. 1265.

Tobacco Products Corporation.—Earnings.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings after taxes	\$3,766,580	\$4,401,612	\$4,309,029	\$3,515,188
Earns. per sh. on 659,330 shs. com. stk. (par \$100) after pref divs.	\$3.33	\$4.29	\$4.15	\$3.04

—V. 127, p. 426.
Transcontinental Oil Co.—Notes Called.
All of the outstanding 5-year 7% coupon gold notes have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 101 and int. at the Colonial Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa. Any and all warrants for the purchase of stock that may be held by the holders of the notes, should be retained by said holders.—V. 127, p. 1266.

United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc.—Dividend.
The directors have declared the quarterly dividend coupon No. 7, due Sept. 1 1928, on trust certificates, series A, payable at the rate of 51 cents per share with an accrual to the reserve fund of \$25.27 per unit, bringing the total in reserve to \$162.37 per unit. On June 1 last, a dividend of 58.83 c. per share was paid (see V. 126, p. 3468).—V. 127, p. 123.

U. S. Sheet & Window Glass Co.—Proposed Merger.
The stockholders will vote Sept. 19 on approving the merger of this company with the Libbey-Owens Sheet Glass Co. The latter owns 51% (or 38,250 shares) of the outstanding 75,000 shares of no par value common stock of the U. S. Sheet company. At least 85% of the stockholders of the latter concern must approve the merger, after which the subsidiary will be dissolved.
The plan provides for the issuance of one Libbey-Owens common share for each 4 shares of U. S. Sheet common stock and for the redemption of the U. S. Sheet preferred stock.—V. 126, p. 4101.

United States Stores Corp.—Gross Sales.

Week Ended—	Gross Sales.	Stores in Operation.	Week Ended—	Gross Sales.	Stores in Operation.
Feb. 4	\$674,919	1,183	May 19	\$509,271	86
11	687,351	1,188	26	532,563	86
18	654,288	1,186	June 2	510,866	86
25	671,068	1,181	9	533,047	86
Mar. 3	524,481	x857	16	533,993	86
10	521,856	857	23	526,469	86
17	516,348	859	30	514,446	86
24	510,024	859	July 7	542,046	86
31	511,747	860	14	538,672	86
Apr. 7	505,289	860	21	508,272	86
14	513,515	862	28	521,172	86
21	528,818	862	Aug. 4	518,799	86
28	531,696	863	11	530,968	86
May 5	513,623	862	18	522,315	86
12	534,329	861			

x Reduction in gross sales and number of stores occasioned by sale of corporation's New Jersey subsidiary in March. (Compare also V. 126, p. 1214).—V. 126, p. 4101.

Utah Copper Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—The directors on Sept. 6 declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the outstanding \$16,244,900 capital stock, par \$10, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 14. From Dec. 31 1926 to June 30 1927, incl., quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share were paid, while from Dec. 31 1925 to Sept. 30 1926 incl., dividends of \$1.25 per share were paid quarterly.—V. 127, p. 970.

Van Camp Packing Co., Inc.—Time Extended.—The bondholders committee has extended the time for deposit of the 8% bonds to Sept. 25 1928. The Indiana Trust Co. of Indianapolis is the depository. See V. 127, p. 837, 1267.

Vulcan Corp.—Sue to Tie Up Loan to Company—Bankers Charge \$1,755,179 Was Obtained by False Record of Financial Status—Temporary Writ Granted.—

The following is from the New York "Times" of Sept. 1:
On charges by a syndicate of bankers that misrepresentations concerning the financial condition of the Vulcan Last Co. induced them to advance \$1,755,179 to reorganize the company under the name of the Vulcan Corp., the money has been tied up in the Seaboard National Bank under a temporary injunction signed by Supreme Court Justice Strong on Aug. 16. An application to continue the injunction pending the trial will be heard in Manhattan on Sept. 18.

Justice Strong granted the restraining order in a suit by Folds, Buck & Co., Edward L. Love, George B. Macomber, Dudley F. King and J. R. Edwards & Co. against the Vulcan Corp., the Vulcan Last Co. and the Seaboard National Bank. An affidavit by James R. Buck, Pres. of Folds, Buck & Co., alleges that there is danger that unless the fund is kept intact it will be removed from the State, and charges that it appears that the money was "fraudulently obtained."

Mr. Buck's affidavit says the Vulcan Last Co., an Ohio corporation, is the manufacturer of wooden shoe lasts, heels for women's shoes and golf clubs; that it was represented to the plaintiffs that this company was "in a sound financial condition," but it was "deemed advisable to enlarge."

Mr. Buck said it was proposed to his company and the other plaintiffs that a corporation be formed to acquire the business and assets of the Vulcan Last Co. and assume the liabilities, and a contract was entered on May 29 between the plaintiffs as bankers and the Vulcan Co., by which 25,000 shares of preferred stock in a new company was to be issued to them pursuant to their offer. He said the Vulcan Corp. was then formed, with the same officers as the old company, who, he asserts, had made the representations as to the financial position of the Vulcan Last Co.

The affidavit charges that William J. Burke, Pres. of the Vulcan Last Co., represented that the company's earnings in 1927 were \$440,567 and offered a balance sheet certifying that the inventory as of Dec. 31 1927 was \$1,681,134. Relying upon these representations, says Mr. Buck, the bankers advanced \$1,755,179 on Aug. 2 and got 18,985 shares of preferred stock, with warrants for 54,637 shares of common, the remainder of the preferred and the common stock warrants being deposited with a committee to be turned over to the preferred stockholders of the Vulcan Last Co., who had deposited their stock for exchange.

Mr. Buck says that President Burke of the Vulcan Co. died at his home in Portsmouth, O., on July 28, and that immediately afterward a preliminary examination of the books was made by one of the company's employees, which revealed that the inventory of Dec. 31 1927 was "grossly exaggerated" and that the true inventory was probably \$400,000 less. He also alleges that the examination showed that instead of profits of \$440,567 in 1927, the company had earnings of about \$300,000 less. He said one mill disclosed a shortage in the inventory of 3,000,000 ft. of lumber worth \$300,000.

Mr. Buck said the injunction restraining the removal of the money is necessary because the Vulcan Corp. has about \$1,500,000 of notes outstanding, and owes more than \$500,000 to merchandise creditors and there is danger that checks will be drawn on the money unless it is kept intact under the court order.—V. 127, p. 1119, 970, 838.

Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd.—No Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14. From Jan. 1927 to July 1928, incl., the company paid quarterly an extra dividend of 50 cents in addition to the regular disbursement of \$1 per share.—V. 127, p. 1267.

Walgreen Co.—Sales.—

1928—Aug.—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$2,664,124	\$1,825,373	\$838,751	\$2,535,402
—V. 127, p. 698.			\$1,877,847
			\$657,555

Warwick Iron & Steel Co.—Proposed Sale.—The stockholders will vote Sept. 12 on approving the sale of all the assets and property, both real and personal.—V. 122, p. 897.

White Sewing Machine Corp.—Earnings.—

Period End, July 31—	1928—Month—1927.	1928—7 Mos.—1927.
Net profit after deprec.,	\$85,689	\$18,154
Int., Fed. taxes, &c.,	\$18,154	\$790,071
x Approximate.—V. 127, p. 699.		x\$843,000

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales.—

1928—August—1927.	Increase.	1928—8 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$21,812,450	\$21,400,355	\$412,095	\$167,680,867
—V. 127, p. 839.			\$158,342,546
			\$9,338,321

CURRENT NOTICES.

NEW BOOKLET FEATURING DIVIDEND NOTICES.—The importance of dividend advertisements and the growing tendency of corporations to feature their dividend declarations with larger space and display is covered by a 24-page manual just issued by Frank Kiernan & Co., advertising agents.

Over 100 examples of modern dividend advertisements taken from the financial press are shown classified into groups according to style and set-up, ranging from small four line notices to large two column advertisements. The book shows how in the last few years many corporations have changed their dividend announcements from the small classified type of advertisements to much larger display advertisements featuring company trade marks and names. This is the first time that the subject of dividend announcements and their preparation have been put in manual form.

Reproductions are given of early American and English dividend advertisements, including the first dividend announcement ever appearing. It is reproduced from The London Times of January 1 1788.

—F. N. Kneeland & Co., specializing in public utility securities, have opened a San Francisco office under the management of John W. Schram, their participation on the Pacific Coast having grown to a point where they require personal attention. Mr. Schram was engaged in the investment business in Chicago for twelve years before going to California. The San Francisco office will engage in the wholesaling and retail distribution of the firm's offerings and eventually will extend its operations to the underwriting Western issues.

—Announcement is made of the formation of Kirby, Reed & Co., Inc., dealers in investment securities, with offices at 60 Broad St., New York. The company will have a bank stock department and will have a part in underwriting and syndicating operations, both for the expansion and re-

financing of established companies, and in some instances for the original financing of new enterprises. David Braunstein, is manager of the bank stock department.

—At the office of Peierls, Buhler & Company it was stated that upon Herbert P. Howell's retirement from the presidency of the company to take the presidency of the new Commercial National Bank and Trust Co., Robert G. Blumenthal, now Vice-President, will become President. Mr. Howell will continue his connection with the company, becoming Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Siegfried Peierls continues as Chairman of the Board.

—Orvis Brothers & Co., 60 Broadway, New York, one of the oldest members of the New York Stock Exchange, have established a raw silk department with complete facilities for trading in silk futures. This department will be under the management of John A. Walter, formerly of David T. Jones, Inc., assisted by Theodore T. Mattmann, formerly of the Astoria Silk Works and the Mattmann Silk Mills.

—Morey, Guibord & Co., Inc., 52 Cedar St., New York, announce the opening of a Rochester, N. Y., office at 602 Union Trust Bldg., under the management of Stanley A. Danser, resident Vice-President. William A. Yaeger, S. Charles Jacques, James I. Bundy and Harwood Keys will be associated with Mr. Danser in the retail sales department.

—With the opening of a new office in Oakland, California, the brokerage firm of Anderson, & Fox, who hold memberships in the New York Stock Exchange, San Francisco Stock Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade and the San Francisco Curb Exchange, now has offices in San Francisco, New York and Oakland.

—S. H. Kress & Co. report August sales amounting to \$4,850,125, an increase of \$285,970, or 6.3% over last year. Sales for the eight months ended Aug. 31 totaled \$36,736,043, an increase of \$4,755,040, or 14.9% over the same period of last year.

—J. F. Coogan, formerly with P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., in Connecticut territory, has become resident manager of Rosencrans, Fleitas & Co., Inc., 67 Wall Street, according to announcement by Lloyd E. Burhans, Vice-President of the company.

—Eastman, Dillon & Co. announce the opening of two new offices, one in Detroit and one in Richmond, Va. The Detroit office is under the direction of S. Harvey Hughes and the Richmond office is under the direction of Elmore D. Hotchkiss Jr.

—A pamphlet, entitled "Our Judgment Regarding Calumet & Arizona Mining Co." has been prepared for investors by Smith, Graham & Rockwell, members New York Stock Exchange, 50 Broadway, N. Y.

—William R. Compton Co. is distributing an illustrated booklet describing hydro-electric power as a factor in the development of Northern Italy, with special reference to Adige-Garda Hydro-Electric Ente.

—J. K. Rice, Jr., & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, are distributing their bank and insurance investment analysis, showing the excellent half year earnings of representative insurance companies.

—E. W. Clucas & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall St., N. Y., announce that Galen Van Meter, formerly with Eastman, Dillon & Co., had been admitted to partnership.

—Charles D. Robbins & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 44 Wall St., New York, announce the admission to general partnership of S. E. Allen, H. W. Gillen and J. A. Winne.

—Mackay & Co. announce the removal from their present quarters on the 22d floor of 14 Wall St., New York, to the 24th floor of the same building, where they will occupy the entire floor.

—Thomas K. Carpenter, formerly Vice-President of Taylor, Ewart & Co., has been elected a Vice-President and director of Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson, 15 Broad St., New York.

—Cavanagh-Dobbs, Inc., has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ on the 6¼% preferred stock, payable Oct. 1 1928, to stockholders of record Sept. 18.

—Curtis & Sanger, members of New York and Boston Stock Exchanges, 49 Wall St., New York, have issued their weekly quotation pamphlet of bank and insurance company stocks.

—Sheffield Company, 42 Broadway, New York, announce that John H. Loeffler, formerly of M. W. Braderman & Co., Inc., has become associated in charge of their bond department.

—James Talcott, Inc., 225 Fourth Ave., New York, has been appointed factor for Morris B. Leventhal of Philadelphia, Pa., manufacturer and distributor of upholstery fabrics.

—Vought & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, has prepared a folder, "International Prosperity," describing means of participation and protection for American investors.

—J. Roy Prosser & Co., 52 William St., N. Y., have issued a current quotation pamphlet of insurance, bank and trust and financial, mortgage and title company stocks.

—Bristol & Willett, 115 Broadway, New York, have issued their September "Over-the-Counter Review," which contains an analysis of Witherbee, Sherman & Co., Inc.

—Redmond & Co., announce that William H. Adams has joined their organization and will make his headquarters at their uptown office at 341 Madison Ave.

—E. N. Townsend Co., 111 Broadway, New York, has prepared for distribution an analysis and quotation pamphlet of Long Island banks and trust companies.

—Paul F. White, formerly in the local office of A. O. Allyn & Co., Inc., has taken charge of the trading department at the firm's office at 30 Federal Street, Boston.

—Campbell, Peterson and Co., Inc., 84 William St., New York, have prepared an analysis of the Direct Control Valve Co. for distribution to investors.

—Holt, Rose & Troster, 24 Trinity Place, New York, have issued their regular monthly quotation bulletin of active "Over the Counter Securities."

—Wellington & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have prepared for distribution their September list of suggestions for investment.

—Colvin & Co., members New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges, have prepared an analysis of Electric Bond & Share Securities Corporation.

—Harold E. Norton has been appointed manager of W. B. Foshay Co. in charge of Pacific Coast sales with headquarters in San Francisco.

—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of voting trust certificates representing capital stock of the Gray Processes Corp.

—L. Gottheimer & Co., Inc., 1 Wall St., New York, have prepared an analysis of the stock of the Municipal Bank & Trust Co.

—Crane, Parris & Co., investment brokers, have moved to their new building, 821 15th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

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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, Sept. 7 1928.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet. Santos 4s, 23½ to 23¾c.; Rio 7s, 17½ to 17¼c.; Victoria 7s and 8s, 16 to 16¼c. Fair to good Cucuta, 24 to 24½c.; Ocana, 22¼ to 23¾c.; Bucaramanga, Natural, 24¾ to 25¾c.; washed, 27½ to 27¾c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 27½ to 27¾c.; Medellin, 29 to 29¼c.; Manizales, 27¾ to 28c.; Mexican, washed, 26½ to 28½c.; Surinam, 27 to 27½c.; Ankola, 35 to 38c.; Mandheling, 26½ to 39c.; Genuine Java, 34 to 35c.; Robusta washed, 21½c.; Mocha, 27½ to 28c.; Harrar, 26 to 26½c.; Nicaragua, washed, 25 to 25½c.; Guatemala, Prime, 27½ to 28c.; good, 26½ to 27c.; Bourbon, 25½ to 26c.; San Domingo, washed, 26½ to 27c. The arrivals of mild coffees in the United States during the month of August were 198,204 bags while deliveries for the same time were 211,850 bags. Stock of mild coffee in United States on Sept. 1st was 365,893 bags against 379,539 on Aug. 1st and 290,599 on Sept. 1st last year.

G. Duuring & Zoon cabled their monthly statistics as follows: Arrivals in Europe during August, 773,000 bags of which 445,000 were Brazilian; deliveries same time, 846,000, of which 469,000 were Brazilian; stock in Europe on Sept. 1, 2,107,000 bags; world's visible supply on Sept. 1, 5,521,000 bags showing a decrease for the month of 200,000 bags; last year the world's visible was 5,064,000 bags. In some quarters it was said that there had been no great increase in the demand for spot coffee; buyers confined their purchases to immediate requirements. There is the danger that the trade is allowing its supplies to be reduced to an extent that may brace up the producing markets. As long as the Defense Committee continues to hold the control, firms here advise the carrying of normal stocks. Robusta coffees, which sold early in the crop at 15½c. c. & f. are now 18¾c. to 19¼c. c. & f. and for spots then 16¼c.; now, 21½c. The use of this coffee is rapidly growing because of its cheapness and high grade, it being practically free of imperfections and of a neutral drink. The price, however, is now at a figure said to be not quite as desirable for blending purposes. There has been friction between Parana and Sao Paulo owing to Santos coffee being diverted to the Parana port; this has been reported as having been adjusted by the Defense Committee. Rates of Exchange continue pegged by government control and are practically unchanged. The weather in Brazil has been favorable to the important September flowering of the 1929-30 Brazil crops, and after this week it is added, provided frost does not appear, danger from that cause will be practically over, leaving cold winds only to be feared.

Private advices from Santos attributed the recent decline there to Paranaguan competition. It is said that at a recent meeting it was decided to continue the previous agreement, Paranagua having apparently broken away from it. A Rio cable stated that the Defense Committee will maintain the price of Rio 7s at 16.90c. To-day is a holiday in Brazil for the celebration of the recurrence of Independence Day. The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange will be closed on all Saturdays during October. On the 4th inst. cost and freight offers were about unchanged.

On the 6th inst. firm offers from Brazil were generally unchanged, some being higher. They included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s at 23.65c.; 3s and 4s at 22.80 to 23¾c.; 3s and 5s at 22.20 to 23.10c.; 4s and 5s at 22 to 22½c.; 5s at 21.80 to 22½c.; 5s and 6s at 21.60 to 22c.; 6s at 20.90 to 21¾c.; 6s and 7s at 20.90c.; 7s at 20½c.; 7s and 8s at 18¼ to 19.20c.; part Bourbon 2s and 3s at 24.40 to 24.95c.; 3s at 23.60c.; 3s and 5s at 22.40 to 22¾c.; 4s and 5s at 22.10 to 22¾c.; Peaberry 3s and 4s at 23.10c.; 4s at 22.35c.; 4s and 5s at 22.40c.; and 5s and 6s at 21¾c.; Rio 7s and 8s at 17c. and 8s at 15.70c. Later trade was still in the main slow but Rios and Victorias were firmer, with rumors of a better trade. Santos 4s, 23½ to 23¾c.; Rio 7s, 17½ to 17¼c.; Victoria 7s and 8s, 16½ to 16¾c. Futures on the 4th inst. closed 17 to 18 points lower on Santos with sales of 33,000 bags. Rio ended on that day unchanged to 5 points higher with sales of 25,750 bags Europe bought. The Rio Defense Comd. 90c. for 7s.

On the 4th inst. there was covering and buying by houses with European connections, which was apparently due to the better cables.

Some were bearish owing to the continuance of favorable weather in Brazil, the dulness early in the week of the spot demand and the easier tendency of recent cost and freight offers from Santos due to competition of Santos coffee shipment through the port of Parana, which, it is reported, the Defense Committee has taken steps to prevent. Rio de Janeiro wired the New York "Times" on Sept. 4: "Representatives of the coffee growers in eight States of Brazil are meeting this week at Sao Paulo to discuss price defense and control of national products. Some local observers consider that the situation resulting from the necessity of the heavy holding over of big crops in order to keep prices is rather critical. The "Journal" to-day says in an editorial: 'The producers should increase production and cut down prices as the Brazilian coffee farmers are facing a situation identical with the one before the rubber crash in the Amazon Valley. The exporters of rubber were defeated by British competition.' The coffee growers should pay attention to the Central American producing area." Futures on the 6th inst. were 2 to 20 points higher on Rio with sales of 14,250 bags and 10 to 19 on Santos with sales of 38,250 bags. Higher Brazilian cables explain the rise here with some reports of a larger spot demand. Also Brazil bought December Santos here. To-day Rio ended 2 points lower to 8 points higher with sales of 4,000 bags. Santos ended 5 to 10 points lower with sales of 10,000 bags. Final prices show a rise for the week of 19 to 23 points on Rio and 5 to 7 points on Santos.

Rio prices closed as follows:

Spot	17.00@	Dec	15.86@	May	15.36@
Sept	15.83@	March	15.55@15.56	July	15.07@

Santos prices closed as follows:

Sept	21.95@	March	21.26@21.29	July	20.75@
Dec	21.60@21.63	May	21.00@		

SUGAR.—Cuban prompt was quiet early in the week at 2¾c. c. & f.; hedged, 2 11-32c. or 4.11c. delivered. Later there, reports of large sales at 2¼ to 2 5-16c. On the 4th inst. Europe sold Sept. Cuban interests and shorts bought Sept. Some 2,500 tons of Cuban prompt or Sept. shipment was sold to the Clyde at 11s. 4½d. c. i. f., or about 2.26 f. o. b.; 10,000 tons for Sept. shipment sold to Canada by the Sugar Export Corp. at 2.27c. f. o. b. is believed to refer to sales late last week. British refined was 3d. lower on Monday the 3rd inst. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 61,165, tons against 35,389 last year; exports, 96,706 tons, against 73,883 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 828,391 tons, against 783,717 last year; centrals grinding none. Of the exports, 34,242 went to Atlantic ports, 16,185 to New Orleans, 469 to interior of United States, 5,122 to Galveston, 3,656 to Savannah, 340 to South America, and 36,692 to Europe.

Receipts at United States Atlantic port for the week were 53,510 tons against 35,206 in the previous week, 41,333 last year and 67,296 two years ago; meltings 59,000 against 60,000 last week, 62,000 last year and 51,000 two years ago; importers' stocks 279,318 tons against 279,318 last week, 133,681 last year and 181,020 two years ago; refiners' stocks 100,983 tons against 106,473 last week, 70,179 last year and 65,625 two years ago; total stocks 380,301 against 385,791 last week, 203,860 last year and 246,645 two years ago. Prague cabled: "A sensation has been caused by announcement that Sugar Association has increased the price of sugar by 60 crowns per 100 kilos. The action is said to be due to effect of British duty on raw sugar." Refined was 5.65c. with good withdrawals at times but new business a little slow.

Col. Tarafa and the representatives of European countries that took part in last year's international sugar conference have, it is said, abandoned the project for a new meeting in October. Under such circumstances it seems that no effort will be made anywhere to limit production or to apportion the exports of sugar and a fight for the survival of the fittest it is believed may result. One view is that the sugar industry has strenuous times ahead of it. Production will be larger in Cuba next year than this year, but Cuba as a whole ranks as a low-cost producer, and may expect in the long run to play a larger part in world markets under free competition than under any scheme of regulated production. Yet there is, it is argued, a trying period of readjustment to pass through, and the producers ask that they may enter the struggle with free hands. Their hands will not, however, be entirely free, it is added, so long as a distinction is made by law between the portion of their output which may be sold in the United States and the portion which must be sold elsewhere and they are compelled by law to sell the latter through the medium of an official export corporation.

Futures on the 4th inst. fell 2 to 4 points with sales of 22,400 tons. No Cuban restriction next year is the chief bear point. Last week 1,000 tons new crop Cubas sold for Feb.-Mar. shipment to Antwerp at 11s. 6d. c. i. f. There was said to be further inquiries from Europe here at about 2.26c. f. o. b. Private cables said that with the exception of Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia and the Balkans, Europe was having sufficient rain. A subsidy of 1s. per hundred kilos is to be granted to Czecho-Slovakian exporters it is said. On the 5th inst. there were 16 Sept. notices. The London terminal market opened steady, $\frac{3}{4}$ d. lower for Oct., $\frac{3}{4}$ d. higher for May, and unchanged on all other positions. The local market opened barely steady and unchanged to 2 points lower under a renewal of Cuban and European selling.

On the 6th inst. 200 September notices were issued, making a total of 564. Futures ended 2 to 5 points lower as September was in no particular demand and the notices told most of the day. The sales were 85,500 tons, ending rather steadier. Of Cuban raws it is said 150,008 bags or more have sold at 29-32c. c.&f. and 50,000 bags at 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Only a reduction in the price led to larger sales; 3,000 tons prompt sold early on the 6th inst. at 2 5-16c. or 4.08c. delivered. The big sales, it is suggested, may have been on old contracts subject to the price at the time of delivery. But that would not seem to alter the fact that prices were relaxed. London cables reported sales of two cargoes of Cubas for September-October shipment, presumably to the United Kingdom, at a price not named but said to be under 11s. 6d. c.i.f. It is thought possible that the business was done at 11s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. A parcel of Perus, afloat, was offered at 11s. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. c.i.f. To day futures ended 3 to 8 points lower with sales of 105,500 tons. Spot ended at 2 7-32c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 13 to 17 points. Sugar prices closed as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
Spot				2 7-32
September	2.11	2.11	2.05	2.05@2.06
December	2.24	2.24	2.20	2.20@2.21
January	2.25	2.26	2.21	2.21@
March	2.25	2.26	2.24	2.24@
May	2.32	2.32	2.31	2.31@
July	2.40	2.40	2.39	2.39@

LARD on the spot was steady late last week. Prime Western, 13.05 to 13.15 c. a. f. New York. Refined Continent, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. delivered, N. Y. South America, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Brazil, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Later prime western was firm and up to 13.30 to 13.40c.; refined Continent was still 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Futures on the 1st inst. advanced in the end 10 to 15 points with grain higher and shorts covering. Hogs were \$13. Chicago September contract deliveries included 400,000 lbs. lard and 250,000 lbs. bellies. Futures on the 6th inst. advanced 5 to 12 points on higher grain and hog markets, buying attributed to packers and a rise in Liverpool. The top price at Chicago was \$13.10. Receipts there were 17,000 while at all Western points they were 67,100 against 73,200 a week ago and 75,900 last year. Deliveries were made of 150,000 lbs. of lard and 200,000 lbs. of bellies. To-day futures were 5 to 15 points higher with active trading. Hogs were firm. The rise in grain and the firmness of cottonseed oil were not without their influence. The cash trade was only moderate and this with realizing caused something of a setback from the high of the day. Final prices show a rise for the week, however, of 45 to 63 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September	12.30		12.45	12.57	12.65	12.80
December	12.72	Holl-	12.82	12.90	13.02	13.07
January	12.97	day	13.10	13.15	13.25	13.25

PORK steady; Mess, \$33.50; family, \$35; fat back, \$28 to \$31; Ribs, Chicago cash, 14.62c. basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef, steady; Mess, \$24; packet, \$25; family, \$26 to \$28; extra India mess, \$40 to \$42; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2, six lbs. South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$75 to \$80. Cut meats were in steady demand; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs., 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; bellies clear, f. o. b. New York, 6 to 12 lbs., 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 20c; bellies, clear dry salted boxed 18 to 20 lbs., 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Butter lower grades to high scoring 42 to 50c. Cheese, flats, 24 to 27c.; Eggs, medium to extras, 30 to 40c.

OILS.—Linseed was in better demand but actual business is not very large. Buyers are confining their purchases to small lots. For spot oil in carlots 9.6c. was asked but it was intimated that 9.5c. would be accepted in a firm bid. For single barrel lots 10.5c. was quoted. Jobbers showed a little more interest but they are taking only small lots. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Corn, crude, bbls., 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 11c.; tanks, f.o.b. mill, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Olive, Den. \$1.35 to \$1.50. Chinawood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Pacific Coast tanks September, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Soya bean, bbls., N. Y., 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Edible—Corn, 100-bbl. lots, 12c.; olive, 2.15 to 2.30; lard, prime, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Cod, Newfoundland, 68c. Turpentine, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 56c. Rosin, \$9.10 to \$10.65. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switchers, 38,800 bbls. Crude S. E., 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	9.25@ 9.75	Oct	10.35@10.36	Dec	10.27@10.28
Sep	10.30@10.50	Nov	10.23@10.40	Jan	10.31@

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was in good demand and firm. The statistical position is strong. Production of gasoline, according to the Bureau of Mines, reached a new high record in July when the daily average output was 1,061,000 barrels.

The daily average domestic demand for gasoline passed the 1,000,000-bbl. mark in July for the first time in history when it amounted to 1,032,000 bbls. This is an increase over June of 65,000 bbls. and over July 1927 of 72,000 bbls., or 7.5%. Daily average exports increased a little. Stocks of gasoline again fell off. On the 1st of July they were 34,393,000 bbls. as compared with 30,392,000 on July 31. These stocks represent 25 days' supply at the present rate of total demand as compared with 30 days' supply on hand a month ago and 37 days' supply a year ago. Total stocks of all oils fell off approximately 1,100,000 bbls. as contrasted with a decrease of approximately 500,000 bbls. in June. Runs to still reached a new high level in July when the daily average crude put through was 2,603,000 bbls. Most of this increase was in domestic crude, since daily average runs to stills of foreign crude showed only a small increase. Leading refiners quoted 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for U. S. motor in tank cars at refineries and 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. California gasoline sold $\frac{1}{4}$ c. above these prices. The Gulf market was firm. Export business was good and is expected to continue so for some little time to come. Kerosene was in good demand and tending higher. Water white was quoted at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for 43-45 in bulk at refineries and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Fuel oils showed little change. Grade C bunker oil showed some improvement. Stocks are not as large as had been anticipated, but supplies are still ample. For Grade C bulk at local refineries \$1.05 was quoted and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York harbor. Lubricating oils were in better demand with more interest manifested in zero cold test oils because of the approach of cooler weather. Gas oil was in better demand and steady. Diesel oil was steady at \$2.

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RUBBER on the 4th inst. closed here 10 points lower to 10 points higher. London was affected to some degree by bearish Malayan shipments. But New York rallied after an early decline. The sales were 490 tons. Outside prices were firm. Malayan exports for August showed a gross total of 35,593 tons against 30,405 tons for July. The net result, 20,479 tons against 17,622 tons showed an increase of some 7,200 tons over August last year. The gain in net over last July was only 3,400 tons. After selling down to 8 13-16d. on Monday, London rallied on Tuesday (4th inst.) and closed steady at 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ d. Singapore closed 1-16d. to $\frac{1}{8}$ d. higher on the 3rd inst. Trading in the new BB contract here on the 4th inst. was not enthusiastic. The day's sales were only 6 contracts or 15 tons for July. The first sale was at 17.50c., reacted to 17.40c., but rallied later to 17.60c. and closed at 17.50c. bid and 17.80c. offered. New York closed on the 4th inst. with September, 18.50c., October and December, 18.80c., January 18.70c., March 18.80 to 18.90c., May 18.90 to 19c., and July 18.90 to 19c. London on the 4th inst. closed with spot and September 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ d. to 8 15-16d. Singapore September 8 11-16d. The London stock fell off 882 tons last week to 31,933 tons against 32,815 in the previous week, 34,294 a month ago, 65,162 a year ago and 30,765 two years ago. New York on the 5th inst. declined 10 to 30 points in response to lower prices in London. Liquidation was rather large especially of December. The sales were 409 lots or 1,022 long tons. Outside prices in some cases declined. Factory demand was small. Manufacturers seemed to be playing a waiting game.

On the 6th inst. New York prices dropped 10 to 20 points with London off 1-16 to $\frac{1}{8}$ d. Outside prices were $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. lower. The sales at the Exchange were 268 lots or 670 long tons closing on the 6th inst. with September 18.20c.; November, 18.40c.; December, 18.50c.; January, 18.30 to 18.40c.; March, 18.40 to 18.50c. Nothing was done in BB contracts. Closing prices were: September, 18.30 to 18.70c.; October, 17.50c.; November, 17.50c.; December, 17.50c.; January, 17.20 to 17.50c.; February, 17.20; March, 17.20c.; March-April, 17.20c.; May, 17.20c.; June, 17.20c.; July, 17.20 to 17.30c.; August, 17.20c.; Spot, 18.50c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot, September, October-December and January-March all 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. Spot first latex crepe, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19c.; lean thin brown crepe, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; specky, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; rolled, 18 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; No. 2 amber, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; No. 3, 18 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; No. 4, 17 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. Paras, Upriver fine spot, 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; coarse, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Acre fine spot, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 21c.; Brazil, washed, dried fine, 27c.; Caucho-Ball, upper, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. London, 8 1-16 to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for spot and September and 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8 13-16d. for October. Singapore dull and 1-16d. lower; September, 8 11-16d.; October-December, 8 9-16d. To-day prices were 20 to 40 points lower with sales of 552 lots. Final prices show a decline for the week of 50 to 60 points.

HIDES have been in fair demand so far as River Plate frigorificos are concerned. Others were in the main quiet. Sales included 43,000 Argentine steers at 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Stocks are now down to 18,000 hides and prices are a bid steadier. Common dry hides demand has not increased much; it is confined to small lots. City packer hides are neglected. Common dry, Cucutas, 35c.; Santa Marta and Orinocos, 34c.; Maracaibo and Savanillas, 33c. Packer, native steers, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; butt brands, 23c.; Colorados, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. New York City calfskins, 5-7s. 2.50c.; 7-9s. 3c.; 9-12s. 3.90c. Later 100 Central Americans were reported sold at 33c. but 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. is now asked. Some 4,000 Swift La Plata steers sold

at \$52 or 24½¢. and 1,400 August native steers sold at 24½¢. Recently, it is stated, 10,000 native bull hides sold at 14½¢. for January-June and 15½¢. for June forward.

OCEAN FREIGHT.—Lumber rates advanced. Rates later were generally unchanged. Grain charters increased.

CHARTERS included lumber Gulf Sept. to Buenos Aires, 156s. 3d.; grain, 33,000 qrs. Montreal Sept. 10-25 Lisbon-Leixos, 17c. and 18c.; 23,000 qrs. same Sept. 14-28 Birkenhead, 3s. 1½d.; 25,000 qrs. Montreal Oct. 15-31 to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 14½¢; prompt grain bert to London, Manchester and Liverpool, 1s. 9d.; Hull, 2s. 7½d.; Avonmouth, 2s. 6d.; Leith, 2s. 7½d.; Glasgow, 1s. 9d.; Antwerp, 10c.; Rotterdam, 11c.; Bremen, 13c.; Hamburg, 10c.; French Atlantic, 11c.; West Italy, 14c.; Venice and Trieste, 18c.; and Greece, 18c.; asking rates to active sugar ports for prompt loading: United Kingdom, 25c.; Genoa and Naples, passenger, \$8.50; and freight \$1 less; French Atlantic, 25c.; Marseilles per long ton, Bergen and Oslo, 30c.; Montevideo, \$10 per long ton passenger and \$1 less freight; 33,000 qrs. Montreal Sept. 20-Oct. 5, Antwerp or Rotterdam, 12c.; Hamburg-Bremen, 13c.; option up to full barley, 1c. more; 21,000 qrs. Montreal to Bristol Channel Sept. 20-Oct. 5, 2s. 10½d.; 32,000 qrs. same Sept. 20-27, Montreal to Marseilles, 16½¢; 30,000 qrs. Montreal Sept. 10-25, Lisbon-Leixos, 17c. Tankers—Black Sea Sept.-Oct. to U. K., 11s. 3d.; follow-up voyage, 11s. 9d. Lumber, Gulf Oct. 20-Nov. 20 to one port Plate, \$15.35; same net form, \$4.40; wheat, Vancouver to Shanghai, \$4.25 late Oct.-early Nov.; wheat, Vancouver to Hamburg, 29s. 6d.; option Rotterdam, 30s. 3d. Jan.; wheat, Vancouver to U. K. or Continent, Sept., 27s.; North Pacific to Mediterranean Sept., 31s.; Vancouver to U. K. or Continent, 29s.; option Antwerp-Rotterdam, 28s. 6d., Oct. 20-Nov. 20; grain, 32,000 qrs. Montreal Oct. 12-28 to Genoa, Leghorn and Naples, 17c.; 33,000 qrs. same Oct. 5-20 to Greece, 3s. 7½d.; 35,000 qrs. Montreal Oct. 1-15 to Mediterranean, 17c., 17½¢. and 18c.; wheat, Portland, Puget Sound or Vancouver to U. K.-Continent, Oct., 30c.; wheat, Vancouver to Antwerp or Rotterdam, Jan., 29s. 6d.; lumber, Puget Sound or Grays Harbor to north of Hatteras, Oct., \$14; wheat, British Columbia to U. K. or Continent, 29s. 6d. Oct.

TOBACCO.—For Wisconsin a pretty good demand has been reported. The same may be said of Java and Sumatra. Withdrawals and shipments are good where new business is not especially so. New crop Porto Rico tobacco is a new inducement to trade and fair-sized sales are reported. September is expected to bring with it increased trade. Manufacturers are becoming busier. Wisconsin binder 25 to 30c.; Northern, 40 to 45c.; Southern, 35 to 40c.; New York State, seconds, 35 to 40c.; Ohio, Gebhardt binder, 22 to 24c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 30c.; Havana, first Remedios, 90 to 95c.; second Remedios, 70 to 75c.; Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, 10c.; broad leaf binder, 20 to 25½¢; Porto Rico, 60 to 80c.; Connecticut, No. 1 second 1925 crop, 65c.; seed fillers, 20c.; medium wrappers, 65c.; dark wrappers, 1925 crop, 40c.

COAL.—Output is gaining. Export trade is slow. Domestic demand is fair. Some signs are reported of a revival of trade in bituminous for the home trade. With an output of 9,400,000 short tons of bituminous the total last week reached a new current tonnage record 274,000 tons larger than in the previous week. The Bureau of Mines in new figures put the output of the soft coal industry at 41,041,000 tons for August, or 664,000 tons less than a year before and 4,765,000 tons more than a month before. Hard coal production increased a third over July, 1928 to 6,789,000 tons which was 900,000 tons under the tonnage mined in Aug. 1927. Bituminous, New York tidewater piers, Navy standard, \$5.25 to \$5.60; high volatile steam, \$4.30 to \$4.60; high grade medium volatile, \$4.90 to \$5; Anthracite coal, company, grate, \$8.25; stove, \$9.10; pea, \$5; egg, \$8.75; nut, \$8.75. In the Aug. 27th week Lake Erie steamer loadings totaled 1,279,000 tons of cargo and fuel soft coal against 980,000 the year before. In the increase of bituminous coal output Illinois is now mining over 800,000 tons. Hard coal output increased to 1,732,000 tons in the Aug. 25th week, a gain of over 300,000 tons in seven days.

COPPER was in good demand. Sales of some producers in August were larger than their production. Domestic business on the 4th inst. was rather quiet, but sales for export were quite large, being 2,500 to 2,600 tons. Very little September copper is available. In fact, there is not much to offer for October. The October production, it is said, will be completely booked by Sept. 15. The Lake district reported an increased demand for shipment to the Middle West. The Calumet & Hecla plant is said to be making daily shipments of 150,000 tons by rail. In London on the 4th inst. spot standard advanced 3s. 9d. to £62 16s. 3d.; futures up 5s. to £63 6s. 3d.; sales, 50 tons spot and 550 futures; electrolytic unchanged at £68 15s. for spot and £69 5s. for futures. In London on the 5th inst. spot standard was up 3s. 9d. to £63; futures rose 2s. 6d. to £63 8s. 9d.; sales, 100 ton spot and 550 futures; electrolytic unchanged for both spot and futures. Later there was a better export trade, the sales on the 6th inst. being nearly 6,000 tons. The home demand was rather better. August sales were the largest since May. Prices were firm. On the 6th inst. in London spot standard declined 3s. 9d. to £62 16s. 3d.; futures off 10s. 6d. to £63 6s. 3d.; sales, 100 tons spot and 400 futures. Electrolytic was £68 15s. spot and £69 5s. for futures.

TIN was active. Sales have latterly been from 200 to 400 tons daily. The world's visible supply increased 434 tons in August to 18,456 tons. This is the largest total seen in years. The world supply a year ago was only 14,487 tons. The United States visible increased to 10,371 tons in August against 9,424 tons in July and 9,051 tons in June. On the 4th inst. nearby deliveries fell slightly but generally prices showed little change from those at the end of last week. Sales were made of 25 tons from steamer at dock at 47½¢. on the 4th, and 50 tons of July-August shipments at 46.80¢. Spot 99% tin sold at 47c.; refined at 47½¢. and first half of November at 46½¢. The pack of corn, peas

and toamtoes this year it is estimated will be 47,000,000 cases against 36,419,739 last year and 61,906,000 in 1925, the record year. In London on the 4th inst. spot standard was unchanged at £213 10s.; futures off 7s. 6d. to £210; sales, 50 tons spot and 400 futures; spot Straits advanced 5s. to £216 15s.; Eastern c. i. f. London up 2s. 6d. from Friday to £213 5s. with sales of 150 tons. Strait shipments in September are expected to reach 7,000 tons as contrasted with 9,309 tons in August. The amount of tin afloat has been reduced to 6,373 tons against 8,000 a week ago. Sales were made here on the 5th inst. at 47½¢. to 47½¢. for spot, 47 to 47½¢. for September, 46½¢. to 46½¢. for October, 46½¢. for November, 46¼¢. for December and 46½¢. for later deliveries. In London on the 5th inst. spot standard fell £2 17s. 6d.; to £210 12s. 6d.; futures off, £1 10s. to £208 10s.; sales, 100 tons spot and 220 futures; spot Straits dropped £2 17s. 6d. to £213 17s. 6d.; Eastern c. i. f. London declined 2s. 6d. to £213 2s. 6d. on sales of 250 tons.

Later there was a better business, with not much change in prices. September-October shipment from the Straits sold at 46.45 to 46.50c. Outside October sold at 46½¢. In China the natives are holding for higher prices. In London on the 6th inst. spot standard advanced 12s. 6d. to £211 5s.; futures up 15s. to £209 5s.; sales 100 tons spot and 400 futures. Spot Straits up 7s. 6d. to £214 5s. Eastern c. i. f. London £212, with sales of 300 tons.

LEAD was in good demand and firmer. Good buying continued despite an advance of 50c. per ton by a leading producer in the Middle West to 6.25c. East St. Louis on the 4th inst. The American Smelting Co. quoted 6.40c. New York but advance from this quarter would not be surprising. Some malleable metal was still obtainable in the Middle West at 6.22½¢., but it is believed that very soon this price will disappear. Sales in the last 10 days have been larger than for any similar period in the past year. In London on the 4th inst. spot advanced 1s. 3d. to £22 7s. 6d.; futures unchanged at £22 1s. 3d.; sales, 600 tons spot and 2,700 futures. In London on the 5th inst. prices fell 1s. 3d. to £22 6s. 3d. for spot and £22 for futures; sales, 500 tons spot and 500 futures. September production is said to be completely sold up in some cases and producers are reluctant to sell for October. Later the tone was firm, though the cables were not encouraging. September output is said to have been sold. London spot price is at a premium over futures on account of scarcity, however that market may act in the meantime. New York, 6.40c.; East St. Louis, 6.25c., though they say that in some cases a higher price has been paid for quick shipment. In London on the 6th inst. prices declined 2s. 6d.; spot, £22 3s. 9d.; futures, £21 17s. 6d.; sales, 300 tons spot and 500 futures.

ZINC remained firm for a time at 6.25c. East St. Louis for prime Western slab despite the fact that production last week again exceeded sales. The production was 12,000 tons against sales of 7,460 tons. All sorts of schemes for curtailing production are being talked of. One plan calls for operation of four days a week, another for five days a week, while another is for three weeks' operation out of four. In London on the 4th inst. prices advanced 1s. 3d. to £24 16s. 3d. for spot and £24 17s. 6d. for futures; sales 150 tons spot and 225 tons of futures. In London on the 5th inst. prices were up 1s. 3d. to £24 17s. 6d. for spot and £24 18s. 9d. for futures; sales 25 tons spot and 200 futures. Latterly prices seemed to weaken a little; certainly rumors were current that sales were being made at under 6.25c. Latterly New York has been called 6.57½ to 6.60c. and East St. Louis 6.22½ to 6.25c. Trade is unsatisfactory. That is the sore point. In London on the 6th inst. prices declined 1s. 3d.; spot £24 16s. 3d.; futures £24 17s. Sales were 200 tons of futures.

STEEL has been in fair demand after the unusual sales of July and August. Are they to keep up or die down is the question. There is a steady demand and specifying is reported on a considerable scale on shapes, plates and bars largely from a fear of higher prices after Sept. 10th. That is the final date for specifying on old contracts. Sheet orders of this kind have been promoted by the reduction in the cash discount which will go into effect on Oct. 1st. At Pittsburgh big concerns are running at 80 to 85%. Sales of pipe are reported large. Specifications on finished and semi-finished products are unhesitating. It is stated that automobile manufacturers again are taking large quantities of steel. Besides there are many small orders specifying a great variety of steel products. Shipments in August were as a rule larger than in July. They quoted \$33 on 4x4 inch rerolling billets, slabs and sheet bars and the same price is named by some on sheet bars for fourth quarter. Wire rods are \$42 based for this period and also the fourth quarter. Forgings billets are \$38.

PIG IRON output increased in August 2%; that is to 101,180 tons daily against 99,091 in July. Yet little new demand has appeared here this week. Prices are reported firm. Sales last week were 60,000 tons at Buffalo, 40,000 at Cleveland, 50,000 at Philadelphia, 50,000 tons at Chicago and 17,000 at New York. That is of course no bad showing especially for this time of year. Birmingham quotes \$16.25 for No. 2 foundry. They hope for \$16.50 in October. One reports says that prices of pig iron have been advanced 50c. per ton in the valley district, where No. 2 foundry now sells, it is stated, at \$17 with Bessemer

at \$17.25 and basic iron at \$16.50. The average selling price of basic pig iron in August was the same as in July, i. e. \$16 at Valley furnace against an average of \$15.43 for June. The week tonnage record on the barge canal reached a new peak in the week ended August 25th with a total of 117,695 tons. Chicago has not yet raised prices but there advances are still predicted. At Pittsburgh consumers of pig iron are also hurriedly placing their fourth quarter requirements before the advance recently made goes into effect.

WOOL has been steadier with a rather better business reported in fine and fine medium wools. Larger specifications are reported by topmakers. At Sydney prices in the main have not changed much though a bit irregular. Japan has been the largest operator. At Brisbane next week 50,000 bales will be offered. Prices at the opening of the season in South Africa are firmer than in Sydney with average 12 months 64-70s. combing about 97c. clean landed in bond. At the East India auctions in Liverpool, Sept. 11 to 14, inclusive, 21,500 bales of wool will be offered. The London Colonial wool auctions (fifth series) begin on Sept. 18, quantity yet to be announced with about nine selling days. Several consignments of foreign wool have been sent to the sales from this side it is stated.

Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine in Boston, 47c.; 1/2 blood, 50c.; 3/8 blood, 54c.; 1/4 blood, 54c.; Territory clean basis, fine staple, \$1.12; fine medium French combing, \$1 to \$1.05; clothing, 95c. to \$1; 1/2 blood staple, \$1.08 to \$1.10; 3/8 blood, \$1 to \$1.05; 1/4 blood, 92 to 97c.; Texas clean basis, fine 12 months, \$1.08 to \$1.10; fine 8 months, 98c. to \$1; fall, 95 to 97c.; pulled, scoured basis, A super, \$1.05 to \$1.10; B, \$1 to \$1.05; C, 85 to 90c.; domestic mohair original Texas, 65 to 70c.; Australian clean basis in bond, 64-70s, combing super, \$1 to \$1.05; 64-70s, clothing, 90 to 92c.; 64s combing, 95c.; 58-60s, 88 to 90c.; 56s, 80 to 85c.

A government report on Sept. 4 said: "Wool dealers are awaiting with keen interest the announcement this week by manufacturers of the new prices on fancy goods for the coming spring season. They feel that a considerable volume of business on wools especially of the finer qualities is being withheld pending the establishment of the price basis on goods. The receipts of domestic wool at Boston last week amounted to 5,226,800 lbs. as compared with 4,367,200 lbs. for the previous week. Imports of combing greasy wools at the three major Eastern ports last week were very light." At Sydney, Australia, on Sept. 4, 4,880 bales were offered and 4,470 sold. Demand increasing. Faulty wools appeared more steady. Clearances were larger at higher prices. The general tendency was firmer, equalling the best of last week's rates.

COTTON

Friday Night, Sept. 7 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 222,173 bales, against 129,694 bales last week and 58,671 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1928 463,194 bales, against 878,402 bales for the same period of 1927, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1928 of 415,208 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	13,338	8,740	17,445	8,524	7,508	5,232	60,787
Texas City						1,239	1,239
Houston	9,646	16,848	11,879	10,776	9,182	11,736	70,067
Corpus Christi	18,800	1,264		35,461		15,725	71,250
New Orleans	1	1,629	1,129	3,579	2,697	1,857	10,892
Mobile	13	7	25	71	289	82	487
Savannah	312		1,246	1,607	1,288	1,561	6,014
Charleston	33		151	317	229	170	900
Wilmington	2						2
Norfolk			196		71	203	470
Boston					21	23	44
Baltimore						21	21
Totals this week	42,145	28,488	32,071	60,335	21,285	37,849	222,173

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1928 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Sept. 7.	1928.		1927.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	60,787	123,594	53,855	152,557	130,319	219,251
Texas City	1,239	2,992	676	2,195	3,137	4,040
Houston	70,067	187,168	100,650	369,997	229,104	354,702
Port Arthur, &c.	71,250	97,137				
New Orleans	10,892	34,250	33,721	93,601	80,802	226,358
Gulfport		550	9,098	64,100		
Mobile	487	1,034	8,622	22,683	1,909	20,717
Pensacola						
Jacksonville					613	585
Savannah	6,014	8,865	43,200	131,874	17,115	90,939
Brunswick						
Charleston	900	3,345	7,817	25,195	15,280	24,366
Georgetown					522	
Wilmington	2	168	522	1,969	3,419	5,557
Norfolk	470	2,148	1,353	4,665	18,023	20,521
N'port News, &c.						
New York		240	203	874	17,785	209,858
Boston	44	439	68	3,345	2,294	5,357
Baltimore	21	1,264	1,688	5,347	886	619
Philadelphia					4,429	7,136
Totals	222,173	463,194	261,473	878,402	525,637	1,188,406

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we given below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Galveston	60,787	53,855	47,328	56,516	92,349	114,183
Houston*	70,067	100,650	79,276	9,094	36,481	21,949
New Orleans	10,892	33,721	19,470	62,747	29,380	15,472
Mobile	487	8,622	3,108	10,430	5,460	2,855
Savannah	6,014	43,200	37,832	52,477	43,013	10,529
Brunswick						
Charleston	900	7,817	17,279	11,311	4,712	1,233
Wilmington	2	522	811	2,676	544	396
Norfolk	470	1,353	1,873	2,277	1,140	2,765
N'port N., &c.						
All others	72,554	11,733	1,824	4,091	9,042	3,460
Total this wk.	222,173	261,473	208,801	211,619	222,121	170,272
Since Aug. 1	463,194	878,402	671,624	788,499	601,694	604,653

* 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 143,747 bales, of which 7,032 were to Great Britain, 12,087 to France, 52,543 to Germany, 7,925 to Italy, 25,484 to Russia, 21,275 to Japan and China and 17,401 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 121,421 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 404,498 bales, against 513,785 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Sept. 7 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston		3,309	8,877	2,292	6,348	1,500	6,792	29,118
Houston	3,198		15,747	1,455			550	20,950
Corpus Christi	2,762	8,778	26,967	3,714		19,775	9,254	71,250
New Orleans			308	464	19,136			19,913
Mobile	185							185
Savannah	201		462					663
New York	586		182				800	1,568
Los Angeles	100							100
Total	7,032	12,087	52,543	7,925	25,484	21,275	17,401	143,747
Total 1927	13,592	4,218	66,307	3,341	13,100	11,247	9,616	121,421
Total 1926	12,000	937	47,123	450	8,700	2,650	3,927	75,793

From Aug. 1 1928 to Sept. 7 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	3,243	4,857	14,760	8,599	14,798	10,380	13,929	70,566
Houston	7,832	12,389	19,277	6,485	12,058	16,855	9,371	84,267
Corp. Christie	7,395	14,068	39,216	11,714			38,071	127,537
Port Arthur		550						550
New Orleans	12,394	2,314	4,237	2,666	53,591	125	2,383	77,110
Mobile	664		358	100			50	1,172
Savannah	611		1,812			500	401	3,324
Charleston	1,078	31	815				1,715	3,639
Wilmington				3,500				3,500
Norfolk	3,771		1,402					5,173
New York	7,459	134	13,185	1,369		1,475	1,325	24,977
Los Angeles	100		230			648		978
Seattle						275		275
Total	44,577	34,343	95,292	34,433	80,447	68,329	42,077	404,498
Total 1927	67,164	52,855	181,305	27,000	82,026	52,853	50,582	513,785
Total 1926	84,069	53,323	174,919	46,031	69,956	35,005	38,104	501,407

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 July the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 16,077 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 17,591 bales. For the twelve months ended July 31 1928 there were 230,562 bales exported as against 274,919 bales for the corresponding twelve 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:

Sept. 7 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	3,100	3,300	4,300	13,000	2,000	104,619
New Orleans	2,629	283	780	6,604	25	70,481
Savannah						17,115
Charleston						15,280
Mobile	115			375		1,419
Norfolk					450	17,573
Other ports*	1,500	1,000	2,000	5,000	50	252,639
Total 1928	7,344	4,583	7,080	24,979	2,525	479,126
Total 1927	4,495	4,730	19,985	27,094	5,944	62,248
Total 1926	13,002	8,988	25,565	28,579	12,333	88,467

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been quiet awaiting the Government report which will appear at noon to-morrow (Saturday). It will be too late for Saturday's trading; it can only be acted upon on Monday. Seldom has a report been more anxiously awaited. Seldom has it meant more for the enlightenment of cotton people. They are utterly at a loss as to the size of the crop. Prices advanced moderately in response to rainfalls in Georgia and the Carolinas, rather heavy precipitations at times elsewhere in the belt and abnormally low minimum temperatures over much of the belt, i. e., 48 to 49 in parts of Arkansas and in the 50s and 60s in Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Louisiana as well as in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Atlantic rainfalls in August were in some cases very large; sometimes treble those in the same month of last year and the year before. Not all of the mills of the Carolinas closed for the first week

of September; not so many as closed in July and August. For trade is somewhat better. Spot markets have latterly advanced with some increase in the demand. The daily sales have caught up with those of corresponding days last year and even exceeded them. Crop reports have been had from many parts of the belt; bad on account of the weevil from the Eastern and Central belts and bad because of shedding and premature opening in the Western belt, though from that section have also come reports of damage by weevil and boll worms. The mills have been calling more freely on October. Liverpool has now and then been a buyer. An active and rising stock market has had some steadying effect at times, as Wall Street bought. The technical position is better. The market is believed to be heavily short. The average crop estimate is 14,479,000 bales against 14,747,000 a month ago and 12,955,000 the last yield. One recent estimate was as low as 13,900,000; another 14,154,000. Many mills are believed to be carrying much depleted stocks of raw cotton. Some of them in buying it now call for prompt delivery.

At one time a tropical storm seemed to be advancing from the Caribbean at the rate of 300 miles a day but latterly nothing has been said about it.

The weekly report said that the weather for the week was in general rather unfavorable for cotton, as further rains in the eastern States of the belt and in some East Gulf sections were detrimental and rainfall was insufficient to relieve the drought in parts of Texas. In the Carolinas progress was mostly fair, but there were increasing reports of shedding, and cloudy wet weather favored the increase of weevil activity. In Georgia progress was very irregular, being mostly good in the north and in scattered localities elsewhere, but the crop deteriorated where there was too much rain, with continued shedding of young bolls; warm, dry weather is generally needed. In Tennessee progress was fair to very good, with plants fruiting well, but with some shedding. In Alabama and Mississippi, the weekly advance was poor to only fair, with deterioration in some sections and considerable shedding, reports of rotting bolls and conditions favorable for weevil. Frequent rains were unfavorable in Louisiana with some damage to open bolls. In Arkansas, progress was mostly good in the north, but in central and southern portions ranged from deterioration to only fair, with blooming ceased in most sections. In Oklahoma cotton is badly spotted, ranging from poor to very good; weekly progress was mostly poor, with much shedding and opening rather slowly. In Texas progress and condition were also spotted, ranging from poor in some dryer central and southern sections, with bolls small and considerable shedding to very good in parts of the North and West. There were local rains in nearly all parts, but very irregularly and unevenly distributed, with picking interrupted in some wetter sections.

On the other hand the conflict of opinion as to the size of the crop—13,900,000 to 15,500,000 bales—has tended to halt speculation. It has been largely a trading market. Cotton goods generally quiet. Some regard this as a serious drawback. It is doubted in some quarters whether the consumption will be as large as last year. According to some estimates it may be 15,505,000 bushels. The average for two years it is true is 15,700,000. The market has for the most part been curiously indifferent to abnormal rainfalls and temperatures. Outside speculation has been wanting. An active stock market seems to attract outsiders; cotton is relegated to the background. Many scout the idea of there being any danger of a scarcity of cotton this season. The failure of two small Liverpool firms reported on Thursday caused some uneasiness there, but not much effect on the market, which closed 6 to 12 American points lower.

To-day prices advanced 10 to 12 points at one time, but reacted later. The tone was rather restrained on the eve of the Government report. The cables were undemonstrative. The weather in the Atlantic States was rather better, although there was still some rain which was not at all wanted. Moreover, there were flood warnings for the rivers of both Carolinas. Spot markets were somewhat higher with a good demand. Worth Street was more active at firmer prices. Manchester talked more cheerfully. Europe and Japan are said to be inquiring more freely for September and December shipments of new cotton. Texas advices were in the main unfavorable. In some usually good producing counties it is said there will be a bale to 3 to 5 acres. East of the Mississippi there was talk of the bad effect of weevil, shedding, rust and rotting of bolls. New York in fact is flooded with bad crop reports from all over the belt. If they are backed up by the Government report to-morrow some think the effect will be decidedly marked. It is said that mill stocks have become very much depleted. Some of the Continental markets are declared to be short. Final prices show a rise for the week of 27 to 35 points. Spot cotton ended at 19.40c. for middling, a rise for the week of 35 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Sept. 6 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Sept. 13:

Middling fair.....	.84 on	*Middling yellow tinged.....	1.21 off
Strict good middling.....	.60 on	*Strict low middling yellow tinged.....	1.82 off
Good middling.....	.39 on	*Low middling yellow tinged.....	2.57 off
Strict middling.....	.26 on	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	.81 off
Middling.....	Basis	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.30 off
Strict low middling.....	.58 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	1.90 off
Low middling.....	1.21 off	Good middling yellow stained.....	.95 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.90 off	*Strict middling yellow stained.....	1.80 off
*Good ordinary.....	2.64 off	*Middling yellow stained.....	2.45 off
Good middling spotted.....	.21 on	Good middling gray.....	.50 off
Strict middling spotted.....	.03 off	Strict middling gray.....	.78 off
Middling spotted.....	.54 off	*Middling gray.....	1.14 off
*Strict low middling spotted.....	1.11 off	*Good middling blue stained.....	1.53 off
*Low middling spotted.....	1.85 off	*Strict middling blue stained.....	2.15 off
Strict good middling yellow tinged.....	.04 off	*Middling blue stained.....	2.92 off
Good middling yellow tinged.....	.37 off		
Strict middling yellow tinged.....	.71 off		

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Sept. 1 to Sept. 7—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	Hol.	Hol.	19.05	19.25	19.35	19.40

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. ct.	Total.
Saturday---		Holiday.			
Monday---		Holiday.			
Tuesday---	Quiet, unchanged	Barely steady	27	100	27
Wednesday---	Quiet, 20 pts. adv.	Very steady		100	100
Thursday---	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Friday---	Steady 5 pts. adv.	Steady	1,610		1,610
Total.....			1,637	100	1,737
Since Aug. 1.....			20,661	1,500	22,161

FUTURES. The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Sept. 1.	Monday, Sept. 3.	Tuesday, Sept. 4.	Wednesday, Sept. 5.	Thursday, Sept. 6.	Friday, Sept. 7.
Sept.—						
Range..			18.86	19.00	19.15	19.20
Closing..						
Oct.—			18.81-19.03	18.86-19.05	18.94-19.13	19.05 1922
Range..			18.81-18.82	18.96-18.98	19.10	19.15-19.17
Closing..						
Nov.—			18.69	18.84	19.00	19.03
Range..						
Closing..						
Dec.—			18.65-18.83	18.70-18.92	18.79-18.98	18.91-19.08
Range..			18.65-18.67	18.80-18.82	18.97-18.98	19.00-19.03
Closing..						
Jan.—			18.58-18.81	18.63-18.85	18.71-18.91	18.85-19.02
Range..			18.58-18.60	18.72-18.75	18.89-18.91	18.93-18.94
Closing..						
Feb.—		Holiday.	18.58	18.72	18.89	18.92
Range..	Holiday.	Holiday.				
Closing..						
Mar.—			18.58-18.80	18.64-18.84	18.72-18.92	18.84-19.00
Range..			18.58-18.60	18.72-18.74	18.88-18.90	18.91-18.93
Closing..						
Apr.—			18.60	18.70	18.88	18.88
Range..						
Closing..						
May.—			18.62-18.84	18.65-18.85	18.71-18.90	18.84-18.96
Range..			18.62-18.63	18.70-18.73	18.87-18.90	18.86-18.87
Closing..						
June.—			18.57	18.65	18.80	18.81
Range..						
Closing..						
July.—			18.52-18.72	18.56-18.74	18.62-18.73	18.72-18.85
Range..			18.52	18.63	18.73	18.75
Closing..						

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Sept. 7 1928 and since trading began on each option:

Option for	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Aug. 1928.....		17.65 Feb. 8 1928
Sept. 1928.....		17.45 Jan. 28 1928
Oct. 1928.....	18.81 Sept. 4	18.15 Aug. 13 1928
Nov. 1928.....	18.58 Sept. 4	17.25 Jan. 28 1928
Dec. 1928.....	18.65 Sept. 4	16.98 June 12 1928
Jan. 1929.....	18.58 Sept. 4	17.00 Feb. 2 1928
Feb. 1929.....		18.68 Aug. 21 1928
Mar. 1929.....	18.58 Sept. 4	18.12 Aug. 13 1928
April 1929.....		18.58 Aug. 10 1928
May 1929.....	18.62 Sept. 4	18.10 Aug. 13 1928
June 1929.....		18.00 Aug. 13 1928
July 1929.....	18.52 Sept. 4	18.52 Sept. 7 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.	1925.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 633,000	1,055,000	804,000	467,000
Stock at London.....			1,000	
Stock at Manchester.....	54,000	99,000	70,000	36,000
Total Great Britain.....	687,000	1,154,000	874,000	504,000
Stock at Hamburg.....				
Stock at Bremen.....	272,000	312,000	59,000	45,000
Stock at Havre.....	155,000	177,000	93,000	67,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	9,000	9,000	1,000	2,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	69,000	87,000	37,000	34,000
Stock at Genoa.....	23,000	15,000	6,000	5,000
Stock at Ghent.....				5,000
Stock at Antwerp.....				1,000
Total Continental stocks.....	528,000	600,000	196,000	159,000
Total European stocks.....	1,215,000	1,754,000	1,070,000	663,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	61,000	69,000	50,000	85,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	251,000	322,000	299,000	281,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	104,000	130,000	128,000	126,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	150,000	261,000	151,000	47,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	970,000	442,000	356,000	451,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	a255,637a1	188,406	a690,288	498,156
Stock 'n U. S. interior towns.....	a251,324	a371,441	a490,340	525,502
U. S. exports to-day.....		1,541		10,000
Total visible supply.....	3,527,961	4,539,388	3,234,628	2,686,658

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—	1928	1927	1926	1925
Liverpool stock	356,000	733,000	399,000	160,000
Manchester stock	33,000	85,000	48,000	31,000
Continental stock	465,000	554,000	139,000	110,000
American afloat for Europe	251,000	329,000	299,000	281,000
U. S. port stocks	251,637	1,584,406	690,288	498,156
U. S. interior stocks	251,324	4371,441	4,490,340	525,502
U. S. exports to-day	-----	1,541	-----	10,000
Total American	1,881,961	3,255,388	2,065,628	1,615,658
<i>East Indian, Brazil, &c.—</i>				
Liverpool stock	277,000	322,000	405,000	307,000
London stock	-----	-----	-----	1,000
Manchester	21,000	14,000	22,000	5,000
Continental stock	63,000	46,000	57,000	49,000
Indian afloat for Europe	61,000	69,000	50,000	85,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	104,000	130,000	128,000	126,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	150,000	261,000	151,000	47,000
Stock in Bombay, India	970,000	442,000	356,000	451,000
Total East India, &c.	1,646,000	1,284,000	1,169,000	1,071,000
Total American	1,881,961	3,255,388	2,065,628	1,615,658

Total visible supply

	1928	1927	1926	1925
Middling uplands, Liverpool	10,62d.	12,67d.	10,16d.	13,01d.
Middling uplands, New York	19,40c.	23,60c.	18,50c.	23,95c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool	20,10c.	22,40d.	19,15c.	30,75d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	12,75d.	13,75d.	14,50d.	23,00d.
Broad, fine, Liverpool	9,20d.	11,45d.	8,80c.	11,70d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	10,15d.	11,85d.	9,35d.	12,10d.

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 36,000 bales. The above figures for 1928 show an increase from last week of 47,573 bales, a loss of 1,011,427 from 1927, an increase of 293,333 bales over 1926, and a gain of 841,303 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 Sept. 7 1928.				Movement to Sept. 9 1927.			
	Receipts.		Shipment. Sept. 7.	Stocks Sept. 7.	Receipts.		Shipment. Sept. 9.	Stocks Sept. 9.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	35	202	604	540	1,507	1	1,207	
Eufaula	274	451	200	916	2,000	6,483	1,500	
Montgomery	235	395	392	4,544	7,234	18,271	1,986	
Selma	486	1,450	694	3,600	7,119	15,467	2,169	
Ark., Blytheville	20	20	105	2,462	8	229	751	
Forest City	22	30	93	2,036	7	232	22	
Helena	823	904	320	1,536	1,061	1,602	601	
Hope	107	237	715	4,019	25	313	-----	
Jonesboro	107	10	3	413	4	4	-----	
Little Rock	17	522	452	4,589	629	1,001	565	
Newport	1	1	18	310	-----	500	-----	
Pine Bluff	143	143	82	1,638	797	2,473	706	
Walnut Ridge	3	15	50	779	673	2,752	382	
Ga., Albany	105	901	287	10,140	352	1,826	883	
Athens	2,892	9,062	1,461	12,633	17,578	41,707	4,752	
Atlanta	86	832	412	409	800	1,675	600	
Augusta	1,024	1,181	726	1,736	5,880	14,093	3,408	
Columbus	1	381	250	7,115	85	200	250	
Macon	2,086	2,198	168	10,633	100	2,770	1,200	
Rome	972	1,273	802	12,268	5,361	6,521	2,384	
La., Shreveport	8	11	27	285	-----	380	-----	
Miss., Clarksdale	1,127	1,927	917	21,327	17,230	17,934	7,576	
Columbus	144	177	58	480	4,587	9,145	958	
Greenwood	316	559	1	11,175	2,803	5,263	409	
Meridian	898	1,078	171	5,004	314	752	33	
Natchez	1,731	11,416	1,826	2,013	2,118	14,734	2,285	
Vicksburg	1	161	425	3,001	573	3,207	1,971	
Yazoo City	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	17	55	
Mo., St. Louis	165	543	769	6,567	1,641	7,063	1,552	
N. C., Greensboro	1,077	13,956	2,665	8,402	3,378	19,332	7,268	
Raleigh	3,970	24,572	7,382	57,108	5,568	44,214	7,578	
Oklahoma	-----	110	-----	216	-----	-----	146	
15 towns*	6,061	7,101	4,053	3,234	2,462	5,538	1,014	
Tex., Abilene	2,000	5,017	1,000	11,926	2,252	6,005	1,768	
Austin	245	2,602	591	12,588	1,762	2,979	1,186	
Brenham	1,020	1,143	703	4,489	88	3,090	2,020	
Dallas	1,029	12,508	1,651	1,037	7,28	28,783	6,151	
Paris	3,656	14,902	2,565	4,693	1,28	18,831	1,949	
Robstown	200	356	100	797	71	1,177	179	
San Antonio	7,175	11,586	3,193	10,124	6,558	13,396	4,303	
Texarkana	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Waco	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Total, 56 towns	40,139	129,854	35,548	251,324	108,191	323,558	71,437	

x Discontinued. * Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 5,753 bales and are to-night 120,117 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 68,652 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Year	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921
1928	19.40c	19.20	32.25c	19.12	11.85c	19.04	11.25c	-----
1927	22.70c	19.19	29.45	19.11	11.70c	19.03	12.50c	-----
1926	18.60c	19.18	36.45c	19.10	14.15c	19.02	8.88c	-----
1925	23.55c	19.17	21.35c	19.09	13.00c	19.01	8.62c	-----
1924	25.80c	19.16	15.50c	19.08	9.30c	19.00	10.12c	-----
1923	27.80c	19.15	9.80c	19.07	13.50c	18.99	6.10c	-----
1922	21.25c	19.14	-----	19.06	9.80c	18.98	5.75c	-----
1921	19.75c	19.13	12.75c	19.05	10.70c	18.97	7.50c	-----

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

	1928		1927	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
<i>Shipped—</i>				
Via St. Louis	1,826	11,576	2,285	16,317
Via Mounds, &c.	75	545	1,320	8,724
Via Rock Island	-----	-----	-----	44
Via Louisville	149	1,584	311	2,236
Via Virginia points	4,070	20,499	4,688	27,864
Via other routes, &c.	5,300	29,975	5,601	31,706
Total gross overland	11,420	64,179	14,205	86,891
<i>Deduct Shipments—</i>				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	65	1,943	1,959	9,566
Between interior towns	297	1,986	321	2,230
Inland, &c., from South	10,038	51,309	10,154	51,080
Total to be deducted	10,400	55,238	12,434	62,876
Leaving total net overland*	1,020	8,941	1,771	24,015

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 1,020 bales, against 1,771 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 15,074 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.

	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Sept. 7	222,173	463,194	261,473	878,402
Net overland to Sept. 7	1,020	8,941	1,771	24,015
Southern consumption to Sept. 7	100,000	540,000	115,000	671,000
Total marketed	323,193	1,012,135	378,244	1,573,417
Interior stocks in excess	5,753	*63,176	34,827	*1,511
Came into sight during week	328,946	-----	413,071	-----
Total in sight Sept. 7	-----	948,959	-----	1,571,906

North. spinn's takings to Sept. 7 22,260 92,012 22,975 92,814
* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Year	Week.	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1927—Sept. 7	-----	282,332	1927	1,021,803
1926—Sept. 9	-----	494,333	1926	1,190,257
1925—Sept. 12	-----	380,844	1925	1,453,135

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—

Week Ended Sept. 7.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	-----	-----	18.50	18.65	18.80	18.85
New Orleans	-----	-----	18.55	18.70	18.82	18.71
Mobile	-----	-----	18.10	18.20	18.30	18.35
Savannah	-----	-----	18.32	18.46	18.85	18.91
Norfolk	-----	-----	18.81	19.00	19.13	19.00
Baltimore	19.15	Holiday.	19.15	19.15	19.30	19.30
Augusta	-----	-----	18.38	18.63	18.75	18.81
Memphis	-----	-----	18.40	18.55	18.70	18.55
Houston	18.40	-----	18.40	18.55	18.70	18.70
Little Rock	-----	-----	18.22	18.36	18.50	18.50
Dallas	-----	-----	17.90	18.00	18.10	18.10
Fort Worth	-----	-----	17.90	18.00	18.10	18.10

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, Sept. 1.	Monday, Sept. 3.	Tuesday, Sept. 4.	Wednesday, Sept. 5.	Thursday, Sept. 6.	Friday, Sept. 7.
October	-----	-----	18.15	18.30-18.31	18.42-18.43	18.40-18.41
November	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
December	-----	-----	18.22-18.23	18.35-18.37	18.48-18.49	18.48
January	-----	-----	18.22-18.23	1834 Bld	18.50	18.49
February	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
March	-----	-----	18.25	18.35	18.52	18.51
April	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
May	-----	-----	18.27	18.34-18.35	18.51-18.52	18.50
June	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
July	-----	-----	18.15 Bld	18.22 Bld	18.40 Bld	18.40 Bld
Trade	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Spot	-----	-----	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	-----	-----	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that too much rain has fallen during the week in the eastern portion of the cotton belt, and in some of the gulf sections. Temperatures the latter part of the week averaged somewhat below normal. Reports of shedding are increasing and the cool, wet weather has increased weevil activity.

Texas.—The progress and condition of cotton in this State is spotted, ranging from poor in some of the drier central and southern sections to very good in parts of the north and western sections. Some reports of shedding from the drier sections have been received.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather continues unfavorable, with frequent heavy showers in the interior which have retarded picking. There have been many complaints of shedding, imperfect bolls and weevil damage.

Charlotte, N. C.—The crop is going backward.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Tex.	-----	3 days 0.62 in.	high 86 low 68 mean 77
Abilene	-----	dry	high 92 low 60 mean 76
Brenham	-----	dry	high 96 low 58 mean 77
Brownsville	1 day	1.36 in.	high 96 low 68 mean 82
Corpus Christi	2 days	0.14 in.	high 92 low

	Rain	Rain/fall.	Thermometer		
Charlotte, N. C.	6 days	4.39 in.	high 94	low 57	mean 69
Newbern	7 days	8.30 in.	high 96	low 67	mean 82
Weldon	7 days	5.42 in.	high 99	low 58	mean 79
Memphis, Tenn.	2 days	1.83 in.	high 80	low 56	mean 68

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:

	Sept. 7 1928.	Sept. 9 1927.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge- 4.3	5.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge- 14.3	11.0
Nashville	Above zero of gauge- 12.6	7.0
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge- 5.6	7.2
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge- 20.8	22.0

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.
June 8	37,809	56,037	47,442	523,060	575,095	1,186,780	2,053	17,215	9,520
15	38,902	51,460	80,676	493,993	534,914	1,074,997	9,535	11,279	68,893
22	26,447	45,396	52,469	463,240	503,000	1,031,182	nil	13,482	8,654
29	30,851	36,843	53,126	437,961	471,669	987,093	5,572	5,612	9,037
July 6	36,994	38,801	37,067	407,726	449,131	952,467	6,759	16,263	12,407
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	358,443	392,271	884,912	nil	10,043	4,081
27	18,771	35,602	55,222	328,470	374,492	819,353	nil	17,823	19,663
Aug. 3	28,393	45,276	53,306	302,330	376,345	542,251	2,253	47,129	22,217
10	21,074	84,022	73,869	286,256	359,809	522,013	4,999	67,486	53,631
17	26,280	108,930	87,886	266,345	349,011	511,748	6,370	98,132	77,615
24	58,671	143,950	113,195	258,393	336,511	496,117	50,719	131,450	97,800
31	129,694	248,049	187,891	245,571	336,614	488,127	116,872	248,152	179,901
Sept. 7	222,173	261,473	208,801	251,324	371,441	490,340	227,926	296,300	211,014

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1928 are 406,886 bales; in 1927 were 876,891 bales, and in 1926 were 625,155 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 222,173 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 227,926 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 5,753 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 296,300 bales and for 1926 they were 211,014 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1928.		1927.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Aug. 31	3,480,388	4,175,480	4,480,172	4,961,754
Visible supply Aug. 1	328,946	948,959	413,071	1,571,906
American in sight to Sept. 7	1,000	28,000	14,000	58,000
Bombay receipts to Sept. 6	---	35,000	1,000	58,500
Other India ship'g to Sept. 6	5,200	7,200	13,000	28,860
Alexandria receipts to Sept. 5	15,000	81,000	18,000	72,000
Other supply to Sept. 5 * b	---	---	---	---
Total supply	3,830,534	5,275,639	4,939,243	6,780,020
Deduct	---	---	---	---
Visible supply	3,527,961	5,327,961	4,539,388	4,539,388
Total takings to Sept. 7 a	302,573	1,747,678	399,855	2,240,632
Of which American	237,373	1,308,478	288,855	1,706,272
Of which other	65,200	439,200	111,000	534,360

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 540,000 bales in 1928 and 671,000 bales in 1927—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,207,678 bales in 1928 and 1,569,632 bales in 1927, of which 768,478 bales and 1,035,272 bales American.
 b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Sept. 7. Receipts at—	1928.		1927.		1926.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	1,000	28,000	14,000	89,000	11,000	104,000

Exports from—	For the Week.			Since August 1.		
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.
Bombay—						
1928	2,000	3,000	32,000	4,000	40,000	107,000
1927	---	---	32,000	6,000	27,000	110,000
1926	---	8,000	---	1,000	30,000	120,000
Other India—						
1928	---	1,000	---	4,000	31,000	---
1927	---	---	---	7,500	51,000	---
1926	3,000	2,900	---	5,000	47,000	---
Total all—						
1928	---	---	32,000	8,000	71,000	107,000
1927	2,000	4,000	32,000	13,500	78,000	110,000
1926	3,000	10,900	---	13,000	77,000	120,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 13,000 bales. Exports from all Indian ports record a decrease of 6,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 15,500 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, Sept. 5.	1928.	1927.	1926.			
Receipts (cantars)—						
This week, Sept. 5	26,000	65,000	29,000			
Since Aug. 1	36,000	133,338	83,177			
Export (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	2,000	7,000	4,500	7,745	---	16,129
To Manchester, &c	4,000	13,000	4,000	9,691	5,750	12,850
To Continent and India	6,000	31,000	5,750	30,674	2,500	19,702
To America	4,000	11,000	1,500	10,899	1,750	7,419
Total exports	16,000	62,000	15,750	59,009	10,000	56,100

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Sept. 5 were 26,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 16,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is quiet, in cloths is steady. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1928.						1927.					
	32s Cop Twist.		40s, Common to Finest.		Midd'l g Up'ds		32s Cop Twist.		40s, Common to Finest.		Midd'l g Up'ds	
	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.
June—	16	@ 17 1/2	14	@ 14 5	11.45	14 1/2 @ 17	13	@ 13 3	9.03			
8	16	@ 17 1/2	14	@ 14 5	11.39	14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13	@ 13 3	9.13			
15	16 1/2	@ 17 1/2	14	@ 14 5	11.65	14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13	@ 13 3	9.08			
22	16 1/2	@ 18 1/2	14	@ 15 0	12.49	14 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13	@ 13 3	9.11			
July—	17	@ 18 1/2	14	@ 15 0	12.53	15	@ 16 1/2	13	@ 13 3	9.17		
6	17	@ 18 1/2	14	@ 15 0	12.14	15 1/2 @ 17	13	@ 13 4	9.65			
13	17	@ 18 1/2	14	@ 14 4	11.81	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13	@ 13 6	9.91			
20	16 1/2	@ 18 1/2	14	@ 14 3	11.73	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13	@ 13 6	10.05			
27	16 1/2	@ 18 1/2	14	@ 14 3	11.73	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13	@ 13 6	10.05			
Aug.—	16	@ 17 1/2	13	@ 14 0	10.80	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13	@ 13 4	9.47			
3	16	@ 17 1/2	13	@ 14 0	10.32	17	@ 19	13	@ 13 7	10.40		
10	15 1/2	@ 17	13	@ 14 0	10.71	16 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13	@ 13 7	10.60			
17	15 1/2	@ 17	13	@ 13 4	10.44	16 1/2 @ 18	14	@ 14 2	11.15			
24	15 1/2	@ 17	13	@ 13 2	10.44	18	@ 19	13	@ 14 0	12.34		
31	15 1/2	@ 17	13	@ 13 2	10.44	18	@ 19	13	@ 14 0	12.34		
Sept.—	15 1/2	@ 16 1/2	12	@ 13 1	10.62	18	@ 19	13	@ 14 0	12.67		

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Aug. 31—Laconia, 586	586
To Bombay—Aug. 31—Jalapa, 200	200
To Bremen—Sept. 4—President Harding, 182	182
To Barcelona—Aug. 31—Antonio Lopez, 500	500
To Corunna—Sept. 1—Cristobal, 100	100
GALVESTON—To Havre—Aug. 30—West Camuk, 1,027	2,699
31—Maryland, 1,672	610
To Dunkirk—Aug. 30—West Camuk, 610	651
To Ghent—Aug. 30—West Camuk, 651	575
To Rotterdam—Aug. 30—West Camuk, 575	5,518
To Barcelona—Aug. 31—Cardona, 300	2,292
Blanco, 3,913; Mar Baltic, 1,305	48
To Genoa—Aug. 31—Hendall, 1,080; West Creasy, 1,212	6,348
To Antwerp—Aug. 31—Maryland, 48	1,500
To Leningrad—Sept. 6—L. A. Christensen, 6,348	8,877
To Japan—Aug. 31—Jufuku Maru, 1,500	422
To Bremen—Sept. 4—West Gotomsky, 5,347	19,136
Kyanza, 3,500	350
NEW ORLEANS—To Genoa—Aug. 30—Scantic, 114	100
In-rum, 308	2,589
To Murrumbidgee—Sept. 2—Aalsum, 19,136	609
To Arico—Aug. 31—Saramacca, 5	1,455
To Bremen—Sept. 5—Monsinevro, 350	15,243
To San Pedro—Sept. 1—Challenger, 100	504
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Aug. 31—Colorado Springs, 2,589	400
To Manchester—Aug. 31—Colorado Springs, 609	150
To Genoa—Aug. 31—Paresa Odero, 1,455	26,967
To Bremen—Aug. 31—Paresa Odero, 1,455	5,057
To Hamburg—Sept. 6—City of Weatherford, 3,150	18,225
To Gottenburg—Sept. 4—Tampa, 400	1,550
To Aalborg—Sept. 5—Gorm, 150	1,264
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Bremen—Aug. 31—Nord Schleswig, 7,243	2,762
Sept. 1—Sahale, 14,921; Texas, 4,803	8,778
To Barcelona—Aug. 31—Mar Baltic, 5,057	3,097
To Japan—Aug. 31—Jufuku Maru, 6,400	2,009
11,825	1,100
To China—Aug. 31—Jufuku Maru, 100	450
1,450	462
To Genoa—Sept. 3—Nicolio Odero, 1,264	151
To Liverpool—Sept. 1—Ninan, 2,762	50
To Havre—Sept. 1—Cody, 3,778	87
To Ghent—Sept. 1—Cody, 3,097	37
To Venice—Sept. 6—Liberty Bell, 2,000	148
To Rotterdam—Sept. 1—Cody, 1,100	148
To Trieste—Sept. 6—Liberty Bell, 450	---
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—Aug. 31—Liberty Glo, 250	---
Arlington Court, 212	---
To Liverpool—Sept. 1—Fluorspar, 151	---
To Manchester—Sept. 1—Fluorspar, 50	---
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Sept. 4—West Hardaway, 37	---
To Manchester—Sept. 4—West Hardaway, 148	---
Total	143,747

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

	Aug. 17.	Aug. 24.	Aug. 31.	Sept. 7.
Sales of the week	30,000	30,000	27,000	37,000
Of which American	18,000	16,000	15,000	22,000
Actual exports	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Forwarded	46,000	41,000	40,000	53,000
Total stocks	674,000	678,000	658,000	633,000
Of which American	406,000	294,000	385,000	356,000
Total imports	31,000	54,000	22,000	30,000
Of which American	6,000	8,000	15,000	7,000
Amount afloat	119,000	105,000	106,000	101,000
Of which American	28,000	26,000	21,000	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.
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Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Sept. 1 to Sept. 7.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
September	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October	9.98	10.09	10.10	10.11	9.97	10.09	10.09	10.06	10.07	10.11	9.94	9.98
November	9.86	9.97	9.98	9.89	9.85	9.97	9.97	9.93	9.94	9.88	9.82	9.88
December	9.75	9.87	9.88	9.78	9.75	9.86	9.85	9.80	9.84	9.88	9.84	9.88
January	9.75	9.87	9.88	9.78	9.75	9.86	9.85	9.80	9.84	9.88	9.84	9.88
February	9.75	9.88	9.88	9.78	9.75	9.86	9.85	9.80	9.84	9.88	9.84	9.88
March	9.77	9.90	9.91	9.81	9.77	9.88	9.87	9.82	9.87	9.91	9.87	9.91
April	9.77	9.90	9.91	9.81	9.77	9.88	9.87	9.82	9.87	9.91	9.87	9.91
May	9.79	9.92	9.93	9.83	9.80	9.90	9.89	9.84	9.89	9.94	9.89	9.94
June	9.76	9.89	9.90	9.80	9.77	9.87	9.86	9.82	9.86	9.91	9.86	9.91
July	9.76	9.89	9.90	9.80	9.77	9.87	9.85	9.81	9.86	9.91	9.86	9.91
August	9.73	9.86	9.87	9.74	9.74	9.84	9.82	9.78	9.83	9.88	9.83	9.88
September	9.70	9.83	9.84	9.74	9.71	9.81	9.79	9.75	9.80	9.85	9.80	9.85

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Sept. 7 1928.

Flour has been in rather better demand at times both for home use and export. South America and the Continent, it appears, have both bought more freely. Mill feed has been firm. Trade, it is true, has latterly been rather slow and also shipping directions now and then have been unsatisfactory. Most of the time trade has been on a moderate scale. Southwestern mills report trade quiet. Mill sales were reported to be 75 to 85% of capacity. Clearances from New York on the 6th inst. were 23,465 sacks, mostly to northern Europe.

Wheat has declined slightly during the week. On the 4th inst. prices fell 1 to 1½c. on hedge selling and larger North-western receipts. Speculation was small. The weather conditions were very favorable at the Northwest and in Canada for harvesting which is progressing rapidly. Spring wheat receipts were rather liberal and country marketings in Canada are increasing. Private estimates averaged 510,000,000 bushels for Canada or about as expected. The spring wheat crop in the Northwest was placed at 316,000,000 bushels. That is a little above the last Government estimate. Liverpool closed ¾d. to 1d. lower with selling due to light rains in Australia and good rains in the Argentine. Export sales were about 1,000,000 bushels. There was pressure of Plate offers in both the United Kingdom and Continental markets. The week's world's shipments were 14,688,000 bushels. The total afloat was 43,680,000 bushels. The United States visible supply increased 3,776,600 bushels making the total in sight now 87,914,000 bushels against 61,044,000 a year ago. The Canadian Government report late on the 4th inst. noted frost damage in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but stated extent will not be known until crop is threshed; it was serious in some areas of Saskatchewan, but loss will be mainly in grade. Seventy-five to 80% of the wheat has been cut in Saskatchewan and 20% in Alberta, and mostly finished in Manitoba. Look for trading market pending Northwest and hedging. On the 5th inst. prices declined ¾ to 1c. and Winnipeg was off ¼ to ½c. The weather was good both in the Northwest and in Canada. Harvesting is progressing rapidly in Canada and receipts there are increasing, being 538 cars in Winnipeg on the 5th. Export demand was small, with sales in all positions estimated at 200,000 bushels. Country marketings were large. Liverpool closed ¼ to ¼c. lower with favorable weather in Canada and Australia.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced ¾ to 1c. after an early decline of ¼ to ¾c. Liverpool rallied after early weakness. Rains were threatened in the three Canadian provinces and unsettled weather in the Dakotas. There were reports of delay in threshing in the Northwest by the rains and also some damage to the grain in shock. The Iowa State report also said wet weather was delaying the completion of harvesting of winter wheat. Receipts of spring wheat are smaller than expected. Export sales were 750,000 to 1,000,000 bushels, with rather more interest in hard winter. Winnipeg was inclined to be firm, though it is said that country marketings in Canada are increasing.

To-day prices closed ¼ to 1c. higher in the various markets, after a rather weak opening. The weather was favorable at the Northwest. Buying against privileges reined up the early downward drift. Exporters were said to be buying also. Northwestern markets became very firm, with little hedge selling. Rain and snow were reported in Alberta, Canada. This caused covering, and an upturn only checked by profit-taking. The pool was credited with selling October at Winnipeg. Canadian country marketings yesterday were called 3,376,000 bushels. Receipts at the Northwest were only moderate. Duluth expects a larger movement next week. Export sales, it is true, were only 400,000 to 500,000 bushels, although it is said that Portugal has bought 45,000 tons or 1,675,000 bushels. In the main the export demand was light. Liverpool closed ¼ to ¾d. higher. Buenos Aires fell ¾c. Continental markets were irregular. The forecast, however, was for showers in parts of Canada which are not wanted. North American

exports, according to Bradstreet's, were 9,867,000 bushels against 11,467,000 last year. It looks like world's shipments for the week of 11,900,000 bushels. In Chicago the open interest in futures is stated at 111,382,000 bushels. Final prices show very little change for the week, that is, a decline of ¼ to ½c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	154½	Hol. 155½	154½	155	155	155

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery	111½	110	109¼	110	110¼	110¼
December delivery	116¼	Hol. 115	114¼	114¾	115½	115½
March delivery	121	day. 119½	118¾	119¼	119¾	119¾
May delivery	123½	121½	121½	121½	122½	122½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery	112½	Hol. 110½	110½	111	111¼	111¼
December delivery	112½	day. 110¾	110¾	111½	111½	111½
May delivery	118½	116¾	116¾	117	117¾	117¾

Indian corn advanced during the week. On the 4th inst. prices were ½ to 2½c. lower, the latter for September. Cash premiums were somewhat lower. Beneficial rains fell in the central and southwest and the forecast was favorable. Private crop estimates were 3,067,000,000 bushels. They caused some selling, being 37,000,000 above the last Government estimate. There was pressure of offerings abroad and Liverpool closed easier. Crop reports were very favorable and the crop is said to be 10 days early and the quality better than in average years. Yet country offerings to arrive were very small. Spot demand was satisfactory from shippers and industries. The United States visible supply decreased last week 912,000 bushels against 1,152,000 last year; total now 9,516,000 bushels against 22,312,000 last year. On the 5th inst. prices advanced ¼ to ¾c. Early prices were lower, but offerings were quickly absorbed and the market rallied. The cash demand was good and premiums were higher. Offerings from the country of both old and new corn to arrive were small. Bearish factors were a private crop estimate of 3,088,000,000 bushels and a favorable government weekly report. Contract stocks decreased about 1,000,000 bushels.

On the 6th inst. prices were ¼ to 1¼c. higher, the latter on Sept., though there was some reaction later. Cash demand was good and premiums firm. Industries and shippers want corn. Country offerings were not large. Chicago stocks are decreasing noticeably. The weather forecast was for lower temperatures in most States. Rather severe frost damage occurred in parts of the Northwestern belt. To-day prices ended ½ to 1½c. higher braced by the strong position of September. There was a good Eastern cash demand. Receipts were moderate. Cash markets were up 1 to 2 cents. The cash basis was ½c. higher. Leading bulls bought. They drove in shorts. Their stop orders on the short side were uncovered. Realizing in September and selling of December caused a reaction. The Southwestern cash markets were 1 to 4c. higher. Chicago's open interest in futures is 78,444,000 bushels, of which 23,185,000 is in the September delivery. The Grain Futures Administration sent out a call for a report on all open contracts of 100,000 bushels of corn or more. The crop is said to be practically safe from frost in Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota. Final prices show a rise for the week of ½ to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	123½	Hol. 118½	117¼	120	120	120

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery	95	Hol. 92¼	93	93½	95½	95½
December delivery	75	day. 74¾	74¾	75	75½	75½
March delivery	77½	76¾	77½	77½	77½	77½

Oats advanced slightly during the week. On the 4th inst. prices declined ¼c. with little speculation. The shipping demand was good and some export business was reported. The average crop estimate was 1,455,000,000 bushels. The United States visible supply increased last week 2,412,000 bushels against 4,186,000 in the same week last year; total now 13,376,000 bushels against 21,501,000 a year ago. Murray estimated the crop at 1,432,000,000 bushels. He puts the crop of the three Canadian provinces at 508,000,000 bushels and all of Canada at 530,000,000 bushels. B. W. Snow put the crop at 1,455,000,000 bushels. On the 5th inst. prices were ½c. lower to ¾c. higher. There was a good cash demand and the country movement was small. On the 6th inst. prices ended ½ to ¼c. higher. They are called relatively cheap. The country movement was slow and consumption demand excellent.

To-day prices ended ½ to 1¼c. higher with a larger business. The September position was very tight. That worried the shorts. Covering was rapid, partly on stop orders. The rise was only checked by profit taking and selling against privileges. Reports of rain and snow in parts of western Canada helped the bulls somewhat, but the market showed marked strength apart from that based on its individual merits. Final prices show a rise for the week of ½ to ¾c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	51½	Hol. 51½	51½	51½	51½	51½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery	38¾	Hol. 38¾	38¾	38¾	40¾	40¾
December delivery	40¾	day. 40¾	40¾	40¾	41¼	41¼
March delivery	43¾	43	42¾	43	43¾	43¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.						
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery	49 3/4	Holt-	48 3/4	48 3/4	50 3/4	51
December delivery	46 3/4	day.	45 1/2	45 3/4	46 1/2	47
May delivery	50 1/2		49 1/4	49 1/4	49 3/4	50 1/2

Rye is slightly lower than a week ago. On the 4th inst. prices declined 1/2 to 1 1/4c. net with other grain lower, though the cash demand was good, strange as that sounds. The United States visible supply increased last week 167,000 bushels against 71,000 last year; total now 2,130,000 bushels against 1,383,000 a year ago. The average crop estimate was 43,274,000 bushels. On the 5th inst. prices declined 1/4 to 1/2c. in response to lower prices for wheat and some scattered hedge selling. There was a good demand, however. On the 6th inst. prices declined 1/4 to 1/2c. in a dull market. No export demand appeared. At the same time there was no pressure to sell.

To-day prices ended unchanged to 1c. higher, the latter on December. Hedge pressure was small. Cash markets were steady. There was not much export demand, but rye felt the influence of other grain. Realizing tended to halt the rise. Berlin futures were 1 1/4 to 2 3/4c. lower. The open interest in rye futures is stated at 9,418,000 bushels. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/2 to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.						
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery	95 1/2	Holt-	95 1/2	94 1/2	93 3/4	93 3/4
December delivery	96 3/4	day.	95 3/4	95 1/2	95	96
March delivery	99		97 3/4	97 3/4	98	98 3/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN		FLOUR	
Wheat, New York—		Rye flour, patents	\$6.20@ \$6.50
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	1.55	Semolina No. 2, pound.	3 3/4
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	1.26	Oats goods new	2.70@ 2.75
Corn, New York—		Corn flour	2.80@ 2.85
No. 2 yellow	1.20	Barley goods—	
No. 3 yellow	1.19	Coarse	3.60
		Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2,	6.50@ 7.00
		3 and 4	
		Malting	82 1/4

All the statements below regarding the movements of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ended last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls.	100 lbs. bush.	60 lbs. bush.	56 lbs. bush.	32 lbs. bush.	48 lbs. bush.
Chicago	256,000	1,317,000	1,507,000	1,726,000	1,149,000	63,000
Minneapolis	—	4,585,000	52,000	1,016,000	1,386,000	255,000
Duluth	—	2,259,000	3,000	62,000	2,691,000	436,000
Milwaukee	58,000	25,000	234,000	424,000	589,000	9,000
Toledo	—	474,000	15,000	460,000	3,000	1,000
Detroit	—	62,000	23,000	12,000	6,000	2,000
Indianapolis	—	118,000	450,000	1,006,000	—	—
St. Louis	133,000	1,764,000	580,000	250,000	176,000	37,000
Peoria	62,000	98,000	491,000	90,000	—	—
Kansas City	—	2,514,000	455,000	128,000	—	—
Omaha	—	1,474,000	226,000	134,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	365,000	237,000	16,000	—	—
Wichita	—	394,000	43,000	20,000	—	—
St. Paul	—	—	103,000	100,000	24,000	—
Tot. wk. '28	509,000	15,520,000	4,419,000	5,444,000	6,024,000	813,000
Same week '27	489,000	15,590,000	5,456,000	7,036,000	3,931,000	1,732,000
Same week '26	492,000	12,879,000	1,978,000	7,903,000	1,877,000	718,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1928	2,422,000	95,106,000	24,894,000	29,520,000	21,793,000	2,095,000
1927	2,234,000	79,421,000	19,431,000	26,859,000	11,607,000	4,178,000
1926	2,571,000	79,981,000	12,732,000	27,435,000	6,042,000	2,077,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Sept. 1, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	310,000	1,218,000	5,000	444,000	475,000	236,000
Philadelphia	29,000	138,000	1,000	138,000	135,000	—
Baltimore	1,000	862,000	8,000	154,000	528,000	—
Newport News	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	61,000	235,000	65,000	18,000	—	—
Galveston	—	702,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	75,000	6,731,000	6,000	803,000	40,000	473,000
Boston	35,000	—	—	17,000	9,000	1,000
Tot. wk. '28	528,000	9,186,000	83,000	1,604,000	1,187,000	710,000
Since Jan. 1 '28	15,805,000	151,134,000	62,861,000	23,404,000	22,038,000	12,971,000
Week 1927	406,000	7,171,000	250,000	257,000	1,059,000	78,000
Since Jan. 1 '27	14,248,000	178,529,000	7,264,000	17,348,000	25,882,000	21,337,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Sept. 1 1928, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,145,058	—	77,527	30,241	92,646	265,751
Boston	—	—	22,000	—	—	—
Philadelphia	177,000	—	—	30,000	—	108,000
Baltimore	—	—	—	70,000	—	153,000
Norfolk	—	—	—	30,000	—	—
Newport News	—	—	1,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	138,000	28,000	47,000	20,000	—	55,000
Galveston	168,000	—	—	—	—	524,000
Montreal	5,391,000	—	88,000	240,000	533,000	66,000
Houston	—	—	—	—	—	500,000
Total week 1928	7,019,058	28,000	235,527	420,241	625,646	1,221,751
Same week 1927	4,938,064	7,000	1,184,657	50,000	278,000	431,352

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1928 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Sept. 1, 1928.	Since July 1, 1928.	Week Sept. 1, 1928.	Since July 1, 1928.	Week Sept. 1, 1928.	Since July 1, 1928.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	84,035	651,695	1,469,540	14,399,501	—	79,326
Continent	113,142	827,374	5,391,418	44,013,484	—	26,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	12,000	72,000	20,000	35,000	22,000	83,000
West Indies	8,000	74,000	1,000	16,000	6,000	257,000
Other countries	18,350	146,368	137,100	632,945	—	2,250
Total 1928	235,527	1,771,437	7,019,058	59,096,930	28,000	1,077,576
Total 1927	184,657	1,396,044	4,938,064	41,219,474	7,000	216,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Sept. 1, were as follows:

United States—	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.	
New York	184,000	30,000	238,000	85,000	215,000	
Boston	—	—	19,000	1,000	—	
Philadelphia	716,000	16,000	330,000	22,000	104,000	
Baltimore	2,863,000	31,000	221,000	1,000	675,000	
New Orleans	767,000	67,000	154,000	1,000	218,000	
Galveston	2,475,000	—	—	—	15,000	602,000
Fort Worth	5,482,000	96,000	238,000	3,000	14,000	
Buffalo	1,411,000	441,000	1,375,000	302,000	305,000	
afloat	611,000	394,000	—	—	312,000	
Toledo	1,660,000	47,000	189,000	—	20,000	
Detroit	202,000	29,000	46,000	18,000	5,000	
Chicago	10,677,000	7,374,000	4,211,000	212,000	1,048,000	
afloat	—	282,000	—	—	—	
Milwaukee	903,000	154,000	1,352,000	12,000	287,000	
Duluth	7,997,000	—	93,000	471,000	1,669,000	
Minneapolis	7,766,000	117,000	2,063,000	113,000	310,000	
St. Louis	620,000	26,000	124,000	12,000	31,000	
St. Paul	4,740,000	71,000	326,000	7,000	31,000	
Kansas City	20,656,000	80,000	26,000	36,000	32,000	
Wichita	6,041,000	1,000	2,000	—	—	
St. Joseph, Mo.	2,384,000	10,000	—	—	—	
Peoria	13,000	10,000	713,000	—	1,000	
Indianapolis	663,000	159,000	1,418,000	—	—	
Omaha	8,883,000	81,000	238,000	50,000	182,000	
On Lakes	79,000	—	—	—	133,000	
On Canal and River	121,000	—	—	22,000	—	
Total Sept. 1 1928	87,914,000	9,516,000	13,376,000	1,383,000	6,194,000	
Total Aug. 25 1928	84,138,000	10,428,000	10,964,000	1,312,000	5,290,000	
Total Sept. 3 1927	61,044,000	22,312,000	21,501,000	2,130,000	3,475,000	
Note—Banded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 30,000 bushels; Baltimore, 12,000; Buffalo, 81,000; total, 123,000 bushels, against 26,000 bushels in 1927. Barley, New York, 142,000 bushels; Baltimore, 80,000; total, 222,000 bushels, against 27,000 bushels in 1927. Wheat, New York, 534,000 bushels; Boston, 100,000; Philadelphia, 189,000; Baltimore, 333,000; Buffalo, 2,028,000; Buffalo afloat, 459,000; Duluth, 91,000; Canal, 1,813,000; total, 5,577,000 bushels, against 4,205,000 bushels in 1927.						
Canadian—						
Montreal	5,767,000	—	656,000	157,000	141,000	
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	3,675,000	—	302,000	114,000	224,000	
Other Canadian	15,953,000	—	327,000	21,000	—	
Total Sept. 1 1928	20,395,000	—	1,285,000	292,000	365,000	
Total Aug. 25 1928	23,812,000	—	2,236,000	511,000	269,000	
Total Sept. 3 1927	17,997,000	—	1,479,000	590,000	516,000	
Summary—						
American	87,914,000	9,516,000	13,376,000	1,383,000	6,194,000	
Canadian	20,395,000	—	1,255,000	292,000	365,000	
Total Sept. 1 1928	108,309,000	9,516,000	14,661,000	1,675,000	6,559,000	
Total Aug. 25 1928	107,950,000	10,428,000	13,200,000	1,823,000	5,559,000	
Total Sept. 3 1927	79,041,000	22,312,000	22,980,000	2,720,000	3,991,000	

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by the Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Aug. 31, and since July 1 1928 and 1927, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1928.	1927.		1928.	1927.	
	Week Aug. 31.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Aug. 31.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	11,397,000	91,472,000	66,994,000	120,000	2,137,000	885,000
Black Sea	72,000	192,000	1,296,000	—	1,439,000	5,109,000
Argentina	971,000	17,080,000	16,208,000	5,949,000	74,186,000	77,716,000
Australia	968,000	10,512,000	13,144,000	—	—	—
India	49,000	1,040,000	6,408,000	—	—	—
Oth. countries	1,240,000	8,352,000	3,456,000	1,573,000	7,803,000	1,870,000
Total	14,688,000	128,648,000	107,506,000	7,642,000	85	

SMALL GRAINS.—There was some delay by rains to threshing in North Dakota, and this work was practically at a standstill in Minnesota, but elsewhere in the Spring Wheat Belt threshing made good advance, particularly in the more western districts where fair weather was the rule. Considerable plowing for winter wheat was accomplished, although this work was delayed in Nebraska, and plowing is difficult in Kansas by reason of hard, dry soil, while parts of the Ohio Valley still need rain. The seeding of winter wheat was begun in the western third of Kansas. Frequent rains interrupted the threshing of rice in the lower Mississippi Valley and west Gulf section. Flax was badly damaged at some places in Minnesota by too much wetness, but the crop is ripening rapidly in North Dakota and is mostly cut in South Dakota. Grain sorghums and broomcorn did well in the southern Plains districts, while conditions were favorable for buckwheat in Appalachian Mountain sections.

CORN.—Corn made fair to good advance in the Ohio Valley, but there are some local areas where it is too dry, and warmth is needed in parts for maturing; the crop is probably safe from frost damage rather generally in Illinois and some is safe in Indiana. In Iowa progress was fair and condition fair to very good, with much of the crop dented. Rain was needed for late corn in Nebraska, with considerable drought damage in central portion where much is being cut for silage and fodder. In Kansas the crop is ripening fast and is considered safe from frost; silo filling and fodder cutting were fairly general. Condition and progress were excellent in Missouri, with favorable maturing weather, and much denting; early corn is matured in Oklahoma, and progress and condition of late was fair in the east, but generally poor in the west. Mostly fair advance was made in the South, and the crop was good in the East, although it needs warmth in parts, and some lowland corn was damaged by rain in the Carolinas. Poor to good growth was indicated in Northern States, with warmth and sunshine needed in the northern Great Plains.

COTTON.—The weather for the cotton crop was, in general, rather unfavorable for cotton, as further rains in the Eastern States were insufficient to relieve the droughts in parts of Texas. In the Carolinas progress was mostly fair, but there were increasing reports of shedding, and cloudy, wet weather favored the increase of weevil activity. In Georgia progress was very irregular, being mostly good in the north and in scattered localities elsewhere, but the crop deteriorated where there was too much rain, with continued shedding of young bolls; warm, dry weather is generally needed. In Tennessee progress was fair to very good, with plants fruiting well, but with some shedding. In Alabama and Mississippi the weekly advance was poor to only fair, with deterioration in some sections, and considerable shedding, reports of rotting bolls, and conditions favorable for weevil.

Frequent rains were unfavorable in Louisiana, with some damage to open bolls. In Arkansas progress was mostly good in the north, but in central and southern portions ranged from deterioration to only fair, with blooming ceased in most sections. In Oklahoma cotton is badly spotted, ranging from poor to very good; weekly progress was mostly poor, with much shedding and opening rather slowly. In Texas progress and condition were also spotted, ranging from poor in some drier central and southern sections, with bolls small and considerable shedding, to very good in parts of the north and west; there were local rains in nearly all parts, but very irregularly and unevenly distributed, with picking interrupted in some wetter sections.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Heavy rains in interior favorable for pastures, meadows, and truck crops; too wet for tobacco, but rains improved farm conditions in southeast. Preparations for sowing winter wheat retarded. Corn and cotton good, but need warm weather. Unfavorable latter part of week for cutting and curing tobacco.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Fair and warm first half, favorable, but cooler later, with heavy rain again unfavorable for most crops. Some streams overflowing and Cape Fear and Neuse Rivers coming into flood at close of week. Progress of cotton fair; plants large but much shedding and some bolls rotting; beginning to open in south; first bale from Wadesboro on 29th. Late tobacco and lowland corn damaged by heavy rain.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Intermittent showers favorable for rapid growth of late corn, sweet potatoes, truck, and forage, but much forage matured and awaiting dry weather. Corn fodder pulling continues wherever possible. Progress of cotton fair, with late bloom fair in some sections, but some very poor in other parts; old crop in south matured; increasing complaints of shedding and boll rot and further weevil activity. Incident to sappy plants in late crop.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Frequent showers unnecessary and detrimental, with crop conditions extremely diversified. Progress and condition of cotton good over northern division and in scattered sections elsewhere, but the crop deteriorated where too much rain, with continued shedding of young bolls; fair progress in opening, picking, and ginning, but much staple poor; dryness greatly needed. Harvesting corn, pulling fodder, and digging sweet potatoes and peanuts progressing slowly.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton poor, with general deterioration; picking slow and ginning light. Dry, sunshiny weather favorable for haying and harvesting old corn. Plowing for oats, planting eggplants and other truck, and setting strawberries continued. Citrus doing well; some local splitting.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Progress of truck in south and central and corn and minor crops mostly fair; truck falling more in north. Progress of cotton mostly poor to fair, with deterioration in some localities; considerable shedding and rotting of bolls, especially in northern portion where also some damage from rust; picking progressing slowly in south and beginning in central; weather favorable for weevil activity in some localities; dry, warm weather needed.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Frequent local showers; cool at close. Progress of cotton generally poor to fair, with few normal blooms and considerable shedding; opening rapidly and picking becoming general throughout. Early corn matured; progress of late poor to fair. Progress of pastures mostly good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Cotton deteriorated account frequent rains, which also favored weevil activity; progress of picking and ginning only fair, with poor to fair results; interrupted by rain and some damage to open cotton. Rice threshing delayed; later rice maturing. Sugar cane, truck, pastures, and late corn benefited by rain.

Texas.—Houston: Local rains, ranging from light to heavy, in all sections, although still dry over a considerable portion of the State. Pastures and minor crops improved where rain fell, but deteriorated in drier sections. Some plowing done. Rice condition good; harvest delayed by showers. Progress and condition of cotton spotted, ranging from poor in drier portions of central and south to very good in portions of north and west; considerable shedding and bolls small in dry sections, with premature opening; picking and ginning retarded by frequent rains in some sections.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Latter part of week cool; moderate to heavy rains quite general, breaking drought in west. Early corn matured a good crop; progress and condition of late corn fair in east and generally poor in west. Progress of cotton generally rather poor; much shedding and opening rather slowly; picking not yet general; condition badly spotted, ranging from poor to very good, but probably averaging fairly good. Progress and condition of grain sorghums, broomcorn, minor crops, and pastures fair to good. Preparation of wheat ground normally advanced.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton good in most northern portions, but considerable shedding in upper Arkansas Valley; progress fair or deteriorating in central and south; blooming ceased in most sections; picking started in southwest, but not general. Weather favorable for late corn; early corn matured.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Progress of early corn fair to excellent. Progress of cotton fair to good; fruiting well, but some shedding. Ground being prepared for winter wheat. Cutting tobacco about completed, but too much rain at end of week delayed work in some sections.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Too wet in some eastern districts and needing more rain in west for late corn and tobacco. Corn very good, with continued improvement in central and east; poor in west; early corn practically matured. Cutting tobacco and late hay made good progress in west, but hindered somewhat in east by rain. Pastures fair in west; good in east.

larger scale and approximating expectations, resulted in more confidence concerning the future. Although the majority of business was of a spot character, broadening interest in probable requirements was taken to presage an even more active buying movement shortly. This was, perhaps, more true of cotton goods than any other division, owing to expanding demand for fall merchandise. However, the feature of the week was in the woolen division where the new lines of men's wear spring 1929 fabrics were uniformly opened by the trade. Prices, however, were so irregular and hard to compare on the basis of previous offerings that buyers as a rule preferred to withhold commitments until they are more settled and sure of values. Naturally, this has led to more shopping around than has been the usual practice, and being uncertain as to how to proceed, purchases have been generally confined to a few weaves which are sure to be attractive and upon which there is no question as to values. As a result, there have been good sales of a few fabrics while others have been neglected. In the silk division, business continues in satisfactory proportions and distribution of fall merchandise is proceeding nicely. According to figures issued by the Silk Association of America, it was shown that imports of raw silk during the month of August set a new high record, amounting to 62,930 bales. Deliveries to mills also showed a marked increase, totaling 50,821 bales, and, as a consequence of the large imports, storage stocks were larger, amounting to 50,975 bales, representing a gain of 12,109.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—General improvement is noted in the domestic cotton goods markets this week, both as to sentiment and the volume of business. A larger number of buyers were in the markets after their holidays, and were more disposed to operate, especially on spot merchandise. As a matter of fact, some were inclined to consider probable requirements, and as a result, prices were firmer, being materially helped by higher quotations for the staple. Mills confidently expect a good volume of anticipatory business within the near future based upon the scant stocks carried by distributors which need substantial replenishing. Currently, business favors the staple lines which have heretofore been rather backward. Naturally, this was construed encouragingly, especially in view of the fact that a good volume of orders continues to be received for the fancier types of fabrics. The new wash goods lines, which were recently opened, have been attracting a good sized interest and the outlook for these fabrics is considered bright. Early orders accentuate the continued popularity of sheer printed cottons and it is held probable that these cloths will undoubtedly have another heavy run. Extremely vivid colors and combinations feature the new lines which are expected to meet with instant consumer approval, which will be transmitted into a good volume of orders. There is also a satisfactory business being received on percales, and other staple and semi-staple lines for prompt shipment. Relative to the approaching Government cotton crop report, most factors are of the opinion that values are safe for the time being, at least, unless some unforeseen change from the August estimate of the yield is announced. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 60's construction are quoted at 6c., and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 5½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 8½c., and 39-inch 80 x 80's at 10½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—A decidedly mixed price trend at the openings of the mens' wear semi-staple and fancy fabrics for the spring 1929 season featured the markets for woolens and worsteds. The American Woolen Company headed a list of about one hundred mill interests displaying their new lines uniformly on Tuesday at widely divergent prices. While woolens were about on a par with those of last fall, worsteds were manipulated and showed declines ranging from 5 to 12 cents a yard to unchanged and thence up 5 to 20 cents a yard. Thus, it can be readily understood that buyers were somewhat confused and encountered many difficulties in making concrete comparisons. Many factors were about the market looking over the new offerings, but the majority deferred placing any sizable contracts until they can establish the real values to their own satisfaction. It cannot be said that the new fancies as a whole are lower, for while some show declines, quite a few others have been advanced. The irregularity is attributed to the differences of raw wool and the keen competition on many lines.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Business in the local linen market continues in fairly satisfactory proportions. The have been advanced. The irregularity is attributed to the activity of a number of houses, especially those in the West has been one of the most encouraging developments of the week. Interest centers more in the dress linens and handkerchief combination, but orders for other fabrics are expected to assume larger proportions within the near future. Doubtlessly, low price levels are attracting much of this early business, although the admittedly low condition of stocks in all branches of the trade is a contributing factor of no little importance. Orders continue to center more in the higher priced merchandise although the cheaper qualities are not wholly neglected. Burlaps are quiet owing to holidays in primary markets. Light weights are quoted at 7.60c., and heavies at 10.25c.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Sept. 7 1928.

A firmer undertone prevailed in most sections of the textile markets this week. Post-holiday buying, being on a

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MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN AUGUST.

Once more the unsettled condition of the money market resulted in a shrinkage of the disposals of State and municipal long-term obligations. As has been the case during the last three months, a considerable number of municipalities failed to sell their offerings. The reasons advanced by the officials for the failures, in the majority of instances, has been the non-receipt of bids or the fact that the bids were rejected because considered unsatisfactory. The city and county of Denver, Colo., advertised for bids to be opened on Aug. 14 for \$13,924,000 4 1/4% coupon refunding water bonds maturing serially on June 1 from 1929 to 1967 incl. No bids were submitted for the bonds. A communication sent to the officials by an investment institution representing a syndicate ascribed their failure to put in bids to the poor condition of the market, and advised postponement of the sale for the present—V. 127, p. 987. The Chicago Sanitary District, Ill., indefinitely deferred the sale of \$10,000,000 4 1/4% bonds scheduled for Aug. 16. Unfavorable market conditions caused the postponement, according to reports.

The aggregate of bonds sold during August was \$67,235,742 which compares with \$80,230,355 the previous month and with \$92,086,994 in August 1927. Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago are unofficially reported to have been awarded an issue of \$6,000,000 5 1/2% serial levee improvement bonds of Dallas, Texas. Attempts to obtain a description of these bonds have not been successful. The State of Mississippi after two unsuccessful efforts at competitive bidding to market \$5,845,000 bonds, awarded on Aug. 27 to a syndicate headed jointly by Lehman Bros. and the Bancitaly Corp., both of New York, \$5,720,000 4 1/2% obligations. The purchasers have not divulged the price paid for the bonds. On Aug. 10 the city of Los Angeles, Calif., awarded to a syndicate headed by the National City Co., the Bankers Trust Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., all of New York, \$4,800,000 4 1/2% bonds, maturing serially from 1928 to 1967 incl., at 100.1099, a basis of about 4.49%. A summary of the other large sales which took place during August is given herewith:

\$2,700,000 4% Cook County, Ill., bonds maturing serially from 1930 to 1947 incl.; awarded to a Chicago banking syndicate headed by the Continental National Co. at 97.14, a basis of about 4.35%.

2,500,000 4 1/4% Nassau County, N. Y., bonds maturing serially from 1930 to 1946 incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, New York, at 100.30, a basis of about 4.21%.

2,000,000 East Bay Municipal Utility District, Calif., 5% bonds maturing serially from 1935 to 1974 incl.; awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco at 104.44, a basis of about 4.68%.

1,879,000 Cleveland, O., bonds, consisting of 11 issues, maturing serially from 1929 to 1953 incl.; awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Cleveland at 100.17, a basis of about 4.42%; \$1,230,000 bonds awarded as 4 1/4s and \$649,000 as 4 1/4s.

1,074,000 Houston Independent School District, Tex., bonds awarded as 4 1/4s to a syndicate headed by the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago at 100.19, a basis of about 4.70%. The bonds mature serially from 1929 to 1936 incl.

1,000,000 State of Delaware 4% highway bonds, due in 1968; \$100,000 awarded to the Farmers Bank of Dover at 97.10, and the remaining bonds, as per option, were taken by the Sinking Fund at the same price.

1,000,000 4% Jackson County, Mo., bonds maturing serially from 1933 to 1948 incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago at 96.71, a basis of about 4.34%.

1,000,000 Tipton County, Tenn., bonds awarded as 4 1/4s to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville and I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis at 101.90. These bonds were offered on July 10 as 4 1/4s. All bids were then rejected—V. 127, p. 449.

The municipalities which were unsuccessful in selling their bonds were about 20 in number, the larger ones being as follows: \$325,000 Arlington, Mass., bonds, offered on Aug. 9, no bids were submitted; sale of \$420,000 4 1/4% Gary School District, Ind., bonds scheduled for Aug. 28, postponed; \$275,000 Carnegie, Pa., 4 1/4% bonds, offered on Aug. 6, no bids received; \$250,000 4 1/4% Monessen, S. D., Pa., bonds, offered on Aug. 10, no bids submitted; \$182,000 5% Somers Point, N. J., bonds, offered on Aug. 17, no bids submitted; \$195,000 6% Lake Placid, Fla., bonds, offered on Aug. 2, bids were rejected; \$217,000 Glades County Road and Bridge District No. 12, Fla., 6% bonds, offered on Aug. 6, no bids were submitted; \$55,000 6% Short Line Irrigation District, Neb., bonds, offered on Aug. 17, bonds not sold, officials declared market unsatisfactory; \$303,000 4 1/4% East Paterson, N. J., bonds offered on Aug. 31; no bids submitted; also an issue of \$225,000 5% Kanawha School District, W. Va., bonds, offered on Aug. 10; officials report the issue as being unsold.

Temporary loans negotiated during the month aggregated \$61,183,000; New York City contributed \$34,050,000 to this total. The city also issued \$3,350,000 3% general fund bonds maturing on Nov. 1 1930. Canadian bonds sold during the month totaled \$402,210, none of which were placed in the United States. The Government of Porto Rico awarded on Aug. 2 to the United States National Co. of Denver at 108.26 an issue of \$76,500 5% Municipality of Guaynabo bonds maturing serially on July 1 1933 to 1965 inclusive.

A comparison is given in the table below of all the various forms of securities placed in August in the last five years:

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Fern't loans (U.S.)	\$ 67,285,742	\$ 92,086,994	\$ 71,168,428	\$ 83,727,297	\$ 108,220,267
*Temp. loans (U.S.)	61,183,000	57,565,000	38,560,000	46,741,646	69,614,326
Canadian loans (Fern't):					
Placed in Canada	402,210	743,373	1,310,214	1,560,624	14,915,944
Placed in U.S.	None	None	None	70,000,000	210,000,000
Bonds U.S. Possess.	76,500	None	None	125,000	None
Gen. f.d. bds. (N.Y.C.)	3,350,000	2,000,000	None	None	None
Total	132,297,452	152,395,367	111,038,642	202,154,566	202,750,537

z This is half of the \$20,000,000 Province of Ontario bonds offered simultaneously in this United States and Canada; in the absence of more definite information, we have assumed that half the amount found a market in Canada.
* Including temporary securities issued by New York City: \$34,050,000 in August 1928, \$40,650,000 in Aug. 1927, \$25,940,000 in Aug. 1926, \$37,000,000 in Aug. 1925 and \$58,500,000 in Aug. 1924.

The number of places in the United States selling permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during August 1928 were 351 and 502, respectively. This contrasts with 424 and 565 for July 1928 and with 536 and 723 for August 1927.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the aggregates for August and the eight months for a series of years. In these figures temporary loans, New York City's "general fund" bonds and also issues by Canadian municipalities are excluded.

	Month of August.	For the Eight Months.	Month of August.	For the Eight Months.
1928	\$67,285,742	\$925,100,465	\$22,141,716	\$249,387,680
1927	92,086,994	1,060,936,272	18,518,046	208,709,303
1926	71,168,428	909,425,840	20,075,541	151,775,857
1925	83,727,297	980,196,064	16,391,587	144,171,927
1924	108,220,267	1,014,088,919	19,004,000	131,196,527
1923	56,987,954	709,565,710	16,124,577	187,220,986
1922	69,375,996	819,078,237	17,737,240	102,983,914
1921	94,638,755	665,366,366	8,009,256	108,499,201
1920	59,684,048	439,355,455	15,430,390	84,915,945
1919	59,188,857	448,830,120	7,112,834	93,160,542
1918	38,538,221	213,447,413	5,865,510	87,824,844
1917	32,496,308	346,903,907	25,029,784	76,974,894
1916	25,137,902	346,213,922	6,449,536	97,114,772
1915	22,970,844	379,789,324	4,045,500	52,555,955
1914	10,332,193	394,666,343	8,464,431	80,830,704
1913	19,802,191	262,178,745	7,525,260	82,205,489
1912	15,674,855	292,443,278	2,734,714	37,089,429
1911	22,522,613	288,016,280	4,408,491	57,430,882
1910	14,878,122	213,557,021		

In the following table we give a list of August 1928 loans in the amount of \$67,285,742, issued by 351 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
985	Aberdeen, So. Dak.	5	1933	\$20,000	100	5.00
1280	Abington S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1938-1958	60,000	103.71	4.23
1-15	Acme Ind. S. D., Texas	5	1929-1968	16,000		
1280	Adams Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	4,480	101.75	
1-15	Albany, Minn.	5		6,000		
1-15	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.	5		30,000	103.18	
985	Allen Co., Ind.	5	1928-1931	104,000	100	5.00
985	Allen Park, Mich.	6	1929-1933	327,880	100.007	
1142	Alliance, Ohio (3 issues)	5	1928-1943	116,500	100.80	4.80
1280	Alpine, N. J.	5		132,000		
1280	Alvin Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1930-1968	80,000	100.71	4.95
986	Anderson Co., So. Car.	4 1/2	1929-1943	484,000	100.13	4.75
986	Anniston, Ala.	5	1929-1938	25,000	100.10	5.48
986	Anniston, Ala.	5 1/2	1929-1938	12,000	100.10	5.48
1415	Appanoose Co., Iowa	4 1/2	1933-1940	235,000	100.40	4.43
1142	Aransas Pass, Tex. (4 iss.)	6		75,000	100	6.00
986	Arlington, Mass. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1938	195,000	100.05	4.11
986	Arlington, Mass. (3 iss.)	4	1929-1938	150,000	100.05	4.11
1280	Atlantic City, N. J. (4 issues)			111,000		
986	Auburn, Mo.	4	1929-1953	25,000	100	4.00
1142	Auburndale, Fla.		1929-1953	710,000	95	
851	Augusta, Rural S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1930-1949	36,000	100	4.75
986	Barberton, Ohio	5	1929-1937	23,100	101.01	4.75
986	Barnard Fire Dist., N. Y.	5	1929-1953	45,000	101.09	4.83
986	Bath-Unionville S. D., N. Y.	5	1930-1939	5,000	100	5.00
1280	Beach Haven, N. J.	5 1/2		40,000	100	5.00
986	Bentonville, Ark.	5		10,000	100	
852	Berkley, Mich.	6	1929-1937	47,000	100.10	
1143	Bethlehem Water Dist., N. H.	5	1929-1948	25,000	96.51	4.41
1415	Big Creek Con. S. D., Miss.			14,700		
986	Billings, Mont.	4 1/2	1929-1948	86,000	100	4.5
1280	Birmingham, Ala.	4 1/2	1929-1938	210,000	100	4.2
986	Blooming Valley, Pa.	5	1929-1938	1,000	101.82	
852	Bogota, N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1945	101,500	100.24	4.7
1280	Boone Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	10,000	100.52	4.3
986	Bradenton, Fla.	5 1/2		110,000	99.50	
986	Bradenton, Fla.	5 1/2		172,000	99.50	
1281	Brighton, N. Y.	5	1929-1943	678,647	100	5.0
1281	Buchanan, Mich.	5 1/2	1929-1932	40,000	100.26	
1143	Burlington, Colo.	4 1/2	10-15 yrs.	17,000		
1143	Burlington S. D., Wash.	4 1/2	1929-1938	220,000	100	4.5
986	Butler Co., Iowa	4 1/2	1935-1943	90,000	101.02	4.5
1281	California, Mo.	4 1/2	1929-1948	28,000		
986	Canal Fulton, Ohio	5	1929-1938	32,400	100	5.0
1143	Carbon Co. S. D. No. 46, Mont.	6	1948	50,000	100	6.0
1416	Carbon Co. S. D. No. 46, Mont.	6		5,000	100	6.0
1143	Carlisle Co., Ky.			50,000		
1281	Carroll Co., Md.	4 1/2	1929-1938	9,600	100.10	4.0
986	Cass Co., Mich. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1938	20,925	102.20	4.0
852	Catasauqua, Pa.	4	1933-1958	40,000	100	4.0
852	Chardon, Ohio (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1937	12,000	100	4.5
852	Cheraw S. D., So. Car.	5		30,000		
1416	Chester Co., Tenn.	4 1/2	1929-1953	50,000	102.60	4.4
1416	Chouteau Co. S. D. No. 11, Mont.	6	1933	2,500		
1416	Cisco S. D., Texas			50,000		
986	Clark Co., Md.	5	1929-1948	20,800	101.03	

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986	Clark Co., Ark.	---	---	52,000	---	---
987	Clarksburg, W. Va.	4 1/2	1930-1944	60,000	---	---
852	Clay Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	35,000	100.11	4.48
852	Cleveland, Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1933	1,230,000	100.17	4.42
852	Cleveland, Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1953	649,000	100.17	4.42
1281	Clifton Forge, Va.	5	1958	175,000	100.21	5.00
852	Clinton Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	23,040	100.21	---
1281	Clinton County, Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	17,440	102.76	3.94
1416	Clipomoka Con. S. D., Ga.	6	1929-1942	7,000	---	---
1281	Clovis, N. Mex.	6	1930-1934	285,000	---	---
715	Columbus, Ohio.	5 1/2	1930	226,800	100.05	---
987	Columbus Sch. City, Ind.	4 1/2	1943-1945	25,000	100.80	4.16
1281	Commerce & West Bloomfield S. D. No. 5, Mich.	4 1/2	---	40,000	101.44	---
987	Concord, Mass.	4	1929-1958	180,000	100.08	---
987	Conejo S. D., Calif.	5	1929-1945	17,000	102.98	4.59
1281	Cook Co., Ill.	5	1930-1947	2,700,000	97.14	4.35
1281	Cortlandville, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1953	125,000	100.35	4.47
987	Cotulla Road Dist., Tex.	---	---	43,000	101.58	---
987	Cotulla Road Dist., Tex.	---	---	20,000	100	---
1143	County Line Drain Dist., Colo.	6	1931-1940	15,000	100	6.00
1416	Crookston, Minn.	6	---	6,117	---	---
1281	Cumberland, Md.	4 1/2	1929-1933	75,000	98.79	4.94
1281	Curry Co., Ore.	6	---	3,500	100.10	---
1143	Dallas (City & County of) Tex.	5 1/2	---	6,000,000	---	---
1416	De Kalb Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	5,000	---	---
987	De Kalb Co., Iowa.	4 1/2	1929-1938	8,385	100	4.50
1416	Dallas Co., Iowa.	4 1/2	---	40,000	---	---
1281	Darke Co., Mich.	4 1/2	1929-1933	83,000	100.35	4.86
852	Dearborn, Mich. (4 issues)	5 1/2	1929-1933	59,700	102.50	5.08
1281	Dearborn, Mich. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1958	585,000	100.88	---
1281	Decatur Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	12,000	100.25	4.43
852	Dedham, Mass.	4 1/2	1929-1932	40,000	100.11	4.23
987	Delaware (State of)	4	1968	1,000,000	97.10	---
1143	Denver, Pa.	4 1/2	---	17,000	100	4.25
1416	Dolores Co. S. D. No. 1, Colo.	4 1/2	1933-1943	26,500	---	---
1144	Dracut, Mass.	4 1/2	1929-1939	55,000	100.25	4.45
1144	Dubuque Co., Iowa.	4 1/2	1938-1943	214,000	100.13	4.48
1144	Dubuque Dist. No. 1, Iowa.	5	---	26,200	100	5.00
1281	East Bay Mun. Util. Dist., Calif.	5	1935-1974	2,000,000	104.44	4.68
853	East Greenbrush S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	5	1929-1958	54,000	104.72	4.54
1282	East St. Louis, Ill.	6	1930-1938	12,600	---	---
987	Easton, Pa.	4 1/2	1929-1958	215,000	101.62	4.10
987	Eldorado, Kan.	4 1/2	1938	10,685	100.47	4.19
1282	Elizabeth, N. J. (3 issues)	4 1/2	---	269,600	---	---
987	Elkhart Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1948	60,000	100.16	4.48
987	Elkhart Co., Ind.	5 1/2	1928-1948	14,000	100.11	4.49
1144	Elkhart Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1948	17,500	100.80	4.40
853	El Monte Acquis & Impt. Dist. No. 1, Calif.	6 1/2	---	68,017	103.67	---
988	Elma, Wash.	---	1933-1943	25,000	---	---
1282	Endicott, N. Y.	4 1/2	---	70,000	---	---
853	Erie Co., Pa.	4	1943-1947	500,000	100.001	3.99
853	Etrick San. Dist. No. 1, Va.	4	5-30 yrs.	50,000	101.73	4.88
1282	Everts, Neb.	5	1933-1948	7,700	---	---
1282	Everett, Mass.	4 1/2	1929-1943	315,000	101.06	4.34
1144	Fall River, Mass.	4 1/2	1929-1938	100,000	100.47	4.40
1144	Fannin Dist. No. 1, Tex.	6	---	188,303	100	6.00
988	Ferdale, Mich.	4 1/2	1929-1938	200,000	100.41	4.70
1416	Flethead Co. S. D. No. 57, Mont.	---	---	1,500	---	---
1282	Flag Rock, Mich.	5	1929-1933	32,000	100.14	4.95
988	Flagler Beach, Fla.	6	1921-1935	3,000	95	7.18
988	Flemington, N. J.	4 1/2	1930-1954	75,000	100.37	4.97
1416	Follansbee, W. Va. (3 iss.)	---	---	68,000	---	---
1144	Fort Dodge, Iowa.	4 1/2	1938	725,000	100	4.50
853	Fostoria, Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1938	3,651	100.007	4.50
716	Franklin Co., Ohio (6 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1938	299,899	100.03	4.74
1282	Fulton Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	75,000	100.04	4.49
988	Gadsden Co. S. D. Fla.	5 1/2	1931-1952	100,000	---	---
988	Gadsden Co. S. D. Fla.	6	1929-1948	10,000	---	---
988	Gallatin Co. S. D. No. 72, Mont.	6	---	1,000	101.34	---
1144	Galveston Com. S. D. No. 17, Tex.	5	---	10,000	---	---
1144	Gaugau Co., Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1938	77,317	100.03	4.74
988	Grand Island, Neb.	4 1/2	1948	131,000	---	---
1144	Grant, Neb.	4 1/2	1933-1948	237,000	---	---
988	Greater Greenville S. D. So. Car.	4 1/2	1968	300,000	100.40	4.73
988	Greene Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	45,000	100.06	---
1144	Greene Co., Ind.	4 1/2	---	23,000	100.11	---
988	Greenburgh Com. S. D. No. 7, N. Y.	4.60	1929-1939	48,500	100.23	4.55
1282	Greenburgh S. D. No. 6, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1957	85,000	100.92	4.43
1144	Greenwood Co., So. Car.	4 1/2	1941-1944	250,000	100.06	4.74
1282	Griggs Con. S. D. No. 4, Ga.	6	1929-1948	18,000	---	---
1144	Grosse Ile Twp. S. D. No. 1, Mich.	4 1/2	1930-1949	25,000	101.04	4.63
988	Grosve Pointe Park, Mich.	4 1/2	1943	80,000	100.007	4.49
1144	Grovesville S. D., Tex.	---	---	15,000	100	---
988	Guyandotte Road Dist., W. Va.	5	1946-1955	100,000	105.05	4.64
988	Hamtramack, Mich. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1938	188,837	100.60	---
988	Hancock Co., Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1937	30,470	100.18	4.71
853	Hancock Co., Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1933	5,200	100.35	4.62
1282	Hardee Co. S. D. No. 5, Fla.	6	1931-1948	18,000	98.13	6.23
988	Harnett Co., No. Caro.	4 1/2	---	51,000	100.56	---
988	Harrison Twp., Pa.	---	---	125,000	101.25	---
854	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.	4 1/2	1933-1944	24,000	100.33	4.46
854	Havana Spec. S. D., Ark.	5 1/2	1930-1938	40,000	100	6.00
1282	Hawthorne, N. J.	5 1/2	---	400,000	---	---
854	Hempstead S. D. No. 18, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1956	140,000	101.03	4.39
1144	Hempstead S. D. No. 16, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1965	575,000	101.04	4.42
1144	Highland, No. Car.	5 1/2	1931-1965	65,000	100.92	5.43
854	Holdredge, Neb. (2 iss.)	---	---	7,058	---	---
1144	Holmes Co., Ohio.	5	1928-1933	46,000	100.08	4.98
1283	Hornell, N. Y. (4 issues)	4 1/2	1932-1947	280,000	101.31	4.36
988	Hot Springs, N. Mex.	6	1935-1955	218,000	---	---
716	Houston Ind. S. D., Tex.	4 1/2	1929-1936	1,074,000	100.19	4.70
988	Howard Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1938	19,600	100.08	4.48
988	Howard Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	2,700	101.06	4.28
1144	Howard Co., Iowa.	4 1/2	1938-1943	220,000	100.31	4.44
1416	Hutchinson, Kan.	4	1929-1938	31,102	100	4.00
989	Huntington Woods, Mich. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1938	94,000	100.43	4.64
1282	Hyde Park, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1939	20,500	---	---
1282	Indianapolis, Ind.	4 1/2	1930-1934	40,000	100	4.25
1416	Indianapolis, Ind.	4 1/2	1930-1949	540,000	100.21	4.27
717	Indianapolis S. D., Ind.	3 1/2	1929-1938	215,000	96.28	4.27
1145	Indianapolis S. D., Ind.	4	1930-1931	52,000	99.07	4.40
1145	Inglewood Un. H. S. D., Calif.	5	1929-1955	400,000	103.03	4.69
717	Jackson Co., Iowa.	4 1/2	1933-1943	150,000	100.22	4.46
989	Jackson Co., Mo.	4	1933-1948	1,000,000	96.71	4.34
1145	Jackson Co. S. D. No. 71, Fla.	6	---	16,000	99	---
1145	Jackson Co. S. D. Fla.	4 1/2	1929-1938	10,000	100	---
854	Jefferson Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	9,000	101.38	---
1417	Jefferson Co., Kan.	4 1/2	1929-1938	23,000	100	4.25
1282	Jefferson Co., Ohio	5	1929-1936	22,952	100.88	4.25

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989	Jefferson Davis Co., Miss.	---	---	12,000	---	---
1283	Jefferson Parish, La.	6	1929-1938	150,000	100.10	5.98
1417	Jefferson Union S. D. No. 2, N. Y.	5	---	10,000	100	5.00
1283	Jennings Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	13,800	101.08	4.28
1283	Johnson City, Tenn.	5 1/2	---	128,000	100	5.25
1283	Jones Co., Iowa.	4 1/2	1933-1943	135,000	100.37	4.41
989	Kalamazoo Co. S. D. No. 1, Mich.	5	1931-1956	43,000	101.31	4.81
1417	Kenmore, Ohio.	5 1/2	1929-1936	179,885	100.38	5.14
1283	Kingsport, Tenn. (3 iss.)	5 1/2	1934-1958	445,130	100.03	5.75
1283	Kingsport, Tenn. (5 iss.)	6	1929-1937	29,270	100.03	5.75
1283	Klamath County, Ore.	4 1/2	1932-1946	247,000	100.31	4.71
1417	Klamath Co. S. D. No. 1, Ore.	5	1933-1948	105,000	10.27	4.95
1145	Klamath Falls, Ore.	5 1/2	---	254,000	100	5.50
854	Kosse Ind. S. D., Texas.	4 1/2	1929-1948	20,000	100	---
1145	Lake Andes, So. Dak.	5	1929-1938	20,000	100.81	4.83
989	Lake County, Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1933	107,350	100.08	4.74
854	Lake County, Ind.	5	---	116,000	100.75	---
989	Lake County, Ind.	5	1929-1938	138,000	101.07	---
1283	Lake Geneva S. D., Wis.	4 1/2	1931-1942	200,000	---	---
1145	Lake County, Ind.	4 1/2	---	146,000	101.51	---
1283	Lake County, Ind.	4 1/2	---	98,000	100.51	---
1283	Lake County, Ind.	4 1/2	---	72,000	100.50	---
1283	Lake County, Ind.	4 1/2	---	40,000	100.52	---
989	Laramie Co. S. D. No. 9, Wyo.	5	1931-1950	20,000	100.62	4.94
1417	Lauderdale Co., Miss.	---	---	50,000	---	---
854	Lavalette, N. J.	5	1930-1957	28,000	---	---
1283	Lawrence Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	46,000	100.56	---
855	Lawrence Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	20,000	100.13	---
855	Lawrence Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	14,000	100.12	---
855	Lawrence Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	7,000	100	---
1417	Lecburg, Pa.	4	1930-1948	75,000	---	---
1283	Lee Co., Iowa.	5	---	20,000	---	---
1145	Lee Co. S. D. No. 11, Fla.	6	1931-1955	50,000	98	6.21
1283	Lenawee Co., Mich.	5	---	195,300	100.30	---
1145	Liberty Co. S. D., Tex. (3 iss.)	5	1938-1948	214,000	100	5.00
1283	Lima, Ohio (6 issues)	5	1930-1938	55,354	100.46	4.91
1283	Lincoln, Neb. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1929-1938	272,270	99	---
855	Linden, N. J.	4 1/2	1929-1953	147,000	101.19	4.62
1283	Lockport, N. Y.	5	1929-1937	15,012	---	---
1283	Lorain, Ohio.	4 1/2	1929-1937	111,694	100.08	4.73
855	Los Angeles, Cal. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1968	480,000	100.10	4.49
989	Louisa Co., Iowa.	4 1/2	1933-1943	210,000	100	4.50
989	Lowell, Mass. (4 issues)	4 1/2	1929-1938	184,000	100.09	4.23
1146	Madison Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1929-1938	36,500	100.68	4.36
1283	Madison School City, Ind.	4 1/2				

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991	Payne Co. S. D. No. 44.						993	York Co. S. D., No. 40.					
	Okla.			30,000				S. C.	6	1948	21,000		
1147	Pecos Co., Tex. (2 iss.)	5-1/2	1938-1958	500,000				Total bond sales for August (351 municipalities covering 502 separate issues) \$67,285,742					
991	Pennsauken Twp., N. J.	5-1/2	1929-1948	37,000	100.51	5.43		d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the latter years. k Not including \$61,183,000 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds. u And other considerations.					
991	Pennsauken Twp., N. J.	5-1/2	1929-1938	203,000	100.49	5.39	BONDS OF UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS.						
991	Pennsauken Twp., N. J.	5-1/2	1930-1945	90,000	100.51	4.93	Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
1147	Pennsauken Twp., N. J.	5-1/2	1930-1938	236,000			799	Porto Rico (Govt. of)	5	1933-1965	76,500	108.26	
856	Peoria Twp., Ill.	4-3/4	1933-1942	25,000				The following items included in our total for the month of July should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.					
1147	Perry Co., Ind.	4-3/4	1929-1938	12,000	100.50	4.48	Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
1147	Pierce Co. S. D. No. 92.						851	Arkansas City, Kan.			\$21,551		
	Wash.	4-1/2		17,000	100	4.50	852	Clarks, Neb.			\$23,600		
991	Pine Grove S. D., Pa.	4	1958	49,000			718	Pacific Co. S. D. No. 27.			15,000		
1147	Plain Dealing, La. (2 iss.)	4	1929-1948	90,000				Wash.			450,256		
1147	Plainville Cen. S. D., Ga.	5-1/2		10,000			991	Pasadena City Mun. Imp.					
1147	Pleasant Hill, Mo.	4-1/2		25,000	98.79			Dist., Calif.					
1147	Plymouth, Mich.	4-3/4	1929-1937	27,000	100.19	4.71	We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:						
1147	Plymouth Co., Iowa	4-3/4	1931-1940	245,000	100.78	4.37	Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
991	Pondera Co. S. D. No. 19.						1142	Adams Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	9,840	101.69	
	Mont.	5		7,000			1142	Adams County, Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	8,800	100.11	
1284	Porter Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	4-1/2	1929-1938	82,000	100.04	4.49	1142	Adams County, Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	2,400	102.08	
1284	Porter Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	10,400	100.04	4.49	714	Anthony Sch. Dist., Kan.			50,000		
991	Portage Twp. S. D. No. 7.						851	Ardmore Sch. Dist., Okla.			135,000		
	Mich.	5	1930-1942	13,000	101.23	4.80	851	Arkansas City, Kan.	4-1/2		\$20,000	100.33	
991	Port Huron Twp. S. D. No. 3.						714	Bartholomew Co., Ind.					
1284	Pottawattomie Co., Iowa	4-1/2	1929-1948	30,000	100.70	4.92	(June)						
991	Pulaski Co., Ind.	6-1/2	1938-1943	\$70,000	100.40	4.45	852	Beverly Hills, S. D. Calif.	4-1/2	1929-1968	300,000	101.41	4.40
1418	Pulaski Co., Ind.	6-1/2		66,000	102.91		852	Bethlehem Com. School					
1147	Putnam Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1937	2,856	100	6.00		Dist. No. 8, Fla. (May)	6	1931-1956	20,000	96.70	6.34
1147	Putnam Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	5,000	100.88		714	Boone County, Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	10,200	101.02	4.29
1285	Quincy, Mass. (2 iss.)	4-1/4	1929-1938	245,000	100.50	4.14	714	Boone County, Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	4,800	100.91	4.31
1285	Radford, Va.	4-1/4	1958	35,000	94	4.86	714	Bradner, Ohio (June)	6	1929-1938	6,350		
1147	Randolph Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	12,500	100.48		1142	Brecksville Village, Ohio	5-1/2	1929-1938	20,000	100.60	5.37
1147	Randolph Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	6,400	101.05		1142	Brecksville Village, Ohio	6	1929-1937	9,000	102.35	5.48
1147	Rapids Parish R. D. No. 21, La.	5-1/4	1929-1948	100,000	100	5.25	714	Bridgewater S. D., S. Dak.			15,000		
1285	Ravenna, Ohio (2 iss.)	5	1930-1937	20,436	100.26	4.94	852	Buffalo, Wyo.	5	1938-1948	45,000	100.30	4.97
856	Rensselaer Co., N. Y.	4-1/4	1929-1958	485,000	100.08	4.24	852	Buffalo, Wyo.	5	1943-1958	\$35,000	100.84	4.94
1147	Rideland, S. C.			37,000			852	Buffalo, Wyo.	5	1929-1941	56,000	100	4.00
1147	Ripley, Tenn.	5	1933-1938	\$75,000	100.10	4.97	1143	Cherryhill Twp., Pa.	4		51,000		
856	Ripley Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1930	8,800	100.46	4.40	852	Clarks, Neb.	4-3/4	1929-1948	\$27,000	100	4.75
856	Ripley Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	7,200	100.54	4.39	1143	Clatsop Co. S. D. No. 3.					
1285	Riverv. Okla. (2 iss.)	6	1930-1934	46,500	101.42		714	Clawson, Mich. (2 issues)	5-1/2	1929-1937	9,000	100	5.50
1418	Riverview, Mich.	6		50,000	100		1143	Clinton, N. C.	5-1/2	1931-1958	70,000	101.04	5.14
991	Rock Springs, Wyo.	4-1/2	1929-1948	20,000	100.05	4.49	1281	Cologne R. D., W. Va.	5-1/2		35,000		
1285	Rome, N. Y.	5	1929-1938	50,000	102.37	4.52	852	Dearborn Twp. S. D. No. 5, Mich.	4-1/2	1929-1958	275,000	100.35	4.67
991	Roseville, Calif.	5		25,000			852	Dearborn, Mich. (May)	6	1929-1933	38,000	103.80	4.80
1418	Ross Twp. S. D. No. 13.						1143	Dearborn, Ohio (2 issues)	4-3/4	1929-1937	86,000		
	Mich.		1929-1946	48,000			715	Derry, N. H. (June)	4-1/2	1929-1938	30,000	100	4.50
857	Royal Oak Twp., Mich.	4-3/4	1929-1958	150,000	103.36		853	Dover, Ohio	4-3/4	1930-1944	32,700		
991	Royal Oak Twp. S. D. No. 8, Mich.	4-3/4	1948	15,000	98.51	4.11	987	Dudley Twp. S. D., Ind.	4-1/2	1928-1942	260,000	100.32	4.45
857	Rutland, Vt.	4					715	Elkhart Ind. S. D., Ind.	4-1/2		30,000		
991	Rutland & Le Ray S. D. No. 8, N. Y.	4-1/2	1930-1954	165,000	100.78	4.42	853	Flossmorch Con. S. D. No. 161, Ill. (June)	4-1/2	1930-1948	64,000		
857	Rye & Harrison S. D. No. 6, N. Y.	4.40	1930-1953	336,000	100.21	4.38	716	Greene County, Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	6,560	100.15	
1285	St. Clair Shores, Mich.	4-1/4	1930-1934	152,500	100.06	4.73	988	Harson, La.	6	1938	9,000	102.77	5.64
1285	St. Joseph, Mich. (2 iss.)	5	1929-1937	27,900			854	Hardeman County, Tenn.	4-3/4	1948	500,000	100	4.75
992	St. Joseph Co., Ind.	4-1/2		120,000	100.13		854	Independence, Kan. (May)	4	1929-1948	3,617	100	4.00
992	St. Joseph Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	4-1/2		153,000	100.10		717	Incram, Pa.	4-1/2		100,000	100.13	
1285	St. Joseph Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	23,390	100.04	4.49	1283	Knox Co. R. D., Tex.	5	1929-1958	280,000		
857	St. Joseph Co., Ind.	4-1/2		55,000	100.10		1145	Lake Co. S. D. No. 111, Ill. (May)	4-1/2	1929-1948	80,000	102.78	4.04
992	St. Joseph Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	20,000	100.11	4.48	989	Leonia Twp. S. D. No. 6, Mich.	4-3/4	1930-1959	85,000	101.41	4.62
1148	Salem, Ore.	4-1/2	1929-1948	100,000	100.25	4.47	855	Lerdo S. D., Calif.	5	1929-1938	20,000	100.90	4.82
1148	San Diego Co. S. D., Cal. 5.		1931-1938	16,000	101.27	4.76	1146	Madison Twp. S. D., Pa. (June)	5	1931-1948	20,000	106.67	4.21
991	St. Lucie Co., Fla.	6	1930-1949	60,000	95.16	6.62	855	Malden Creek Twp. S. D., Pa.	4-1/2		25,000	100.80	
1418	St. Paul, Minn.			150,000			855	Mansfield, Ohio	5	1-10 yrs	48,000	100.31	
1285	Salina Com. S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	5		159,700	105.76		717	Marion Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	40,000	101.01	4.30
1285	San Marcos S. D., Calif.	5-1/2	1929-1939	11,000	100.10	5.48	717	Marion Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	30,000	101.02	4.30
991	Santa Ana, Calif.	6	1929-1938	\$77,426			1148	Marion Co., Ind. (3 iss.)	4-1/2	1929-1938	21,600		
857	Santa Clara Co. S. D., Cal. 5.		1929-1948	30,000	101.83	4.78	855	Marrison, Ohio (2 iss.)	4-3/4	1929-1939	51,082	100.40	4.67
857	Santa Clara Co. S. D., Cal. 5.		1929-1942	14,000	102.79	4.56	717	Meeker S. D., Okla.	5	1931-1933	3,500	100	5.00
1285	Santa Cruz Irr. Dist., N. Mex.	6	1939-1941	41,000	95	4.50	717	Minnehaha Co., So. Dak.	5-1/2	1929-1948	559,777	100.008	5.24
1285	Saranac Lake, N. Y.	4-1/2	1929-1948	20,000	100		1146	Monroe Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	4,890		
1148	Sarasota, Fla.			\$160,000			855	Moon Twp. S. D., Pa. (June)	4-1/2	1933-1957	90,000	100.86	
1285	Scherzer Co. S. D. No. 86, Ill.	5	1929-1938	12,000			855	Morgan Co., Tenn.	5	20 yrs.	238,000		
992	Selma Rur. S. D. (2 iss.)	5		23,000	100.40		856	Nauvoo, Ill.	5	1930-1940	8,500	100	5.00
992	Sevier Co., Tenn.	5		233,000	100.85		856	Navajo Com. S. D. No. 3, Ariz.	4-1/2	1929-1943	47,000	100	4.50
992	Shaker Heights, Ohio	4-3/4	1929-1938	66,110	100.16	4.72	718	Okechobee Co., Fla. (May)	6	1931-1944	\$98,000	97.09	6.43
992	Shandaken, N. Y.	5	1932-1935	4,000	100		1418	Parma, Mich.	6	1929-1933	10,000		
1418	Shelby Co., Ind.	4-1/2	1929-1938	2,760	100.45	4.40	856	Patchogue, N. Y.	4.40	1929-1938	10,000	100	4.40
1285	Solvay, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4.40	1929-1948	132,000	100.01	4.39	856	Portland, Ore.	4-1/2	1929-1958	65,500	101.07	4.42
719	Somerville, Mass.	4	1929-1948	220,000	100.73	4.83	719	Port S. D., Okla.	4-1/2	1944	11,500	101.50	4.63
857	Spencer, N. Y.	5	1929-1932	3,000	100		1285	Prairie Co. S. D. No. 108.					
857	Stamford, Conn.	4-1/2	1929-1948	350,000	100.15			Mont.	6		2,000	100	6.00
1285	Stone Co., Miss.	5-1/2		\$35,000			719	Quemahoning Twp., Pa. (June)	4-3/4	1929-1948	20,000	102	4.49
857	Stark Co., Ind.	5	1929-1938	9,350	100.65		991	Rockpile S. D., Calif.	5	1941	11,000	100	

NEWS ITEMS

Chile (Republic of).—\$16,000,000 Gold Bond Issue Over-subscribed.—The \$16,000,000 6% external sinking fund gold bonds of the Republic of Chile, offered on Sept. 4, by the National City Co., at 94 and interest, yielding 6.44% to maturity, has been sold, according to the bankers, subscriptions having been received in excess of the offering. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest payable in gold at the National City Bank, New York. Interest also collectible in London, at the offices of either the National City Bank or at N. M. Rothschild & Sons, at a fixed rate of \$4.8665 per pound sterling. According to the offering circular, a cumulative sinking fund will operate to redeem entire issue by drawings at par. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Mississippi, State of.—Special Legislative Session Called for Oct. 1.—According to an article in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Aug. 29, the special legislative session to consider and pass on revenue legislation, as mentioned in a recent edition of the "Chronicle"—V. 127, p. 1142—has been definitely called by Governor Bilbo for Oct. 1. We quote in part from the paper as follows:

In the call for the session, which has not yet been issued, Governor Bilbo is expected to include revenue legislation and the establishment of a State printing plant. The printing plant bill, sponsored by the Governor, was defeated at the last session.

Adjournment of the Legislature without passing a revenue measure left the State and counties without funds for the next two years.

Governor Bilbo will start a speaking campaign Thursday which will carry him over the State. It will end Sept. 21, giving him a few days before the special session begins. He is expected to appeal to the voters in behalf of the legislation he wants passed during the special session.

Pasadena, Calif.—Contested Street Bonds Found Legal.—A \$600,000 issue of 5% street bonds that was recently rejected by a West Coast bond house was upheld on Aug. 28 when J. L. Beebe, a bond attorney, delivered an opinion that assessments on city-owned property involved are legal. This action, it is said, means that Pasadena is now free to proceed with a previously planned system of improvements on a large scale. The Los Angeles "Times" of Aug. 29 had the following to say:

Following years of controversy and court actions, the long delayed widening and improvement of West Colorado Street, this city's principal business thoroughfare, will be started at once, it was announced today when J. L. Beebe, bond attorney, ruled that the assessments on the city-owned property involved are entirely legal.

"Property owners on West Colorado Street," said Clayton R. Taylor, Chairman of the Board of City Directors, "have won a signal victory by Beebe's decision. This opinion, while we had hoped for a favorable one all along, now assures us that we can go ahead with the \$2,000,000 project which means so much for the welfare of Pasadena."

Approximately \$600,000 worth of bonds, recently bid for by the William T. Staats Co., were "turned down" by the bond concern because of the long delays which prevented the work being started. The bond company stated that the bond market had dropped and asked for a revocation of the contract. New bonds will now be offered. The West Colorado Street widening project has been under way for more than five years.

The present proceedings have been carried forward under the Matton Act, and at first an obstacle was presented in the matter of including city property in the assessment district. In the face of strenuous opposition, the City Directors appropriated \$31,000 out of the land purchase fund to pay for this assessment.

Salt River Valley Water User's Association (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—New Bond Contract Consummated.—A new bond contract for \$4,100,000 5 1/2% bonds, superseding the original issue of \$5,100,000 5% bonds, has been closed by the officials of the Association and a syndicate of bond houses throughout the country. The Arizona "Republican" commented on the action in part as follows:

Construction work on the new Stewart Mountain Dam will get under way by Oct. 1, officials of the Salt River Valley Water Users Association announced yesterday following the closing of a new contract for the sale of the \$4,100,000 bond issue voted some time ago by the land owners.

The new bond contract was necessitated, Water Users officials stated, by the long delay in delivery of the bonds under the original contract. The present price will not be as high as the previous contract, it was stated, as the money market is considerably lower than when the sale was first made. Five separate suits filed against the Association to prevent delivery of the bonds delayed the actual sale and the syndicate was not willing to take the loss of a low money market when they were unable to accept the bonds through no fault of their own, it was stated.

Yesterday's bond issue of \$4,100,000 was sold to a syndicate of Phoenix, Los Angeles, New York and Chicago bond houses. The contract was formally entered into by the association at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday afternoon.

The bonds will bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2% and were sold at 93 and accrued interest. The contract calls for their delivery on Sept. 24. The syndicate which has contracted to purchase the issue is composed of the Valley Bank of Phoenix; the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles; the Anglo, London; Paris Co. of San Francisco; the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of New York and Rutter & Co. of New York.

Reduce Bonds \$1,000,000.

In place of the \$5,100,000 called for in the old sale, the present contract calls for \$4,100,000. The old sale added 1,000,000 to the \$4,100,000 voted by shareholders of the Water Users Association on May 8, to refund a like amount of the association's short term 6% bonds, due in 1929, 1930 and 1931.

"With the present condition of the bond market, there would be no reason for refunding this \$1,000,000, so that the new sale is limited to \$4,100,000 voted by the shareholders May 8," C. C. Cragin, Gen. Supt. of the Association explained yesterday.

It was recommended to the board of governors in their meeting yesterday that unless the bonds were sold at this time, the Association would save approximately \$1,000 a day in revenues.

It was also brought out that if construction of the dam was not started within a relatively short time, the possibility of high waters when the foundations were finally opened up 80 feet below the river bottom, would all increase construction costs.

This contingency would entail the possibility of an additional \$500,000 as to the Association, Mr. Cragin declared.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABERDEEN, Monroe County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$35,000 issue bridge construction bonds was purchased on Sept. 4 by the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis. The second highest bidder was the First National Bank of Memphis.

ACME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Acme) Harde-man County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$16,000 issue of 5% school building bonds was purchased by the United States Bond Co. of Denver. Due in from 1 to 40 years.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$636,545.06 offered on Sept. 4—V. 127, p. 851—were awarded to Phelps, Penn & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., at 100.444, a basis of about 4.62%, as below: \$574,544.70 special assessment improvement bonds as 4 1/2%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$57,544.70, 1929; \$57,000, 1930 to 1934 incl., and \$58,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.

62,000.00 special assessment improvement bonds as 4 1/2%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1929 to 1931 incl., and \$13,000, 1932 and 1933. Dated Sept. 1 1928.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders are now offering the bonds as follows: 4 1/2% bonds maturing from 1929 to 1938 incl., priced to yield 4.50 to 4.35%, according to maturity, and the 4 1/2% bonds maturing from 1929 to 1933 incl., priced at 99.75 and int. According to the news item: "The bonds, issued for various street improvements, are direct obligations of the City of Akron, payable from ad valorem taxes on all taxable property. Akron has an assessed valuation of \$366,725,750 for 1928, compared with a net bonded debt, including this issue, of \$31,553,673. Population in 1920 was 208,435 and is now estimated at 230,000."

ALBANY, Stearns County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of water system bonds has recently been jointly purchased by two local banks.

ALEXANDRIA BAY, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Watertown Savings Bank of Watertown, bidding 103.18, was awarded on Aug. 29 an issue of \$30,000 street paving bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5%. The next high bid of 102.84 was submitted by Puleyn & Co. of New York City.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ruth Benedum, Assistant Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 12 m. (Central standard time) Sept. 12 for the purchase of an issue of \$22,753.74 5 1/2% road bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,200, 1930 and 1931; \$2,300, 1932 to 1938 incl., and \$2,253.74, 1939. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Treasurer for \$500, is required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ruth Benedum, Assistant Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 22, for the purchase of an issue of \$41,118.92 5 1/2% road improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due serially on Sept. 1 1930 to 1939, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

ANDOVER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Andover), Allegany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% registered school bonds offered on Sept. 5—(V. 127, p. 1280) were awarded to the Andover State Bank at 103.50, a basis of about 4.55%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due \$500 June 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive.

A list of the other bids submitted follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Burrows National Bank	102.55
Fairservis & Co.	101.315
George B. Gibbons & Co.	100.748
Jesse F. Hunt	100.00

APPANOOSE COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 30—V. 127, p. 986—was awarded to the Iowa National Bank of Des Moines as 4 1/2% bonds for a premium of \$141, equal to 100.402, a basis of about 4.41%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from 1934 to 1940 and optional after 1933. The other bidders and their bids (all for 4 1/2%) were as follows:

Bidder—Premium.

Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport	\$77.00
White-Phillips Co.	140.00

AVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Rochester R. F. D. No. 1), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Grant H. Jackson, School Director, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 12 for the purchase of an issue of \$48,000 school bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 5%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1952 incl. Principal and interest payable at the Rochester Savings Bank, Rochester. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

BARNESVILLE, Lamar County, Ga.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$30,000 issue of 5% coupon water works bonds that was purchased by the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta at a price of 109.238—V. 127, p. 294—is more fully described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due from Jan. 1 1952 to 1957 incl. Basis of about 4.40%.

BAYVILLE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered sidewalk bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 127, p. 1142—were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York, at 101.023, a basis of about 4.48%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1929 to 1948, incl.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. Benton Harbor), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Road Commissioners until 10:30 a. m. Sept. 14 for the purchase of an issue of \$53,100 special assessment Road No. 54 bonds. The bonds mature serially in from 1 to 10 years. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Treasurer for \$500, is required.

BIG CREEK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Big Creek) Calhoun County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$14,700 issue of school bonds has recently been disposed of to an unknown investor.

BOURBON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Marshall County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Oliver B. Smith, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 21 for the purchase of an issue of \$85,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated July 2 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1941, incl., and \$7,000, 1942. The bonds are payable as to both principal, and interest at the First State Bank, Bourbon.

BRENTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Manassas) Prince William County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 10 by R. C. Haydon, Division Superintendent, for the purchase of a \$32,000 issue of school bonds.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon or registered sanitary sewer bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 127, p. 714—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York and Roosevelt & Son also of New York, as 4 1/2%, at 101.18, a basis of about 4.35%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$2,000 Aug. 1 1929 to 1953, incl.

Bidder—Rate Bid. Bidder—Rate Bid.

Graham, Parsons & Co.	100.569	Batchelder, Wack & Co.	100.444
Puleyn & Co.	100.23	Seasongood & Mayer	100.85
Phelps, Penn & Co.	100.6291	Manufacturers & Traders	
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	100.18	Peoples Trust Co.	100.3891

BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Blue Point), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Sept. 5—V. 127, p. 1281—were awarded to Dewey, Bacon & Co. of New York as 4 1/2% at 100.58 a basis of about 4.43%. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$5,000 May 1 1929 to 1963 inclusive.

CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Lake Charles), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 4—(V. 127, p. 852) was awarded to the Rapides Bank & Trust Co. of Alexandria as 5% bonds for a premium of \$1,500, equal to 102, a basis of about 4.78%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from Mar. 1 1929 to 1948, inclusive.

CALDWELL COUNTY (P. O. Lenoir), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Sept. 17 by A. R. Crisp, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000

coupon court house bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all the bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 15 1928 and due on Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1946, and \$6,000, 1947 to 1958, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank in N. Y. City. Recd. Hoyt & Washburn of N. Y. City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the county, is required.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—**BOND SALE.**—The \$1,000,000 issue of 4 1/4% State buildings and State university buildings bonds offered for sale on Sept. 6—V. 127, p. 986—was jointly awarded to Roosevelt & Son and Estabrook & Co., both of New York, at a price of 100.4699, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated Jan. 2 1927. Due \$250,000 from Jan. 2 1942 to 1945 incl. The second highest bidder was a syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, offering 100.409. Third highest was an offer of 100.277 tendered by R. H. Moulton & Co. and associates.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (P. O. Four Buttes), Mont.—**BOND SALE.**—A \$5,000 issue of 6% school building bonds has recently been purchased at par. by the State Board of Land Commissioners.

CEDAR COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Iowa.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 7 by R. L. Gillam, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 county road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1932 to 1941, incl. Optional on and after Sept. 1 1929. Sealed bids will be opened only after all open bids have been received. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish legal approval at expense of county. A certified check for 3% of the bonds, payable to the above treasurer, must accompany the bid. Purchaser is to furnish blank bonds.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Clark County, Ind.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Lawrence A. Ross, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 21 for the purchase of an issue of \$37,000 4% school building equipment bonds. Dated Sept. 21 1928. Denom. \$2,000 and \$1,000. Due semi-annual on Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1930 to 1941 inclusive.

CHATHAM, Pittsylvania County, Va.—**BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$30,000 offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 1143—were not sold. The issues are divided as follows: \$20,000 re-issue street improvement bonds and \$10,000 re-issue sewer bonds. They will be re-offered for sale sometime in December, the exact date to be fixed later.

CHESTER COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), Tenn.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon semi-annual road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 986—was awarded to R. W. Spraggins & Co. of Jacksonville, for a premium of \$1,300, equal to 102.60, a basis of about 4.48%. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$2,000 from 1929 to 1953, incl.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—**TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on Sept. 4—(V. 127, p. 1281) was awarded to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston on a discount basis of about 4.87%. The loan is dated Sept. 4 1928 and matures on Nov. 27 1928.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Loma), Mont.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$2,500 issue of semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 18—V. 127, p. 714—was awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners, as 6% bonds. Dated June 15 1928. Due in 1933.

CISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cisco) Eastland County, Tex.—**BOND SALE.**—A \$50,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by an unknown investor.

CLIPONREKA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Statesboro) Bulloch County, Ga.—**BOND SALE.**—A \$7,000 issue of 6% school bonds has recently been purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due \$500 from Jan. 1 1929 to 1942, incl. Prin. and int. (Jan. 1) payable in New York City.

COLUMBIANA, Columbiana County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$4,161.50 5% special assessment paving bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 127, p. 987—were awarded to the Union Bank Co. of Columbiana at a premium of \$10.93. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1928 and mature Sept. 1 as follows: \$832.32, 1930 to 1934 incl. The First Citizens Corp. of Columbus offered a premium of \$18 for 6% bonds.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$566,200, offered on Sept. 6—(V. 127, p. 852) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Seasongood & Mayer, M. F. Schlater & Co. and Stephens & Co., all of New York City, at 101.41, a basis of about 4.32%.

\$300,000 water works improvement bonds. Due \$15,000 Feb. 1 1934 to 1953 inclusive.

61,400 Mitchell St. improvement bonds (special assessment). Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1911 to 1939 incl., and \$7,400, 1940.

145,900 special assessment lighting system bonds. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$29,000, 1931 to 1934 incl., and \$29,900, 1935.

58,900 special assessment sewer construction bonds. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1931 and 1932; \$12,000, 1933 and 1934, and \$12,900, 1935.

The water works issue is dated Aug. 15 1928, the other issues Sept. 15 1928.

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Covington), Tioga County, Pa.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by James Blair, Secretary Board of Education until 7.30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$18,000 4 1/2% school bonds. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1928 and are in denominations of \$500 and mature \$1,000, Nov. 1 1931 to 1948, incl.

CROOKSTON, Cook County, Minn.—**BOND SALE.**—A \$6,116.97 issue of 6% sewer bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Crookston Trust Co.

DARLINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Darlington), S. C.—**NOTE SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of county ordinary and school purpose notes offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 1143—was awarded to the State Sinking Fund Commission at a 6% rate. Dated Aug. 31 1928. Due on Mar. 15 1929.

DEKALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$5,000 4 1/4% road bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 1143—were awarded to the City National Bank, at a premium of \$5.00. The bonds mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938 incl. The Bankers Investment Co. offered a premium of \$5.50 for the bonds and the Fletcher American Co., par.

DEKALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$8,385 road improvement bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/4% and maturing semi-annually from 1929 to 1938 incl. offered on Aug. 27—V. 127, p. 715—were awarded to the Auburn State Bank, on its unconditional bid of par. The Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, offered a premium of \$5.00.

DEVILS LAKE, Ramsey County, N. Dak.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 11, by James Barrett, Secretary of the Park Board, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of park certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 2% is required.

DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rico), Colo.—**PRE-ELECTION SALE.**—A \$6,500 issue of 4 1/4% school building bonds was purchased by the United States Bond Co. of Denver prior to an election to be held on Sept. 20. Due in 15 years and optional in 5 years.

DRESDEN, Weakley County, Tenn.—**BONDS VOTED.**—At a special election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of \$33,000 in bonds for the installation of a city sewerage plant.

DUMONT, Bergen County, N. J.—**BOND SALE.**—The issue of 4 3/4% coupon or registered assessment bonds offered on Sept. 5—V. 127, p. 1144—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Batchelder, Wack & Co., Stephens & Co. and C. W. Whittis & Co., all of New York, as 5s, taking \$589,000 bonds (\$590,000 offered) paying \$590,107, equal to 100.187, a basis of about 4.96%. Dated July 1 1928. Due July 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$65,000, 1934 and 1935; \$70,000, 1936 and 1937, and \$69,000, 1938.

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—**BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—The \$2,000,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered water bonds that was awarded on Aug. 24 to R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco and associates at 104.44, a basis

of about 4.68%—V. 127, p. 1281—is now being offered for public investment by the purchasers, priced to yield 4.55% on all maturities. The offering circular describes the bonds as being: Entirely exempt from Federal income taxes, exempt from personal property taxes in California, eligible as security for deposits of public moneys in California, legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in California. Direct obligations of the district, payable both principal and interest from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied and collected with the county taxes upon all the taxable property therein.

EAST PATERSON, Bergen County, N. J.—**NO BIDS.**—No bids were submitted for the \$303,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered water bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 987. The bonds are to mature on Aug. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1948 incl.; \$8,000, 1949 to 1965 incl.; and \$9,000, 1966 to 1968 inclusive.

EAST WILLISTON, Nassau County, N. Y.—**BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$50,000 offered on Sept. 4—V. 127, p. 1282—were awarded to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York at 100.33, a basis of about 4.45%: \$25,000 street improvement bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1929 to 1938 incl., and \$1,000, 1939 to 1948 incl. 25,000 municipal land and building bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1938 incl., and \$1,500, 1939 to 1948 incl. Dated Sept. 1 1928.

EDMONDS, Snohomish County, Wash.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 18 by G. M. Leyda, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 5% coupon water bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in Edmonds or in New York. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid. This corrects report of offering given in V. 127, p. 1282.

FLATHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (P. O. Kalispell) Mont.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$1,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 18—V. 127, p. 716—was awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners.

ENCINITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), San Diego County, Calif.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by J. B. McLees, County Clerk, until 11 a. m. on Sept. 10 for the purchase of a \$28,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5 1/4% Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 13 1928 and due on Aug. 13 as follows: \$1,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931 to 1943 incl., and \$3,000 in 1943. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 3% must accompany the bid.

FAIRVIEW, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 14 for the purchase of an issue of \$5,635 6% special assessment coupon improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$635, 1929; \$500, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$570, 1933; \$500, 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$570, 1938. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Rocky River. A certified check, payable to the order of the village, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

FOLLANSBEE, Brooke Co., W. Va.—**BOND SALE.**—Three issues of bonds aggregating \$68,000 have been purchased at par by the State Sinking Fund. The issues are divided as follows: \$32,000 street paving bonds, \$28,000 incinerator bonds and \$8,000 fire truck bonds.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, Ohio.—**BIDS.**—The following bids were also submitted on Aug. 28 for the \$886,984.56 special assessment sewer bonds awarded as 5 1/4 to Otis & Co. of Cleveland, at 100.92, a basis of about 5.10%—V. 127, p. 1282:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Price Bid.
Seasongood & Mayer	5 1/4%	\$891,511.56
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis	5 1/4%	888,206.76
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	5 1/4%	901,621.56
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	5 1/4%	887,605.56
Scipp, Prineell & Co.	5 1/4%	913,829.56
Channer Securities Corp.	6%	

GREECE (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Wilbur C. Deming, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Sept. 12 for the purchase of an issue of \$153,000 5% series No. 9 Due coupon street impt. bonds. Dated April 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1940 incl., and \$11,000, 1941 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Union Trust Co., Rochester. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town Clerk, for \$3,000 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of N. Y. City.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Catskill), N. Y.—**BOND OFFERING.**—W. S. Sherman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 21 for the purchase of an issue of \$450,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered highway bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1939 incl., and \$20,000, 1940 to 1954 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, for \$9,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of N. Y. City.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Harry H. Schuster, Director of Finance, until 12 M. Sept. 25, for the purchase of an issue of \$24,000 4 1/2% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due March 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1935, incl., and \$3,000, 1936 to 1939, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

HARNETT COUNTY (P. O. Lillington), N. C.—**BOND SALE CORRECTION.**—We are now informed by the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta that the report of the sale of \$51,000 4 1/4% school bonds to them—V. 127, p. 988—was erroneous as they have not purchased the issue.

HELENA, Phillips County, Ark.—**BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.**—The sale of the \$150,000 issue of 6% coupon hospital bonds on April 16 to M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock at 100.076, a basis of about 5.99%—V. 126, p. 2536—has not been consummated, due to a court injunction restraining the issuance of the bonds on the ground that they are prohibited by a State constitutional amendment.

HOPSON BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Lyon), Coahoma County, Miss.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 18, by C. G. Bobo, District Secretary, for the purchase of a \$55,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 15 1928. Due \$5,000 from March 15 1930 to 1940, incl. Int. payable on M. & S. 1. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

HOUGHTON, Ohio.—**VILLAGE RETIRES \$20,000 BONDS.**—According to the Houghton "Mining Gazette" the village on Aug. 1 retired \$20,000 5% bonds which ordinarily would not have matured until Aug. 1 1933. The report continued as follows:

"At present there is a balance in the village sinking fund of \$11,692.02 and the 1928 levy for this fund amounts to \$15,000. Therefore, at the end of the present year there will be a balance in the sinking fund of \$26,692.02.

"The bonded indebtedness of Houghton Village on March 1 1928 was \$150,000. Deducting the \$20,000 of bonds which were redeemed on Aug. 1 the present indebtedness of the village amounts to \$130,000."

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$31,102.01 issue of 4% coupon street grading bonds offered for sale on Aug. 3—V. 127, p. 1144—was awarded at par to the State School Fund Commission. Dated July 1 1928. Due in from 1 to 10 years.

ILLINOIS (State of), P. O. Springfield.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Cornelius R. Miller, Director of Dept. of Public Works and Buildings, will dispose of at public auction on Sept. 18 at 9 a. m. Eastern standard time \$9,000,000 4% coupon State Highway bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$500,000, 1945 to 1954, incl.; and \$1,000,000, 1955 to 1958, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the State Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the State Treasurer, for \$180,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$540,000 4 1/4% municipal judgment funding bonds of 1928 offered on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 989—were awarded jointly to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. both of Chicago, at a premium of \$1.57, equal to 100.21, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$27,000 Jan. 1 1930 to 1949, incl.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 issue of 4 1/4% road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 127, p. 1145—was awarded to the Columbian Title & Trust Co. of Topeka, at par (less \$5 for expenses). Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from Aug. 1 1929 to 1938, incl. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Price. Includes Shawnee Investment Co. of Topeka, Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, Central Trust Co. of Topeka, Prescott, Wright, & Snider Co. of K. C., Fidelity Trust Co. of Kansas City.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stockton), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 11 by the County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$27,000 issue of 5 1/4% semi-annual school bonds. Due from 1930 to 1948, incl.

JEFFERSON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Jefferson), Schaaric County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The National Bank of Stamford, was awarded on Aug. 31, an issue of 10,000 school bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5%, according to the Clerk Board of Education. The bonds were awarded at par.

JOPLIN, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 4 1/2% viaduct bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Joplin National Bank.

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, were awarded on Aug. 31, an issue of \$179,884.97 special assessment storm sewer bonds, as 5/8s, at a premium of \$677, equal to 100.38, a basis of about 5.14%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$24,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.; \$21,000, 1933 to 1935, incl., and \$20,884.97, 1936.

KLAMATH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Klamath Falls), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$105,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 16—V. 127, p. 854—was awarded jointly to the A. D. Wakeman Co. of Portland and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, as 5% bonds, at a price of 100.277, a basis of about 4.95%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due on Sept. 1 1948 and optional after Sept. 1 1933.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Barbourville), Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—On Sept. 22 a special election will be held for the purpose of voting upon a proposed issue of \$100,000 in bonds for hard surfacing roads.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis was awarded on Sept. 1, \$162,000 road bonds, at a premium of \$141, equal to 100.08; \$40,000 road bonds at a premium of \$53, equal to 100.13, and an issue of \$2,800 road bonds at par. All three issues bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2%, aggregate \$204,800 and mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938, incl.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The \$597,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered, Series G improvement bonds that was scheduled for sale on Aug. 28—V. 127, p. 1165—was not sold as the sale was postponed and the amounts changed.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will now be received by L. M. Emert, Director of Finance, until Sept. 25, for the purchase of the following three issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$1,367,000:

- 500,000 sewer bonds. (Part of an authorized issue of \$2,000,000).
100,000 bridge bonds. (Part of an authorized issue of \$1,000,000).

LA FAYETTE, Lafayette Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—On Oct. 9 a special election will be held for the purpose of having the voters pass upon the following issues of bonds: Sewer, \$80,000; sewer disposal, \$81,000; parks, \$50,000; airport, \$25,000.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Highland), Ind.—BOND ELECTION.—The Board of Trustees, has announced that an election will be held on Sept. 19 to allow the electors to pass on a proposition to issue \$11,900 bonds to provide funds for additional facilities on the water works system plant.

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tavares), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$58,000, offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 127, p. 854—were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, at price of 99.83, a basis of about 6.02%. The issues are described as follows:

- \$52,000 Special Tax School District No. 21 bonds Denom. \$1,000 Due \$2,000 from July 1 1931 to 1956, incl.
6,000 Special Tax School District No. 24 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 from July 1 1931 to 1942, incl.

Dated July 1 1928. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. Caldwell & Raymond of New York will furnish legal approval.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 water front improvement bonds offered on Sept. 1—V. 127, p. 1145—were awarded to the First National Co. of Detroit, as 4 3/4s, at a premium of \$1,609, equal to 102.145, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due \$3,000 Oct. 1 1930 to 1954, incl.

A complete list of bids submitted follows. All bids for 4 3/4% bonds:

Table with columns: Bidder, Prem., Bidder, Prem. Includes Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, A. E. Aub & Co., Braun, Bosworth & Co., Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Detroit & Security Trust Co., First Citizens Corp., Columbus, Seasongood & Mayer, Stranahan, Harris & Oatis.

LANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133 (P. O. Eugene), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. on Sept. 14, by Andrew Baker, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 15 1928. Due \$500 from Sept. 15 1929 to 1938, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 10% of the bid is required.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Meridian), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased by the Meridian Finance Corp. of Meridian.

LEBANON, Lebanon County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—George H. Biely, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m., Sept. 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$105,000 4 1/4% coupon improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due serially on May 1 1933 to 1949 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required. Bonds to be sold subject to their approval by the Department of Internal Affairs. These bonds were originally scheduled for sale on Sept. 6—V. 127, p. 1145.

LEECHBURG, Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 4% coupon borough bonds offered on Aug. 29, were awarded to a local investor. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1928 and mature Sept. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1930, 1932 and 1934; \$7,000, 1936; 1938 and 1940; \$9,000, 1942, and \$10,000, 1944, 1946 and 1948.

LEE COUNTY (P. O. Fort Madison) Iowa.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$20,000 issue of primary road bonds that was awarded to George M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport—V. 127, p. 1283—is more fully described as follows: 4 1/2% bonds dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from 1934 to 1943, incl. and optional after 1933. Sold for a premium of \$83, equal to 100.41, a basis of about 4.41%.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The City Commission on Aug. 27 unanimously voted to place upon the ballots at the November elections a proposal to issue \$1,000,000 bonds to provide funds for the installation of a sewage disposal system.

LINCOLN PARK, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$53,700 paving and water special assessment bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 127, p. 1145—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo, as 5 1/8s, at a premium of \$21,000, equal to 100.038. The bonds mature serially in from 1 to 5 years.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the primary election held on Aug. 28 the voters defeated the proposed issuance of \$1,000,000 in bonds for a state building site by a large majority.

LOWER PENNS NECK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pennsville) Salem County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$17,000 school bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% is reported to have been sold to the State at par. The bonds are dated July 25 1928, and mature in 1943.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston, were awarded on Sept. 5, \$225,000 4 1/4% school bonds, \$225,000

4% school bonds, and \$25,000 4% water bonds at 100.22. The following is a list of the other bids submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes Central National Bank, R. L. Day & Co., Estabrook & Co., F. S. Moseley & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Son.

McGEEHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McGehee) Desha County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. B. Stone, President of the Board of School Directors, until Sept. 18, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Marcia H. Barton, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Sept. 15, for the purchase of \$6,500 road bonds, \$5,700 road bonds, and \$5,500 road bonds, all issues bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and maturing on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

McCOMB, Pike County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 5 1/2% water and sewer bonds has recently been purchased by the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis for a \$300 premium, equal to 101.50. Due serially in from 1 to 25 years.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,100 4 1/4% Ernest R. Watkins et al Anderson Township gravel road bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 989—were awarded to the Merchants National Bank, Muncie, at a premium of \$130.50, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.39%. Dated Aug. 31 1928. Due on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

MANCELONA TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Mancelona) Antrim County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$38,000 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 127, p. 1146—were awarded to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$228.00, equal to 100.60, a basis of about 4.88%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1937 incl., and \$3,000, 1938 and 1939.

MANSFIELD, Richmond County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,550 6% coupon improvement bonds offered on Sept. 5—V. 127, p. 1146—were awarded to the Citizens Savings & Loan Co. of Mansfield, at a premium of \$126 equal to 101, a basis of about 5.40%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$2,300, April and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1929; \$2,250, April and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1930; also \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1931.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Phoenix) Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 10, by John B. White, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$38,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$300. Due, \$3,800, from 1938 to 1947 incl. Blank bonds and legal opinion are to be furnished by purchaser. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at office of County Treasurer or at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York City. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. Phoenix) Ariz.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds was awarded on Aug. 27 to the Valley Bank of Phoenix for a premium of \$6, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due from Aug. 15 1931 to 1942 incl. No other bid was received.

MARLBORO, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston, was recently awarded a \$40,000 temporary loan on a discount basis of 4.68%. The loan matures as follows: \$20,000, on Mar. and Apr. 22 1929.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of)—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William S. Youngman, State Treasurer, until 11 a. m. Sept. 10 for the purchase of a \$4,000,000 temporary loan. Dated Sept. 13 1928, due on Nov. 23 1928.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds offered on Aug. 30—V. 127, pp. 990, 1146—were awarded to Seasegood & Mayer of Cincinnati, as below:

- \$19,522 road improvement bonds as 6s, at a premium of \$209,000 equal to 101.06, a basis of about 4.80%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,522, 1929, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1938, incl.
9,400 road improvement bonds as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$338.00, equal to 103.59, a basis of about 4.80%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$400, 1929, and \$1,000, 1930 to 1938, incl.

\$75,500 road improvement bonds as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$2,667.00 equal to 103.53, a basis of about 4.70%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,500, 1929; \$7,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; and \$8,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.

38,400 road improvement bonds as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$1,357,000 equal to 103.53, a basis of about 4.83%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,400, 1929; \$3,000, 1930; and \$4,000, 1931 to 1938 incl.

MINERAL WELLS, Palo Pinto County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 28 State Comptroller G. N. Holton, registered a \$29,000 issue of 5% refunding series "A" bonds. Due serially.

MINOIA, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—L. V. Ferstler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) Sept. 11 for the purchase of an issue of \$5,000 coupon or registered paving bonds—rate of interest not to exceed 5 1/2% and to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated Sept. 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Sept. 15 1929 to 1932 incl. Principal and int. payable in gold at the Fayetteville Commercial Bank, Fayetteville. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$200 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

MONROE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Aberdeen), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—The \$35,000 issue of road bonds offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 127, p. 990—was awarded to the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis as 5 1/4% bonds, for a \$200 premium equal to 100.62.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) Sept. 14 for the purchase of six issues of 5% coupon sewer and water improvement bonds aggregating \$144,850. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature serially on Oct. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Legality to be approved by D. W. and I. S. Iddings of Dayton and Peck, Shafer Williams of Cincinnati.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Sterling), Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,500 issue of 5% semi-annual turnpike construction bonds offered for sale on Aug. 25—V. 127, p. 990—was awarded to the Montgomery National Bank of Mt. Sterling for a \$500 premium, equal to 103.03, a basis of about 4.64%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from Aug. 1 1933 to 1943.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by M. W. Tackitt, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Sept. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$7,100 4 1/2% road bonds maturing semi-annually from 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

NAPIER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Schellburg), Bedford County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Margaret E. Rock, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Sept. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$11,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. The bonds are dated July 1 1928 and are in denoms. of \$1,000.

NAZARETH, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clarence P. Fehnel, Borough Secretary borough bonds. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928, are in denominations of \$1,000 and mature Oct. 1 in 1933; 1938; 1943 and 1948.

NEWCASTLE, Henry County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4 1/2% park ground bonds offered on Sept. 1—V. 127, p. 1146—were awarded to the Citizens State Bank, at a premium of \$79.00, equal to 100.52, a basis of about 4.39%. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due \$2,500, Feb. 1 1931 to 1936 incl. Thomas D. Sheerin & Co. of Indianapolis, offered a premium of \$7.50 for the bonds.

NEWPORT NEWS, Warwick County, Va.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the two issues of bonds aggregating \$175,000, scheduled for Sept. 24—V. 127, p. 580—has been postponed for an indefinite period. The issues are divided as follows: \$130,000 school bonds and \$45,000 library bonds.

NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston were recently awarded a \$100,000 temporary loan at a discount basis of about 4.76% plus a premium of \$5.25. The loan matures in about 6 months. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Discount Basis.
First National Bank, West Newton	4.78%
First National Bank, Boston	4.79%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Boston	4.80%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$3.00)	4.84%
Shawmut Corporation of Boston	4.94%

NEWTON, Harvey County, Kan.—BIDDERS.—The \$63,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon internal improvement bonds that was awarded on Aug. 28 to the National Bank of Topeka at 99.52, a basis of about 4.33%—V. 127, p. 1284—also had the following bidders submitting bids for the issue:

Names of other Bidders—
Central Trust Co., Topeka, Kan.
Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.
Columbian Title and Trust Co., & Shawnee Investment Co., Topeka, Kan.
A. H. Gillis and Co., Kansas City, Kan.
Prescot, Wright, Snyder Co., Kansas City, Mo.
Stern Brothers and Co., Kansas City, Mo.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—AUGUST FINANCING.—The city during the month of August issued the following obligations:

Amount.	Purpose.	Int. Rate.	Due.	Date.
\$700,000	Rapid transit	4 1/2%	Aug. 14 1929	Aug. 14
250,000	Rapid transit	4 1/2%	Aug. 14 1929	Aug. 14
100,000	Rapid transit	4 1/2%	Aug. 14 1929	Aug. 14
10,000,000	Revenue bills 1928	4.85%	Dec. 11 1928	Aug. 10
8,000,000	Revenue bills 1928	4.85%	Dec. 31 1928	Aug. 30
5,000,000	Revenue bills 1928	4.85%	Dec. 14 1928	Aug. 14
5,000,000	Revenue bills 1928	4.98%	Dec. 14 1928	Aug. 28
5,000,000	Revenue bills 1928	4.98%	Dec. 20 1928	Aug. 28
3,350,000	General fund bonds	3.00%	Nov. 1 1930	Aug. 24

NICHOLAS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Sommersville), W. Va.—INTEREST RATE—MATURITY.—The two issues of road bonds, aggregating \$510,000, that were recently purchased at par by the State Sinking Fund Commission—V. 127, p. 1284—bear interest at 5% and are due as follows:
\$350,000 Beaver Road District bonds. Due in 1958.
160,000 Hamilton Road District bonds. Due in 1943.

NOXUBEE COUNTY BEAT NO. 5 (P. O. Macon), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of road bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

OCEANSIDE, San Diego County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Aug. 31 the voters approved the proposition to issue \$110,000 in bonds for the extension of the municipal water system by a count of 492 "for" and 136 "against."

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—E. D. Leland, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (standard time) Sept. 25 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$272,500, rate of interest not to exceed 5%:
\$172,500 paving bonds. Due \$11,500, Oct. 1 1929 to 1943 incl.
100,000 bridge bonds. Due \$5,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1948 incl.
Dated Oct. 1 1928. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City. A certified check, payable to the order of the city for \$5,450, required.

ONSLOW COUNTY (P. O. Jacksonville), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Sept. 17 by J. E. Sanders, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of 5% coupon school funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$3,000 from Sept. 1 1929 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York in gold. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, is required.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY (P. O. Orangeburg), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 issue of coupon highway bonds offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 991—was awarded to Kauffman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis as 5% bonds for a premium of \$713, equal to 101.29, a basis of about 4.82%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from Feb. 1 1930 to 1943 incl. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Names of Other Bidders	Price Bid.
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	\$55,277.11
J. H. Hilsman & Co.	55,567.50
The Robinson-Humphrey Co.	55,093.50
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein	55,195.00
Seasongood & Mayer	55,563.00

PALO VERDE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of 5% school building bonds has recently been purchased by the Valley Bank of Phoenix for a premium of \$6, equal to 100.05.

PARMA, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 general obligation paving bonds offered on July 23—V. 127, p. 447—were awarded to the First State Bank of Parma as 6s. The bonds are dated July 1 1928 and mature \$2,000 July 1 1929 to 1933 inclusive.

PAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Stillwater), Okla.—BOND OFFERED.—We have been informed that sealed bids were received until Sept. 4 by the County Clerk for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of road and bridge bonds.

PIQUA, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Patterson, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 19 for the purchase of the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$65,339.88:
\$45,539.88 city's portion impt. bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1928. Interest rate, 4 1/4%.
14,500.00 5% city hall and fire department bonds. Due March 1 1943. Dated March 1 1928.
4,000.00 5% public square impt. bonds. Due Sept. 1 1932. Dated March 1 1928.
1,300.00 5% fire apparatus bonds. Due Sept. 1 1931. Dated March 1 1928.

A certified check, payable to the order of the City Auditor, for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

PITCAIRN, Allegheny County, Pa.—BIDS REJECTED.—W. M. Hicks, Borough Clerk, informs us that all bids submitted on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 991—for the purchase of an issue of \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds scheduled for sale were rejected.

PLAIN DEALING, Bossier Parish, La.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The two issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$90,000 that were awarded to the City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Shreveport—V. 127, p. 1147—bear interest at 5 1/2% and were purchased at par.

PLAINVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Calhoun), Gordon County, Ga.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$10,000 issue of 5 1/4% school bonds that was recently awarded to J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta—V. 127, p. 1284—was purchased at a price of 101.25. Due from Jan. 1 1930 to 1950 incl. Basis of about 5.34%.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—O. C. Kell, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 11 for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$35,000, rate of interest not to exceed 6%:
\$15,000 highway bonds. Due Sept. 15 1943.
13,500 special assessment highway bonds. Due July 30 as follows: \$1,500, 1929 to 1935 incl., and \$1,000, 1936 to 1938 incl.
6,500 special assessment highway bonds. Due \$650, July 30 1929 to 1938 incl.

A certified check of \$500 for each issue is required.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$17,000 or \$20,000 issue of refunding bonds that was offered for sale on Sept. 1—V. 127, p. 856—was not sold.

PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—It is reported that a temporary loan of \$300,000 has been negotiated with local banks at 5.85%. The loan is for the purpose of refunding a similar amount due on Sept. 7.

PULASKI, Giles County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% semi-annual bonds offered for sale on Sept. 5—V. 127, p. 1147—were awarded to the American National Co. of Nashville for a premium of \$1,160, equal to 101.69, a basis of about 4.82%. The issues are divided as follows: \$47,000 note retirement bonds and \$18,000 floating debt bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due from July 1 1935 to 1945 incl.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 4 1/2% road improvement bonds offered on Aug. 30—V. 127, p. 991—were awarded to Austin O. Straub of Decatur at a premium of \$44, equal to 100.88. The bonds are dated Aug. 15 1928 and mature on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. The Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis offered par for the bonds.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$53,000 coupon or registered highway bonds offered on Sept. 6—V. 127, p. 1285—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York as 4 1/2% at 101.159, a basis of about 4.34%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929, and \$3,000, 1930 to 1946 incl.

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Covington), Tioga County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. N. Avery, Sec. Board of Education, until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 21 for the purchase of an issue of \$6,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Nov. 1 1931 to 1942 inclusive.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Miller, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$6,500 4 1/4% road bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$162.50. Due \$162.50 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1948 inclusive. Principal and interest payable at the Northern Wayne Bank, Economy.

RICE AND ELLSWORTH COUNTIES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Bushton), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. on Sept. 10 by M. L. Shonyo, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 4% semi-annual school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from 1929 to 1943 incl. Bids will be opened at 8 p. m. and they may be for all or any part of the bonds. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Menan Weil, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, received sealed bids until 1 p. m. (eastern standard time) Sept. 7, for the purchase of an issue of \$36,300 5 1/2% road improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 7 1928. Due on April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1934, incl. Principal and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Auditor for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

RIVERVIEW, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$46,500 special assessment, sewer bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 127, p. 991—were awarded to D. M. Woodruff & Co. as 6s at a premium of \$157, equal to 101.42. Due serially from 1930 to 1934 incl. No word as to the disposal of \$1,697.47 special assessment sidewalk bonds offered at the same time has been received. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder	Premium.
Wyandotte Savings Bank	\$145.00
Trenton State Bank	142.00

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The \$775,000 notes issued for various purposes offered on Sept. 5—V. 127, p. 1285—were awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, on an interest basis of 4.94%, plus a premium of \$3. The notes are dated Sept. 10 1928, and are payable on Dec. 10 1928 at the Central Union Trust Co., New York City.

ROSS TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Augusta), Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 school bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 1147—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. The bonds mature on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$2,500, 1933 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000, 1938 to 1940, incl.; \$3,500, 1941 to 1944, incl.; \$2,500, 1945, and \$3,000, 1946. The Bank of Detroit was the second high bidder. (Price paid and interest rate not given.)

RUTHERFORD COUNTY (P. O. Rutherfordton), N. C.—NOTE SALE.—The two issues of notes aggregating \$150,000, offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 1148—were awarded to the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, at 5.95%. The issues are divided as follows: \$100,000 county notes. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 15 1928 and \$25,000 on Feb. 15 1929.
50,000 county notes. Due on Feb. 15 1929.

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$400,000 offered on Sept. 5—V. 127, p. 1285—were awarded to the Second National Bank of Saginaw, at par: \$300,000 trunk sewer bonds. Due \$12,000 Sept. 1 1929 to 1953, incl. \$100,000 sewer bonds. Due \$10,000 Sept. 1 1929 to 1938, incl. Dated Sept. 1 1928.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been called for Oct. 9 to have the voters pass upon the proposition of issuing \$2,180,000 in bonds for school purposes. It is reported that this amount can be voted without an increase in taxes.

SAINT PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 river terminal bonds has recently been purchased by the sinking fund of the city.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank of Salem was awarded on Sept. 6 \$200,000 temporary loan on a 4.66% discount basis, plus a premium of 3.89%.

SALINE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hammondsville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. L. Elliott, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 14, for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1929, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1941, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for \$250 is required.

SELMA, Dallas County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—A \$52,000 issue of improvement bonds has been awarded as follows: part of the issue to the Selma National Bank at a price of 102.75 and the remaining part to the City National Bank of Selma at 101.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until 3 p. m. on Sept. 17, for the purchase of a \$4,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered Hetch Hetchy bonds, issue of July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$100,000 from 1938 to 1977, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the Treasurer of the City and County or at the City's fiscal agency in New York. Legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will be furnished. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the above Clerk is required.

Financial Statement.
The outstanding bonded debt of the City and County as of Aug. 28 1928 was—

Water 1910	\$36,000,000
Hetch Hetchy 1925	10,000,000
	\$46,000,000
Other bonds	44,663,600
Total	\$90,663,600

Property assessed at approximately 50% of its value. (This is a more detailed report than was given in V. 127, p. 1285.)

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Oct. 12 by H. W. Carroll, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$500,000 issue of semi-annual water extension bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,760 4 1/2% road bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 127, p. 1148—were awarded to a local investor at a premium of \$1,257, equal to a price of 100.45, a cost basis to the county of about 4.40%. The bonds mature semi-annually from 1929 to 1938, incl.

STEWART MANOR (P. O. Floral Park), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,500 4 3/4% fire apparatus and equipment bonds offered on Sept. 6—V. 127, p. 1148—were awarded to the Garden City Bank of Garden City at a premium of \$1,257, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 4.69%. Dated July 1 1928. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$1,500, 1937.

SPRAGUE, Lincoln County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5% coupon water and light refunding bonds that was scheduled to be offered for sale on May 25—V. 126, p. 3009—and withdrawn due to a technicality—V. 127, p. 3493—was since been purchased by Richards &

Blum of Spokane, for a premium of \$125, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.92%. Dated June 30 1928. Due from June 30 1930 to 1942, incl.

SYRACUSE, Kosciusko County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Town Attorney, until 8 p. m. Sept. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,000 6% coupon water plant bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1928. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$750, 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$1,000, 1933 and 1934. Principal and interest payable in Syracuse.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 1, by Russell C. Peterson, City Comptroller, for the purchase of two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$225,000 as follows: \$150,000 Puyallup River bridge and \$75,000 Lincoln Ave. bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated when issued. Due serially in from 2 to 30 years. Either principal or both principal and interest of bonds may be registered. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the State's fiscal agency in New York City. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will furnish the legal approval. Required bidding forms furnished by the Sinking Fund Board. A certified check for 5% of the bonds, payable to the Secretary of the Sinking Fund Board, is required.

TEXARKANA, Miller County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$317,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 5—V. 127, p. 857—was awarded to the Texarkana National Bank at a price of 98.17, a basis of about 4.89%. Due from 1931 to 1962, incl.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BONDS APPROVED.—The following four issues of bonds aggregating \$116,000, were approved by Asst. Attorney General D. L. Whitehurst on Aug. 29:
 \$80,000 Alvin Independent School District bonds (Brazoria County).
 20,000 Wolforth Independent School District bonds (Lubbock County).
 12,000 Hurlwood Independent School District bonds (Lubbock County).
 4,000 Liberty Independent School District bonds (Lubbock County).
BONDS REGISTERED.—The above issues of bonds were also registered by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, on Aug. 29.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—At the general election on Nov. 6, the voters will pass upon a proposed issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,100,000 to erect a new high school.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Liberty) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 4 1/2% Samuel Hull et al Center Township highway improvement bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 127, p. 1286—were awarded to J. P. Kennedy & Co. of Liberty, at a premium of \$147.20, equal to 100.46, a basis of about 4.42%. Dated Sept. 3 1928. Due on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 incl.
 Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Premium.
City Securities Corp.....	\$11.00
Thomas D. Sheerin & Co.....	32.00
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.....	37.70

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Glasgow), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 25, by A. B. Friedland, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated June 30 1928. Bonds to be either serial or amortization in forms. Bids below par will not be considered. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Frazer), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on Sept. 29, by M. A. Lien, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. A \$500 certified check, payable to the above clerk, must accompany the bid. (These bonds were previously offered on July 16—V. 127, p. 449).

VANDEBURGH COUNTY P. O. Evansville) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charles O. Wesselman, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Sept. 13 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$48,320:
 \$30,200 road bonds. Due semi-annually on May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 inclusive.
 18,120 road bonds. Due semi-annually on May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

The bonds are dated Sept. 15 1928.

WALKER COUNTY (P. O. Huntsville) Tex.—BOND SALE.—We are informed by P. H. Singletary, County Judge, that the \$400,000 issue of 5% coupon road bonds that was unsuccessfully offered for sale on Aug. 8—V. 127, p. 858—was awarded on Aug. 29 to the Republic Bank & Trust Co. of Dallas at par. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due from Aug. 1 1929 to 1958 incl.

WALTON COUNTY (P. O. De Funiak Springs) Fla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,250,000 5 1/2% semi-annual road and bridge bonds has recently been purchased by a group of bond houses through the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Indianola) Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 858—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines as 4 1/2% bonds, for a \$630 premium, equal to 100.504, a basis of about 4.39%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from 1934 to 1943 and optional after 5 years. The other bidders and their bids (all for 4 1/2%) were as follows:

Bidder—	Premium.
Ballard-Hassett Co. of Des Moines.....	\$625.00
White-Phillips Co. of Davenport.....	540.00
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport.....	510.00
C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago.....	87.50

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,200 4 1/2% Travis Scales et al road construction bonds offered on May 23—V. 127, p. 3170—were awarded to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis. Dated May 9 1928. Due \$210 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ernst Hockstetter, Clerk Board of Education, until 7.30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 21, for the purchase of an issue of \$123,734 5% school building bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$2,734, May, and \$3,000, Nov. 1 1929; \$3,000, May, and Nov. 1 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$3,000, May, and \$4,000, Nov. 1 1933; \$3,000, May and Nov. 1 1934 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000, May, and \$4,000, Nov. 1 1938; \$3,000, May, and Nov. 1 1939 to 1942, incl.; \$3,000, May, and \$4,000, Nov. 1 1943; \$3,000, May, and Nov. 1 1944 to 1947, incl.; \$3,000, May, and \$4,000, Nov. 1 1948. Prin. and int. payable at the Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo. A certified check, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$3,000, is required. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

WASHTENAW COUNTY (P. O. Ann Arbor), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. R. Bailey, Clerk Board of County Road Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Sept. 11 for the purchase of the following issues of road bonds aggregating \$116,000—rate of int. not to exceed 6%:
 \$61,000 Assessment District No. 15. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years.
 40,500 Assessment District No. 21. Due serially in from 1 to 5 years.
 14,500 Assessment District No. 22. Due serially in from 1 to 5 years.
 A certified check of \$500 for each issue is required.

WAUSHARA COUNTY (P. O. Wautoma), Wis.—MATURITY BASIS.—The \$54,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual highway bonds that was awarded on Aug. 28 to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at a price of 100.06—V. 127, p. 1286—is dated Mar. 1 1928 and due on Mar. 1 1934 and 1935, incl., giving a basis of about 4.485%.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$41,000 coupon drainage bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 127, p. 993—were awarded to Whittlesey, McLean & Co. of Detroit as 5s, at 100.35, a basis of about 4.94%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1934, incl.; and \$5,000, 1935 to 1939, incl.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Aug. 27 the voters authorized the issuance of \$250,000 in bonds for debt and warrant retirement by a majority of 3 to 2.

WILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 86 (P. O. Joliet), Ill.—BONDS NOT SOLD—AWAIT BETTER MARKET.—J. F. Skeel, District Clerk, informs us that the \$150,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 127, p. 1149—were not sold as the officials decided to defer the sale pending better market conditions.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. O. Cummings, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 21, for the purchase of \$255,000 5% coupon road bonds dated Sept. 1 1928 in denoms. of \$1,000 and maturing on March and Sept. 1 1930 to 1934, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$8,000 is required.

WYANDOT COUNTY (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. O. Kraft, President Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11.30 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 8, for the purchase of an issue of \$7,009.84 5% road improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$709.84, 1930, and \$700, 1931 to 1939, 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.

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JOLIET, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. L. Marsolais, Secretary-Treasurer, until Sept. 12 for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 improvement bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% payable semi-annually.

MELFORD, Sask.—BOND OFFERING.—M. T. Assaly, Acting Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Sept. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$65,000 water works system extension bonds to bear interest at the rate of either 5 1/2% or 6%. The bonds are to mature in equal amounts annually from 1929 to 1948 inclusive.

THOROLD, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, were recently awarded an issue of \$73,000 water main bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% at a price of 96.15. The bonds mature in about 30 years.

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